

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2010

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board), was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Joseph Comaty, John C. Courtney, Tony Young, Rita Culross, and Lee Matthews; Executive Director, Jaime Monic; in partial attendance was Complaints Coordinator, C. Gary Pettigrew. Guests in partial attendance included Dr. Julie Nelson representing the Psychology Times newsletter.

Dr. Culross moved to accept the minutes of August 25, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Courtney moved to amend the agenda to add a discussion item for “Supervision Toward Licensure” and “Psychologists/Physician Consultation”. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows Comaty – yea, Courtney – yea, Young – yea, Culross – yea and Matthews - yea

Dr. Courtney moved to enter Executive Session to conduct file reviews and oral examinations pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1(4). The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows Comaty – yea, Courtney – yea, Young – yea, Culross – yea and Matthews - yea

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

P09-10-09C – Dr. Pettigrew presented this case and the recommendation of the investigator to the Board. After careful consideration and review, Dr. Culross moved to close this matter with no disciplinary action. The motion passed unanimously.

NP05-06-13NP – Dr. Comaty presented this matter with a recommendation to close without further action. Dr. Culross moved in favor of closing the matter based on the cease and desist agreement with the respondent and the existence of no other apparent infractions. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

NP08-09-01B – Dr. Comaty presented this matter with a recommendation to close without further action. Dr. Courtney moved in favor of closing the matter without further action. The motion passed unanimously.

LSBEP vs. RAW – Ms. Monic provided a status on this matter. Dr. Comaty moved to open as a formal complaint and issue a cease and desist order. The motion unanimously passed.

Geralyn Datz, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Courtney, Young, Culross and Matthews for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant Dr. Datz a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Lucinda Lang DeGrange, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Young, Culross and Matthews for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Courtney recused himself from this oral. Dr. Young moved that the Board grant Dr. DeGrange a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in School Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Thomas Herbert Shriver, Psy.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Courtney Young, Culross and Matthews for licensure via Reciprocity with Texas. Dr. Comaty moved that the Board grant Dr. Shriver a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

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

Dr. Culross, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Amie Allain, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Allain and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Samuel Shaw Dutton, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Dutton and invite him to sit for the jurisprudence examination and meeting with the Board for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Michelle Bacon Moore, Psy.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Moore and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure pending passing EPPP scores no later than April 12, 2014. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Charlene L. Donovan, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Donovan and invite her to sit for the jurisprudence examination and meeting with the Board for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Matthews, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Daniel A. Weiss, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Weiss and invite him to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Angie L. Pellegrin, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Pellegrin and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

The Board unanimously confirmed the license reinstatements, approved by Ms. Monic after review by the Continuing Education Committee, of the following individuals: Barbara Moorehead, Psy.D. (effective 8/4/10); Denise Sharon, Ph.D. (effective 8/5/10); and, Amy L. Copeland, Ph.D. (effective 8/26/10).

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: The Board reviewed the Annual Financial Statements for the period of July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011 prepared by Ouida Nugent.

Long Range Planning Committee: Dr. Comaty requested and the Board agreed to add a discussion item for October to discuss workshop topics for the January meeting in Shreveport, LA.

Complaints Committee: Dr. Comaty updated the Board on the status of the OJJ – Juvenile Sex Offender Program.

Ad hoc Committee: Behavioral Health Professionals Working Group (BHPWG) Representatives: Drs. Young and Comaty provided a status to the Board regarding the progress of the BHPWG, explaining that the group was still reviewing licensing laws and historical information for behavioral health professionals. The Board was provided with a copy of the BHPWG minutes of August 10, 2010.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Dr. Courtney reported that he had contacted Dr. Marier of the LA Board of Medical Examiners and discussed the issue of Medical Psychologists providing supervision toward licensure as a psychologist and also the issue of psychologists consulting with physicians. He reported that Dr. Marier understood the issues and has agreed to work with the LSBEP toward a resolution.

Continuing Education: Ms. Monic reported the following licenses lapsed as of July 31, 2010:

John F. Bolter, Paul M. Dammers, Cathy Orman Castille, Curtis Marlin Vincent, Edmond Xavier Bergeron, James W. Quillin, Craig D. Waggoner, John P. Whelton, Carla C. Adams, Warren Clayton Lowe, Robert D. Davis, Yolanda R. Rambin, Cary Dennis Rostow, Michael Berard, Judith P. Levy, Jeffrey Alan Frank, Kevin M. McGuinness, Thomas W. Swanbon, Bryan Louis Bolwahnn, John Francis Fianza, Lynette Heslet, Victoria Doreen Witt, Bryan C. Eckert, Steven Marc Baskin, Joseph John Sesta, Mark D. Muse, C. Scott Eckholdt, Donna LeBlanc Aucoin, Maurine T.H. Ladner, Howard Phillip Blevins, Lisa Jo Pate, Cristy L. Cox Akins, Renee Babin Bonin, Amy L. Copeland, Keith R. Cruise, Melissa C. Dillion, Mark J. Garcia, Sharon A. Holleran, Barbara G. Moorehead, Camilla Rogers, Anthony J. Shacar, Denise Sharon, Stephen L. Swender, Larry White, Alan L. Taylor, Kaplana K. Gowda.

There was no report from the following committees: Oral Examination Committee or Legislative Coordinator

Discussion Items:

Reciprocity Application – The Board reviewed and by motion of Dr. Culross, accepted revisions to the Reciprocity Application to include an attestation regarding practicing under supervision until licensed.

Sparkhound Contract – The Board reviewed the requirements and proposal of Sparkhound to facilitate changes from our current gateway provider through the Division of Administration from Chase Paymentech to Pay Point. Dr. Courtney moved in favor of Sparkhound’s proposal to complete the work and further in favor of increasing the current contract amount by \$3,500. The Board unanimously approved this motion.

ASPPB Meeting – Ms. Monic provided a status of hotel and travel arrangement confirmations for Drs. Comaty, Young and Culross for this meeting.

Interpersonal Therapy (IPT) and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Contracts/ DHH* - The Board discussed these training contracts. The Board concluded that the individuals offering consultation to clinicians and supervision of the consultation team as they provide IPT or DBT, indeed fall under the jurisdiction of the LSBEP and would therefore require licensure or temporary registration with the LSBEP.

Status Report to LPA – The Board reviewed and approved the status report prepared by Dr. Comaty to be provided to LPA for publication in their newsletter.

LSBEP Newsletter – The Board discussed topics for the next newsletter and requested a draft be completed as soon as possible for review and approval.

Supervision Toward Licensure – The Board continued its discussion regarding the laws and rules pertaining to supervision toward licensure and the ability for Medical Psychologists to supervise individuals toward licensure. The Board affirmed that supervisors toward licensure are required to be licensed under the jurisdiction of the LSBEP. Dr. Comaty agreed to draft an opinion for formal publication and distribution to the LSBME, licensed psychologists, and inclusion on the Supervised Practice Plan form. Additionally, the Board agreed to allow a Medical Psychologist who is supervising individuals toward licensure as a Psychologist to reinstate retroactively, if they have maintained licensure with the LSBME, to avoid harm to the supervisee.

Psychologist/Physician Consultation – The Board continued its discussion regarding Opinion #001 pertaining to psychopharmacology assessment and/or consultation in psychological practice and LAC, Title 46, Part XLV. Subpart 3. Ch 72. Subchapter A. §7207.A.3. as it pertains to physicians consulting with a psychologist who is not a medical psychologist. Upon review and discussion, Dr. Courtney moved to request that the Board recommend that the LSBME strike §7207.A.3. of their rules. The motion passed unanimously.