

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2010

The meeting of the *Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board)*, was called to order at 12:30 p.m., Friday February 12, 2010 (late due to the unpredictable winter weather conditions), at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Jillandra Rovaris, Joseph Comaty and Paul Dammers and Executive Director, Jaime Monic. Dr. John Courtney was absent. Prior to the convening of the meeting of the Board, Drs. Joseph Comaty and Paul Dammers convened a committee at 8:30 a.m. to function, and carry out the duties of the Oral Examination Committee and the Supervision and Credentials Review Committee to conduct file reviews and oral examinations.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of January 8, 2010 prepared by Ms. Monic. Dr. Comaty moved to accept the minutes of January 8, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer L. Duplantis, Psy.D. appeared before Board members Comaty and Dammers for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Comaty presented the results of the exam to the Board with a motion to grant Dr. Duplantis a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Lindsay D. Clendaniel, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty and Dammers for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Comaty presented the results of the exam to the Board with a motion to grant Dr. Clendaniel a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Dammers moved to enter Executive Session to discuss complaint investigations and conduct file reviews pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1(4). The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows Rovaris, Comaty, and Dammers.

Dr. Rovaris moved to close Executive Session to enter the following:

P08-09-13B – Ms. Monic presented this matter to the Board along with a proposed Consent Order signed by the respondent. After careful consideration, the Board unanimously accepted the Consent Order by and between the LSBEP and John Boutte', Ph.D. for violations under Ethical Standard 10.08(a) of the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct (2002); La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:2359(A), (B)(12) and (14); and 46 LAC LXIII:1301.

LSBEP vs. MW – Ms. Monic presented this matter to the Board. After careful consideration and review, Dr. Comaty moved to close this matter, without further action. The motion passed unanimously.

LSBEP vs CAH - (NP Case Review) – Dr. Rovaris directed this matter to Dr. John Courtney for further investigation.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

The **Supervision/Credentials Committee** conducted file reviews and made recommendations as follows:

Dr. Dammers, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Timothy A. Kershenstine, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board deny the candidacy of **Dr. Kershenstine** based on the findings that the requirements for licensure under LA R.S. 37:2356 (5), (6) and the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC), Title 46, §103.A.5, §303.C., §305.A-C. and §1702.F. had not been met. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Leah J. Crouch, Psy.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Crouch** and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Dammers, upon review of the application file for licensure of **James M. Mours, Psy.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Mours** and invite him to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Richard W. Arnold, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Arnold** and invite him to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Dammers, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Amy Henke, Psy.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Henke** and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Gustave Frank Sison, Ph.D.– The Temporary Registration of **Dr. Sison**, a psychologist licensed in the state of Mississippi was reviewed. Dr. Comaty moved that **Dr. Sison** be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective 2/12/2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark C. Wilde, Psy.D. - The Temporary Registration of **Dr. Wilde**, a psychologist licensed in the state of Texas was reviewed. Dr. Comaty moved that **Dr. Wilde** be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective 2/12/2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Joseph Yohman, Ph.D. – The Temporary Registration of **Dr. Yohman**, a psychologist licensed in the state of Texas was reviewed. Dr. Comaty moved that **Dr. Yohman** be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective 2/12/2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

The Board reviewed the December 2009 Financial Statements prepared by Ouida Nugent, CPA.

Complaints Committee: Ms. Monic reported that since the last meeting on January 8, 2010 one new Request for Investigation was received and assigned for investigation.

Legislative Coordinator: Dr. Comaty reported that the Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners (LPC Board) has noticed LSBEP that they will seek legislation to clarify the diagnostic privileges of Licensed Professional Counselors to diagnose and treat mental, emotional, behavioral, social, and addiction disorders.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Dr. Comaty reported that the LPC Board has agreed to address the regulatory and scope of practice issues between psychology and licensed professional counseling which matter is set for further discussion on this agenda.

There was no report from the following committees: **Long Range Planning Committee, Continuing Education Committee, or Oral Examination Committee.**

Drs. **Yolanda Crump and Janet Austin** cancelled the meeting with the Board regarding the Office of Juvenile Justice, Community-based Sex Offender Treatment Program that was scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

Discussion Items:

LAC 46: LXIII. Chapter 11. Supervision of Unlicensed Assistants in Providing Psychological Services – The Board reviewed the draft of the Notice of Intent and Fiscal Impact Statement regarding the proposed revisions to Chapter 11. Dr. Comaty moved to approve the Notice for publication in the next edition of the LA Register. The motion passed unanimously.

Medical Psychology Practice Act R.S. 37:1360.61 – The Board reviewed the information regarding proposed revisions to the Medical Psychology Practice Act, Dr. Comaty moved to respond to Dr. Robert Marier, Executive Director of LSBME, to thank him for the opportunity to review the revisions and to let him know that the LSBEP would have no objections to the proposed revisions. The motion passed unanimously.

Collaborating with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners – The Board received information from Attorney Lloyd Lunceford concerning the draft Memorandum of Understanding between LSBME and LSBEP. Dr. Comaty moved that Mr. Lunceford amend the draft to address the concerns brought to the LSBEP. The motion passed unanimously.

Doctoral Program in Behavioral Health: Arizona State University – Due to time and by motion of Dr. Comaty, it was requested this matter be tabled for the Long Range Planning meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Software Upgrade - Ms. Monic requested to purchase Adobe Acrobat software for development of forms and other publications. Dr. Comaty moved that Ms. Monic be allowed to purchase Adobe Acrobat 9 at a cost not to exceed \$499. The motion passed unanimously.

License Verification System - Due to time and by motion of Dr. Comaty, it was requested this matter be tabled for the Long Range Planning meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners – The Board received the correspondence dated 2/5/10 wherein the LPC Board has decided on a course of action to address the regulatory and scope of practice issues to include offering a position statement explaining assessment privilege which includes an exemplar list that will be published via newsletter and sent through e-mail to all LPC's as well as posting the position statement to their website; making appropriate changes to the LPC website (e.g., removing the term "psychological testing"); and actively regulating LPC activities related to appraisal as delineated in the new position statement. The LPC Board has indicated its intent to collaborate further with the LSBEP should questions arise. Further, the LPC Board, in this correspondence, notices the intent to seek legislation to clarify language regarding the diagnostic privileges of an LPC to diagnose and treat mental, emotional, behavioral, social, and addiction disorders.

Board Meeting Dates – The Board agreed on the following meeting dates: March 12, 2010, April 16, 2010, and May 14, 2010. The Long Range Planning meeting to be scheduled for either the April or May date.

Inquiry RE Psychological Testing: Grant Butterbaugh, Ph.D. – Dr. Rovaris directed that Dr. Comaty contact Dr. Butterbaugh for further clarification of his inquiry and provide guidance on where to find the information he is looking for.

4:30 p.m. Adjourn