

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

Date: March 23, 2012

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Frances P. Hackbarth, Chairperson
Lisa Chun Fat, Member
Brian B. Combs, Ph.D., Member
Scott Hashimoto, J.D., Psy.D., Member
Ahlani K. Quiogue, Executive Officer
Shari J. Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Faith Nishimura, Secretary

Excused: Carol L. Nowak, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson
Margo I. Peter, Psy.D., Member

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hackbarth at 1:35 p.m.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Ms. Chun Fat, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to approve both the meeting minutes and executive session minutes of the February 23, 2012 meeting as circulated.

Additions/Revisions to Agenda: None.

Chairperson's Report: None.

Executive Officer's Report: a. Record of Candidates Examined: For the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)

Executive Officer Quiogue reported that there were a total of four (4) candidates who took the EPPP exam as of March 15, 2012, three (3) passed and one (1) failed.

Chapter 91,
Hawaii Revised
Statutes:

None.

Executive
Session:

It was moved by Dr. Combs, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 1:37 p.m. pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(1), HRS, to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional license cited in Section 26-9, HRS, and pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:55 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Combs, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to return to open session. The room was reopened to the public.

Applications:

- a. Examination
 - i. Puihan J. Chao
 - iii. James P. Soeffing
 - iv. Steven R. Taketa

Dr. Hashimoto disclosed that he supervised Dr. Taketa during his practicum experience while Dr. Taketa was completing his doctoral degree requirements.

DAG Wong asked Dr. Hashimoto if he would be able to make a fair and objective decision when it came time to vote on Dr. Taketa's application.

Dr. Hashimoto answered in the affirmative.

It was moved by Dr. Combs, seconded by Ms. Chun Fat, and unanimously carried to approve the applications of Drs. Chao, Soeffing and Taketa pursuant to HRS § 465-7 and HAR §§ 16-98-8 and 16-98-9.

- ii. Ronelle M. Sato

It was moved by Dr. Combs, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to defer the application of Dr. Sato pursuant to HRS § 465-7 and HAR §§ 16-98-8 and 16-98-9.

b. Examination Waiver

i. Brian D. Hartman

It was moved by Dr. Hashimoto, seconded by Ms. Chun Fat, and unanimously carried to approve the application of Dr. Hartman pursuant to HRS §§ 465-7 and 465-10 and HAR §§ 16-98-9, 16-98-16, 16-98-23, 16-98-25, and 16-98-30.

ii. Azita Mirin

iii. Susan M. Santarpia

It was moved by Dr. Combs, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to defer the applications of Drs. Mirin and Santarpia pursuant to HRS §§ 465-7 and 465-10 and HAR §§ 16-98-9, 16-98-16, 16-98-23, and 16-98-25.

c. Senior Psychologist

None.

d. ABPP Diplomate

None.

e. CPQ/NR

None.

f. Ratifications

i. ABPP Diplomate

a. Julien Guillaumot

It was moved by Dr. Combs, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to ratify the approval of the application of Dr. Guillaumot pursuant to HRS § 465-7.

ii. CPQ/NR

a. Christopher P. Tobey

It was moved by Dr. Combs, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to ratify the approval of the application of Dr. Tobey pursuant to HRS § 465-7.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Legislation: None.

Correspondence: a. February 11, 2012 letter from Bruce Kam, PsyD regarding postdoctoral hours

Members reviewed a letter from Bruce Kam, PsyD dated February 11, 2012, regarding postdoctoral hours.

Discussion followed. In regards to Dr. Kam's first question as to whether his "supervisors (non-licensed psychologists) can coerce [him] to sign off [on] clinical hours that [he] did not supervise", the Board suggested referring Dr. Kam to two separate sections of its administrative rules.

First, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 16-98-8(b)(2), states that a person who holds a doctoral degree from an accredited institution shall have completed the following supervised experience:

Has completed at least one thousand nine hundred hours of postdoctoral experience in the field of psychology. The experience shall be under the supervision of:

- (A) A licensed psychologist; or
- (B) A person who holds a doctoral degree in psychology or educational psychology from an accredited institution, granted prior to 1970, and is listed in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology; or
- (C) A person who is a diplomate, by examination, of the ABPP.

Second, HAR § 16-98-34(b), states:

The psychologist shall not misrepresent the professional qualifications, affiliations, and purposes, and those of the institutions of and organizations with which the psychologists is associated:

- (4) A psychologist shall not associate with or permit the psychologist's name to be used in connection with any service or products in such a way as to misrepresent them, the degree of psychologist's responsibility for them, or the nature of the psychologist's affiliation.

With regards to Dr. Kam's second question as to whether the Board can assist him with resolving his employment situation at OCCC, members indicated that matters dealing with employment are not

within the Board's purview, therefore, it would not be able to provide or offer assistance to Dr. Kam.

Lastly, the Board advised that this response is an informal interpretation in accordance with HAR § 16-201-90. It is not an official opinion or decision, and therefore is not to be viewed as binding on the Board or the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

b. March 8, 2012 email from Sherine Ramzy, PhD regarding postdoctoral supervision by a licensed psychiatrist

Members reviewed an email from Sherine Ramzy, Ph.D., dated March 8, 2012, regarding postdoctoral supervision by a licensed psychiatrist.

Discussion followed. First, the Board advised that it is not able to make a formal decision regarding whether Dr. Ramzy would be eligible for licensure until a formal application is submitted with the Board's office.

Second, with regards to the Board's requirements regarding supervision, pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 16-98-8(2), postdoctoral experience in the field of psychology shall be under the supervision of:

- (A) A licensed psychologist; or
- (B) A person who holds a doctoral degree from an accredited institution, granted prior to 1970, and is listed in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology; or
- (C) A person who is a diplomate, by examination, of the ABPP.

Third, with regards to Dr. Ramzy's doctoral degree, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 465-1 defines an institution of higher education as a university, professional school, or other institution of higher learning that:

- (1) In the United States, is regionally accredited by bodies approved by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education;
- (2) In Canada, holds a membership in the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada; or
- (3) In other countries, is accredited by the respective official organization having such authority.

Fourth, the Board also advised that at the time Dr. Ramzy submits her formal application, she must also submit a completed Training Report.

Lastly, the Board advised that this response is an informal

interpretation in accordance with HAR, Title 16, Chapter 201, § 16-201-90. It is not an official opinion or decision, and therefore is not to be viewed as binding on the Board or the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Next Meeting: Friday, April 20, 2012
1:30 p.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Dr. Hashimoto, seconded by Dr. Combs, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Ahlani K. Quiogue
Ahlani K. Quiogue
Executive Officer

/s/ Faith Nishimura
Faith Nishimura
Secretary

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4/3/12

Minutes approved as is.
 Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.