

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
Long Range Planning
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 16-17, 2010

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010

The meeting of the *Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists*, was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Friday April 16, 2010, in the St. Claude Meeting Room, J.W. Marriott, 614 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. Present were Board Members, Drs. Jillandra Rovaris, Joseph Comaty, Tony Young, Executive Director Jaime Monic and Administrative Assistant, Jacqueline Lively.

Dr. Comaty moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on March 12, 2010. The motion passed. Dr. Rovaris moved to accept the minutes of the committee meeting on March 26, 2010 and the special meeting on March 30, 2010. The motion passed.

Dr. Rovaris implemented the following Committee Assignments due to the transition in board membership:

Complaints Committee: Jillandra Rovaris, Chair and Joseph Comaty, Vice Chair

Long Range Planning Committee: Jillandra Rovaris, Chair and Joseph Comaty, Vice Chair

Legislative Oversight Committee: Joseph Comaty, Chair and John Courtney, Vice Chair

Supervision and Credentials Review: John Courtney, Chair and Tony Young, Vice Chair

Oral Examination Committee: Jillandra Rovaris, Chair and Tony Young, Vice Chair

CE Committee: John Courtney, Chair and Tony Young, Vice Chair

Liaison Professional Organizations/Boards: Joseph Comaty, Chair and Jillandra Rovaris, Vice Chair

Jurisprudence Exam Committee: John Courtney, Chair and Jillandra Rovaris, Vice Chair

Dr. Comaty moved to enter Executive Session to discuss complaint investigations pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1(4). The motion passed as follows: Rovaris - yea, Comaty – yea, Young - yea.

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

Dayna M. Nelson, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members Rovaris, Comaty and Young for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. Dr. Rovaris moved that the Board grant Dr. Nelson a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Rebecca S. Tabony, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members Rovaris, Comaty and Young for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. Dr. Comaty moved that the Board grant Dr. Tabony a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Rovaris moved that the Board grant **Amy M. Henke, Psy.D.** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed. Dr. Henke completed her oral and jurisprudence examinations for licensure on March 12, 2010, the recommendation on that date was withheld pending a voting majority.

P09-10-01B – Dr. Comaty presented this case along with a recommendation to accept the agreement of Gerald Rich to cease and desist the practice of psychology and to close this matter for further action pending continued compliance with this agreement. This motion unanimously passed.

Janet Austin, Ph.D., Office of Juvenile Justice, Community-based Sex Offender Treatment Program – Dr. Comaty recused himself from this meeting. Dr. Austin met with Drs. Rovaris and Young to explain the OJJ Sex Offender Treatment Program and further inquire about appropriate supervision of psychological services and billing relationships. Drs. Rovaris and Young provided clarification for these issues.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

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

Melanie Wheeler, Ph.D. Dr. Tony Young recused himself from this review, as a result the matter was tabled because a majority was not available for a decision.

Dr. Rovaris, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Corinne Ortega, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Ortega** and invite her 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 **Tony Wu, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Wu** and invite him to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

After reviewing the information presented by Ms. Monic concerning applicant files, Dr. Comaty moved that the following applications: James M. Abec, Ph.D., Brenda Wall, Ph.D., Sheryl Lee Adams, Ph.D., Gail Driskill Lambeth, Ph.D., William Vincent McDermott and Ivory Toldson be withdrawn from the application process under PPM 3001.A.5. The motion passed unanimously.

After reviewing information presented by Ms. Monic regarding candidates who have exceeded the time requirement for taking and passing the National Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology under the LAC Title 46, Part LXIII §105.C. and D., Dr. Comaty moved that Julie A. Alvarez, Ph.D., Frances A. Kelley, Ph.D., Christy Kleinsorge, Ph.D., Andrew S. Rugin, Ph.D. and Amy C. Mayberry, Psy.D. be removed from candidacy under the provisions of LAC Title 46, Part LXIII §105.D. and I. The motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Comaty recommended that the Certificate of Professional Qualifications Application be revised to include an attestation for the applicant which stipulates that the applicant shall not engage in the independent practice psychology without a license, and that the applicant is aware of and will comply with the supervision requirements as defined under the LAC, Title 46, Part LXIII. Chapters 7 and 11. This recommendation was accepted by the Board.

Finance Committee:

The Board reviewed the February 2010 Financial Statements prepared by Ouida Nugent, CPA.

Other Committee Reports:

Complaints Committee: Ms. Monic reported that since last month, one new request for investigation was received and referred for investigation and as of the date of this report, there are a total of nine open cases being investigated and two investigations pending assignment to an investigator.

