

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2015
Teleconference

Members Present: Frederick Magnavito, President; Alice Bruce, Lay Member; Jerry Buchkoski, Ph.D., Member; Robert Overturf, Lay Member; Sara Schilplin, Psy.D, Member; Karen Wiemers, Ph.D., Member.

Members Absent: Bradley Woldt, Ph.D., Secretary

Others Present: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Administrator; Jill Lesselyoung, Administrative Assistant; Justin Pierson, Department of Social Services Liaison to the Board; Brittany Novotny, SDPA Representative; Pamela Osnes, Ph.D., BCBA-D; Trisha Miller, Ph.D., SDPA Member; Lynette Quast, Ph.D., SDPA President-Elect; Carole Boos, Senior Staff Attorney, Department of Human Services

Magnavito called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM CDT.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda: None.

Discussion of Draft Five of Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Law Written into the Psychologist Licensing Law:

Members of the Psychology Board of Examiners voiced their concerns regarding the Applied Behavior Analyst Workgroup recent draft five of the licensing law. Concerns identified by the psychology board members included: 1) will ABA's be covered under the current laws required for vulnerable abuse reporting for children and the elderly, since legal ramifications and not only ethics could be involved; 2) discussion regarding the oral exam since the Board does not have the area of expertise in Applied Behavior Analysis; 3) the Board is not prepared to license any specialty or practitioner who will not be a licensed psychologist, are not in a position to evaluate the quality or competency of the practice and would then be taking on the responsibility of regulating Applied Behavioral Analysts. The Board questioned whether the decision had been made to license the Applied Behavioral Analysts under the Psychology Board. Tellinghuisen clarified that legislation had created the Workgroup to report back to the legislature and give their recommendations. The draft legislation will be provided to the Workgroup committee at the meeting on 10/21/2015. The committee will then make a recommendation and it will be up to the Governor's office whether or not to move forward.

Magnavito asked if the Board was ready to vote on licensing the Applied Behavioral Analysts under the Psychology Board.

Wiemers moved, and Buchkoski seconded a motion, the Psychology Licensing Board does not support having the Applied Behavioral Analysts come under its licensing act 36-27A. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote; Schilplin, yes; Overturf, yes; Bruce, yes; Magnavito, yes; Wiemers, yes; Buchkoski, yes.

Tellinghuisen asked if any Board members could attend the Workgroup meeting on 10/21/15 to address the committee and answer questions on behalf of the Board. No Board members are able to attend. Trisha Miller, Ph.D., SDPA member will attend the meeting representing the SDPA.

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Magnavito adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM CDT following a unanimous vote based on a motion by Buchkoski and a second by Schilplin.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tellinghuisen
Executive Administrator