

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 13 & 14, 2011
Sioux Falls, SD

Members Present: Frederick Magnavito, Ph.D., President; Thomas Stanage, Ph.D., Vice President; Bradley Woldt, Ph.D., Secretary; Jerry Buchkoski, Ph.D., Member; Karen Wiemers, Ph.D., Member; Dan Green, Lay Member; and Lorin Pankratz, Lay Member.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Administrator; Paula Spargur, Administrative Assistant; Christopher Heffner, Psy.D., LP, Faculty Chair, Clinical Psy.D. and Ph.D. Specializations, Department of Psychology, Capella University and Thyra Fossum, Ph.D., LP, Director of Clinical Training and Clinical Faculty in the Psy.D. Program, Capella University

President Magnavito called the meeting to order at 9:05AM CST.

Corrections or Additions to Agenda: Update on Background Check; Disciplinary Data Base Reporting

Capella University Presentation: Drs. Heffner and Fossum representing Capella University provided an overview of the clinical psychology doctoral program based in Minneapolis, MN. The presentation's primary purpose was to inform the Board about Capella's residential colloquia program as it relates to South Dakota rule changes regarding residency requirements for licensure. Drs. Heffner and Fossum responded to Board members' questions concerning description, supervision, and evaluation of the residential colloquia, practicum, and internship experiences (including Capella's development of an APPIC equivalent internship); and students' progress through the program, success in procuring an APA/APPIC internship placement and licensure as a psychologist.

Approval of Minutes from July 15, 2011 Meeting: Woldt moved and Green seconded the approval of the July 15, 2011 minutes. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

FY 2011 Financial Update: Spargur reported on the finances through August 2011. Current revenue is \$2,433.96. Expenses are \$12,510.96. Cash on hand is \$46,036.24. Pankratz moved and Wiemers seconded a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Complaints/Investigations #198: The Board entered executive session at 10:30AM on a unanimous vote based on a motion by Woldt and a second by Pankratz to discuss complaints and investigations. The Board exited executive session 10:58AM on a unanimous vote based on a motion by Wiemers and a second by Green.

With respect to complaint #198 alleging unprofessional, unethical, or likely illegal behavior of the psychologist, Magnavito recommended dismissal based on an unfounded complaint (per 36-27A-34.1); with complaint expunged from licensee's record. The recommendation passed unanimously on a motion by Wiemers and a second by Pankratz.

School Psychology Question: The Board responded to an inquiry regarding licensure as a school psychologist in South Dakota. A letter will be sent essentially informing the inquirer that if an individual satisfies the requirements of the Licensing Act, then that individual will be licensed as a psychologist, regardless of "title or specialty", and limited to practice within the individual's scope of competence.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:45AM and reconvened at 1:00PM.

Reply to Inquiry about Licensure Application: The Board advises a potential applicant to complete an internship that satisfies the current internship requirements. One suggested option is the APPIC-approved internship in Mitchell. The Board reviewed the potential applicant's proposed internship program and found that it does not satisfy the internship criteria for licensure.

Law and Rule Revisions: The Board agreed to move forward with requiring completion of an APA/CPA accredited program, an APA or APPIC approved internship and one year supervised post doctoral experience for licensure. The Board also agreed to waive the supervised post doctoral year if an applicant has two years of licensed experience in another state.

Background check: The Department of Social Services informed the Board that the Administration was not planning to move forward on background checks for psychology applicants.

Disciplinary Data Base Reporting: ASPPB will now report directly to the Health Integrity Practitioner Data Base (HIPDB) instead of to the state boards of examiners who would then report to HIPDB. Stange moved and Pankratz seconded a motion to allow ASPPB to report to HIPDB on the Board's behalf. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 23 and 24, 2011 in Chamberlain.

President Magnavito recessed the meeting at 3:46PM.

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The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 AM CST by President Magnavito.

Oral Examination Applicants #304, #305, and #306: The Board entered executive session at 8:31 AM on a unanimous vote based on a motion by Buchkoski and a second by Green for the purpose of administering oral examinations. Buchkoski moved and Pankratz seconded a motion to exit executive session at 12:04 PM. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Vote on Applicant #304: The Board voted to ratify the license for Applicant #304. The vote was unanimous based on a motion by Buchkoski and a second by Woldt.

Vote on Applicant #305: The Board voted to ratify the license for Applicant #305. The vote was unanimous based on a motion by Wiemers and a second by Green.

Vote on Applicant #306: The Board voted to ratify the license for Applicant #306. The vote was unanimous based on a motion by Pankratz and a second by Buchkoski.

President Magnavito adjourned the meeting at 12:08 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Woldt, Ph.D.
Secretary