Legislative Coordinator: Dr. Comaty summarized the following bills (of concern/interest) for the LSBEP: HB 939 related to executive sessions following hearings; HB 1227 related to board surplus and board fees; SB 560 related to board surplus and the state general fund; HB 626 related to the composition and replacement of all boards; SB 335 related to the Social Work Practice Act; HB 989 related to Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act; HB 686 related to creation of a Professional Chaplain Licensing Act; and HB 742 and SB 213 related to the Licensed Professional Counselors Practice Act.

There was no report from the following committees: **Oral Examination Committee, Jurisprudence Exam Committee, Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards, Long Range Planning Committee or Continuing Education Committee:**

General Discussion Items:

On-line Verification System: The Board discussed and by motion of Dr. Comaty approved the implementation of the On-line Verification System and the Disclaimer/Statement of Policy concerning verifications (Attached).

2010 Renewals – The Board reviewed and by motion of Dr. Comaty approved the forms for 2010 license renewals.

2010 Regular Legislative Session: The Board discussed the 2010 Regular Legislative Session and the proposed bills reported by the Legislative Committee.

Contract Amendment (Taylor Porter): The Board reviewed the financial standing of the legal contract with Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Philips, LLC (Lloyd Lunceford and Amy Groves Lowe). Ms. Monic reported that the projected legal expenditures in the 2009-10FY will exceed the contracted amount of \$19,000. After reviewing additional information provided by Ms. Monic, Dr. Comaty moved to amend the contract for Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Philips, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$21,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Long Range Planning Discussion Items:

Doctoral Program in Behavioral Health: Arizona State University – Dr. Comaty led this discussion for the purpose of informing the LSBEP of concerns regarding students from this program reporting that they are being informed that they will be eligible for licensure as a psychologist in Louisiana. This program currently does not meet LSBEP's requirements for an acceptable doctoral program.

ASPPB vs. APA Model Act for Licensure of Psychologists – The Board reviewed the ASPPB and APA Model Acts for Licensure in conjunction with its laws and regulations to determine the need for updating/revising standards. Dr. Rovaris moved that the Board begin drafting a revision to its current rules, utilizing ASPPB's Model Act, to include definitions for "Client/Patient", "Day", and "Residency". The motion unanimously passed.

APA Proposed Amendments to the Accreditation Process – The Board reviewed APA's proposed amendments to their accreditation process in conjunction with current laws and regulations to determine the need for updating/revising standards.

Best Practice Guidelines (Telepsychology, Child Custody Evaluation Guidelines and Treatment Guideline Criteria Checklist) – The Board reviewed various guidelines in conjunction with current laws and regulations to determine the need for updating/revising standards or endorsing practice guidelines. Dr. Comaty moved that the Board continue due diligence on best practice guidelines for telepsychology by seeking information from other jurisdictions on regulations that have been adopted specific to this area. The motion passed unanimously.

Review Current Laws & Rules – The Board began the process of reviewing and discussing the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part LXIII. Psychologists (rules or LAC Title 46) through Chapter 4.

At 5:00 p.m. Dr. Young moved that the meeting adjourn for the evening. The motion passed unanimously.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010

The meeting of the *Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists*, was resumed at 8:00 a.m., Saturday April 17, 2010, in the St. Claude Meeting Room, J.W. Marriott, 614 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

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Present were Board Members, Drs. Jillandra Rovaris, Joseph Comaty, Tony Young, Executive Director Jaime Monic, and Administrative Assistant, Jacqueline Lively.

The Board continued its review and discussion of the entire LAC Title 46, specifically those rules pertaining to accepting APA accredited doctoral programs verses board criteria; charging a fee for the registration of out of state psychologists; requiring the registration and renewal of psychological corporations; and, offering a process to review and register continuing education sponsors and/or activities.

Dr. Comaty moved that the Board begin the process to charge application fees for Out-of-State Psychology Applications in the amount of \$200. The motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Comaty moved that the Board seek counsel in determining the need for requiring the registration of psychology corporations and clarify the Board's jurisdiction given by RS 12:1130-1144. The motion passed. In addition, Ms. Monic and Ms. Lively were directed to begin investigating the corporations currently listed as psychological corporations to determine that licensure requirements have been met by the incorporators.

Dr. Young moved that additional consideration be given to the review and approval of Continuing Education sponsors/activities and requested that LPA be consulted regarding their role in sponsoring/co-sponsoring CE activities. The motion passed unanimously.

4:30 p.m. Adjourn