

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

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WASHINGTON, DC 20002

OCTOBER 8, 2019

2:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

OPEN SESSION OCTOBER 8, 2019 MINUTES

Call to Order: 2:40pm

	<p><u>Roll Call:</u> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Eric Jones, PhD- Board Member Teresa Grant, PhD- Board Member L. Hamilton Ferguson - Consumer Member Joette James, PhD- Board Member</p> <p><u>HRLA Staff</u> Aisha Nixon, Executive Director Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist Panavee Vongjaroenrat, Board Attorney Deb Moss, Board Investigator</p>	
<p>OS-1008-01</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to approve the Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones, Dr. Joette James, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Teresa Grant voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-1008-02</p>	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u></p> <p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 1621 active licensed Psychologists and Psychology Associates in the District of Columbia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. 1456 Psychologists and 165 Psychology Associates • The 59th ASPPB Annual Meeting (AM) will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota October 16-20, 2019. Dr. Jimenez, Ms. Abby and Ms. Nixon will be attending the meeting. • Psychology and Psychology Associate renewals started on October 1, 2019. Eighty six (86) licensees renewed as of today. <p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no report from the Board Attorney. <p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regulations Subcommittee continues to review the regulations. 	
<p>OS-1008-03</p>	<p><u>Minutes:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to approve the June 25, 2019 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Eric Jones, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Teresa Grant voted in favor of the motion. The motion</p>	

	<p>passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-1008-04</p>	<p><u>Delegation of Authority</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine whether or not to continue the below delegations.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board is to delegate the following matters to a designated Board member or Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders • Notice of Intents • Closure of Complaints • Signatures • Initiation of investigation • Issuance of Negotiated Settlement Agreements (CBC Issues, Practicing without a license, Supervising unlicensed individual, Missing CEUs, misrepresentation, not disclosing correct information on the screening application questions), • Approval of “clean” applications (applications without issues) • Approval of applications (with issues) that complied with Negotiated Settlement Agreement, and predetermined reasons. • CE exemption due Medical Reasons. • Continuing Education Courses submitted by licensees • Renewal applications with holds related to “yes” answers to terminations, clean hands, and/or positive name search. <p>Dr. Grant and Dr. James will be reviewing continuing education courses submitted by licensees.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Fergusson approved to allow the delegation of all the above listed items to the Board staff. Seconded by Dr. Teresa Grant.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Eric Jones, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Teresa Grant voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-1008-05</p>	<p><u>Continuing Education Course Review</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is determine whether or not to designate a Board member to review courses submitted by licensees.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson approved to allow the delegation of reviewing the continuing education courses to Dr. Grant and Dr. James. Seconded by Dr. Eric Jones.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Eric Jones, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Teresa Grant voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1008-06	<p><u>Review of APA and APPIC-Approved Internship and Postdoctoral Programs</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine whether or not licensure is required for the postdoctoral candidates who are completing their postdoctoral training in APA or APPIC-approved internships.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> According to the Board’s current policy statement, all persons seeking to accrue PPE will be required to register as psychology associates unless the PPE is being obtained in an APA- or APPIC-approved internship or postdoctoral program (The only APA-approved postdoctoral program in DC is Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the only APPIC-approved postdoctoral programs in DC are Saint Elizabeth’s Hospital and George Washington University).</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No formal motion was made. The Board agreed to keep the same current policy.</p>	
OS-1008-07	<p><u>The Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to decide at which examination option to adopt: 1) The current EPPP (Part1-Knowledge); OR_2) The enhanced EPPP (Part 1-knowledge & Part 2- Skills) which will be available on January 2020.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> ASPPB announced the enhanced EPPP will launch in January 2020. The current EPPP is the knowledge part of the examination. The enhanced EPPP will include both knowledge and skills. The state Boards need to decide which examination option their state will adopt.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Dr. Matt Turner, Senior Director of Exam Services, at the ASPPB gave an overview of the enhanced EPPP. Dr. Turner indicated that there are approximately eight (8) states are interested in adoption the enhanced EPPP.</p> <p>No formal motion was made. No decision has been made by the Board in regards to the adoption of the enhanced EPPP. The Board will stay as it is at this time.</p>	
OS-1008-08	<p><u>Information on the PSYPACT</u> Appearing at 3:30pm</p>	

	<p>ASPPB PSYPACT Executive Director, Ms. Janet Orwig will provide update on the PSYPACT.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Janet Orwig wasn't able to attend the meeting. Ms. Lisa Russo, PSYPACT Manager, presented on the PSYPACT and gave the background.</p> <p>The Board had some concerns regarding the practice of psychology; in particular, the PSYPACT rules that indicated that the location where the practitioner will prevail rather than the law of the state that the patient/client sits will prevail.</p> <p>Ms. Russo indicated that if a patient reports to the DC Board regarding a violation by a psychologist in another state who is within the PSYPACT; the DC Board can then remove the PSYPACT practice authority of the psychologist and report it to the state where the psychologist is licensed.</p> <p>The Board attorney has a concern because different states have different rules in regards to taking actions/and what constitutes a violation. One action might not be a violation in one state but it is in another state. Therefore, the protection of District resident will be compromised.</p>	
<p>OS-1008-09</p>	<p><u>CE Provider Approval Request</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine whether or not to accept <i>CEYou!</i> request as board approved provider.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Several licensees have contacted the Board regarding the courses offered by the company "<i>CEYou!</i>" The licensees wanted to confirm whether or not the courses offered by <i>CEYou!</i> Were approved by the DC Board. T <i>CEYou!</i> advertises that the DC Board of Psychology accepts several of their courses. However, according to the Board's records, no previous approvals were granted for those courses. The Board staff contacted the Director of <i>CEYou!</i> regarding the advertisement. The Director forwarded email communications he had with staff in 2011. The Director states that he was informed in 2011 by staff that the Board of Psychology approved CEYOU! as a CE provider. There were no records found.</p> <p>He is requesting that the board considers <i>CE You!</i> as a board approved provider.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Teresa Grant approved to accept all of the courses taken by licensees from CEYOU! until December 31, 2019. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones, Dr. Teresa Grant, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-1008-10</p>	<p>Adjournment The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for <u>Tuesday, January 14, 2020</u> at <u>2:30 pm.</u></p> <p>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575B and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board moved into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Joette James to close the Open Session portion of the October 8, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Dr. Dr. Eric Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones, Dr. Joette James, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Teresa Grant voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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