

MINUTES

**UTAH
Psychologist Licensing Board
MEETING**

October 6, 2015

**Room 475, 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:18 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:26 A.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Dane Ishihara
Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Valerie Hale, Ph.D., Chairperson
Steven Christensen
Thomas Higbee, Ph.D.
David Dodgion, Ph.D.
Aaron P. Jackson, Ph.D.
Nancy Cohn, Ph.D.

Guests:

Nanci Klein, Ph.D., Utah Psychological Assn.

DOPL Staff Present:

Susan Higgs, Compliance Specialist

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Swear in Board Member Thomas Higbee, Ph.D: Dr. Higbee was sworn in as a Board member.

Swear in Board Member David Dodgion, Ph.D Dr. Dodgion was sworn in as a Board Member.

MINUTES:

The minutes dated July 9, 2015 were reviewed. Dr. Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Cohn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Dr. Hilemon is in compliance with her stipulation. She submitted her supervisor report for October. She has not been approved for quarterly reports. She needs to submit documentation that she completed CEs. The Board already approved her essay.

Discussion:

The Board reviewed the letter from Ms. Kyte regarding the Board's request for Dr. Hilemon to obtain a psychological evaluation. The Board expressed concern that Dr. Hilemon is seeing a therapist whose license is on probation.

Ms. Higgs advised the Board that Dr. Hilemon's supervisor, Dr. Blackwell has been Dr. Hilemon's supervisor for five months and is now submitting supervision reports quarterly. The Board has not approved her reports be moved to quarterly. After a brief discussion, Dr. Jackson moved to have Dr. Hilemon's supervisor reports submitted quarterly with no change in the frequency of her supervision. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cohn and carried unanimously.

The Board continues to feel strongly that the evaluator receive all of the Division's investigative reports, including witness and victim information.

Mr. Ishihara shared that the Division has concerns with releasing all investigative reports, witness and victim information to an evaluator. The probationer does not have access to all of this information. Mr. Ishihara stated that there are internal guidelines being developed by the Division and the AG's office regarding these situations. Mr. Ishihara encouraged the Board to recommend another evaluator.

Depending on what the evaluator requests the Division will work with them. The Board talked about the next option, i.e. to have her supervisor evaluate her fitness for duty.

The Board decided to back off from requesting a fitness for duty evaluation, at this time, pending the guidelines the Division is developing.

APPOINTMENTS:

Allison Hilemon, probation interview

Dr. Hilemon met with the Board with her attorney, Ms. Julia Kyte. Dr. Cohn conducted the interview. The Board advised Dr. Hilemon that the Board has been reviewing concerns regarding the evaluation the Board wanted her to obtain. The Board recognized there are issues regarding information supplied by the Division to an evaluator that are still being worked out. The Board will table this requirement, at this time, giving the Division and the AG's office time to establish guidelines.

The Board expressed concerns regarding Dr. Hilemon seeing a therapist whose license is on probation. Dr. Hilemon stated she had been seeing Mr. Slade for a year and just terminated therapy with him when she found out his license was on probation. She is still looking for a new therapist. The Board recommended a therapist in Cedar City. Dr. Hilemon was advised that she needs to submit documentation that she attended the approved CE course. The Board would like to see Dr. Hilemon January 7, 2016. A telephone interview will be okay, unless they need to discuss the evaluation.

Dr. Hilemon is in compliance with her stipulation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Licensing status for Semi-retired "emeritus" psychologists, Dr. Hale

Dr. Hale inquired about a semi-retired "emeritus" license for psychologists. At this time the only license available for retired health care professionals is the Retired Volunteer Health Care Practitioner license. The Board reviewed the act and rule regarding this license. Mr. Ishihara noted that the current Retired Volunteer Health Care Practitioner Act/Rule does not include psychologists. This is a housekeeping issue and he will see if the Division is opening a housekeeping bill this year.

Board meetings:

The 2016 Board meetings have been tentatively scheduled for 1:00 P.M.

January 7, April 21, July 7, October 13

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at: 10:26 A.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

4/21/16
Date Approved

April 21, 2016
Date Approved

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Chairperson, Psychologist Licensing Board

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing