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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2024

Board Members Present: Robert Carey, Jr., Ph.D., Chair
Vicky Anderson, Psy.D., Vice Chair
Jeffrey Brown, Psy.D.
Jessica Edwards George, Ph.D. (left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.)
Antonia Seligowski, Ph.D. (left the meeting at 9:08 a.m., returned to the meeting at 9:31 a.m.)
Michael O'Halloran

Staff Present: Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Judith Bromley, Board Counsel
Lauren McShane, Investigator Supervisor
Ellen D'Agostino, Investigator

All Board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At 9:04 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dr. Carey.

Board Business

- **Roll Call for Attendance:** Mr. Bialas called the roll of Board members. Robert Carey, Vicky Anderson, Jeffrey Brown, Jessica Edwards George, Antonia Seligowski, and Michael O'Halloran were in attendance.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Executive Session Minutes of September 13, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 13, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Monitoring Interview

Dr. Seligowski recused herself from the following matter and left the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

- **Lisa Cohen, 2019-001356-IT-ENF, Petition for Termination of Probation**
 - **Interview of Lisa Cohen and Supervisor Teodolinda Piqué:** Dr. Cohen and Dr. Piqué appeared to discuss Dr. Cohen's petition. Dr. Cohen explained that she has learned to identify when she feels overwhelmed, to use her supports when that happens, and not to be a "lone cowboy." Dr. Pique stated that it was "a pleasure" working with Dr. Cohen because she was open in supervision, which focused on self-care.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to approve Dr. Cohen's petition to terminate probation. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Dr. Seligowski returned to the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Discussion

- **7.22.24 Letter from Massachusetts Psychological Association (MPA) re: Racial/Ethnic Bases of Behavior with a Focus on People of Color Course Requirement in 251 CMR 3.03(2)(i)(5):** Luana Bessa, Aleesha Young, and Susan Wagner appeared from the MPA to discuss their proposal to rename a course content area in the regulations and to allow applicants who must make up that course area to do so with continuing education courses. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to draft proposed changes to 251 CMR 3.00 and place those proposed changes on the next meeting agenda for consideration by the Board.

Board Business

- **Passing of Board Member William Hudgins:** Dr. Carey and Dr. Brown discussed Dr. Hudgins's memorial service which they attended.
- **Harm Reduction Services in Healthcare Settings for People Who Use Drugs (PWUD):** The Board read and reviewed a memorandum from DPH explaining the agency's position that licensees should not be disciplined solely for the provision of harm reduction supplies or services to people who use drugs.

Correspondence

- **8.4.24 Email from K. Edwards re: Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP):** The Board reviewed an email from an applicant discussing deficiencies in the EPPP and opposing the addition of part 2 to the examination.

Application Reviews – Education

- **John Carroll:** The Board reviewed Dr. Carroll’s proposed courses to satisfy the Cognitive and Affective Bases of Behavior, Individual Differences, and Racial and Ethnic Bases of Behavior content areas. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. O’Halloran, to approve Dr. Carroll’s proposed courses. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Anne-Marie Denton:** The Board reviewed documentation of Dr. Denton’s doctoral program. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to deny Dr. Denton’s application because her doctoral program is not a “program in psychology” under 251 CMR 3.03. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Application Review – Experience

- **Lisa Pagliaro Andrianopoulos:** The Board reviewed documentation of Dr. Pagliaro Andrianopoulos’s internship. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to deny Dr. Pagliaro Andrianopoulos’s application because her internship does not meet the requirements of 251 CMR 3.06(6). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Application Review – Education and Experience

- **Laurie Cestnick:** The Board reviewed documentation of Dr. Cestnick’s education and experience. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to approve Dr. Cestnick’s education and experience. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Monitoring

- **Kathleen Hennessy, 2021-000179-IT-ENF, Approval of Proposed Supervisor:** The Board reviewed Dr. Hennessy’s proposal that Dr. Linda Luz-Alterman supervise her during her probation. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O’Halloran, seconded by Dr. Brown, to approved Dr. Luz-Alterman as Dr. Hennessy’s supervisor. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Executive Session (closed under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B – adhering to the public records law and to preserve the confidentiality of medical record information)

At 11:19 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. O’Halloran, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to (1) exit the public meeting; (2) enter into executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B – adhering to the public records law and to preserve the confidentiality of medical record information, to discuss and evaluate examination accommodation requests involving the review of medical records and information of patients;

then (3) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review new cases; and (4) at the conclusion of the investigative conference, not return to the public meeting and adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 11:19 a.m.

See separate executive session minutes.

Investigative Conference (closed session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C)

The Board entered investigative conference at 11:45 a.m.

During the investigative conference, the Board took the following actions:

Cases

PSY-2024-0011 (CN):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
INV8292 (MF):	Dismiss
PSY-2023-0022 (MA):	Invite complainant and respondent to a meeting for separate interviews
PSY-2023-0024 (BM):	Dismiss
PSY-2023-0027 (WG):	Invite respondent to a meeting for an interview

Dr. Edwards George recused herself from the following matter and left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

PSY-2023-0023 (RM):	Dismiss
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Adjournment

At 12:58 p.m., a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Mr. O'Halloran, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Approval

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on November 8, 2024.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of October 11, 2024 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2024
- Executive Session Minutes of September 13, 2024
- Lisa Cohen, 2019-001356-IT-ENF, Petition for Termination of Probation
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- 9.24.24 Memorandum from DPH re: Harm Reduction Services in Healthcare Settings for People Who Use Drugs (PWUD)
- 8.4.24 Email from K. Edwards re: Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)
- Documents from Application of John Carroll
- Documents from Application of Anne-Marie Denton
- Documents from Application of Lisa Pagliaro Andrianopoulos
- Documents from Application of Laurie Cestnick
- Kathleen Hennessy, 2021-000179-IT-ENF, Submission of Proposed Supervisor