



**Examining Board of Psychology
Meeting Minutes**

March 25, 2016

Location:

Department of Health
20425 72nd Ave.
CenterPoint Building 2, Room 307
Kent, WA 98032

Board members present:

Shari Roberts, Public Member, Chair
Janet Look, Ed.D. – Vice Chair
Leslie Cohn, Ph.D.
Rachaud Smith, Psy.D.
Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member
Brendon Scholtz, Ph. D.
Ruby Takushi, Ph. D.

Board members absent:

Timothy Cahn, Ph. D.
Elizabeth Kunchandy, Ph.D.

Staff members present:

Nancy Tyson, Executive Director, OHPF
Linda Kuntz, Administrative Support, OHPF
Marlee O'Neill, Legal Services
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst
Hyon Yi, Credentialing Specialist

AAG present:

Jack Bucknell, Assistant Attorney General

Others present:

Dr. Lucy Homans, Washington State Psychological
Association

On March 25, 2016, the Examining Board of Psychology (board) met at the Department of Health (department), 20425 72nd Ave., CenterPoint Building 2, Room 307, Kent, WA 98032. Notice of the meeting was published on the psychology profession [website](#). Notice was sent to the psychology Listserv.

Open session – 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to order

Ms. Shari Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

1.1 Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved and accepted as written.

1.2 Introductions

Ms. Florence Katz Burstein gave a short description of her background and interest for joining the board.

1.3 Approval of the January 29, 2016 meeting minutes

Board members reviewed and approved the January 29, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

2. Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS) Presentation

Stacey Kjeldgaard, executive director of EBAS, gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions regarding the services offered by her company using an essay exam to test the ethics of professionals. Discussion points:

The Chiropractic Commission uses this tool and a representative will be invited to the May meeting for discussion.

3. Public Comment

Dr. Lucy Homans of the Washington State Psychological Association (WSPA) reviewed the following bills in legislation.

HB 2326: Transferring regulatory authority over independent review organizations to the insurance commissioner. This is in the Governor's Office for signature. If this bill passes, authority would transfer from Department of Health to the Insurance Commissioner's Office as of January 2017.

SSHB 2335: Addressing health care provider credentialing. This bill passed. It requires insurance companies to approve or deny a credentialing application submitted to them within 90 days.

HB 6519: Expanding patient access to health services through telemedicine and establishing a collaborative for the advancement of telemedicine.

WSPA supports this bill that allows telehealth to be covered by insurance and the treatment site could be in the client's home.

4. Internship discussion

Mr. Bucknell led this discussion regarding an applicant's request to complete her internship at a later time. As she went through her doctoral program she discovered the internship part does not qualify according to WAC 246-924-056. Dr. Homans stressed the importance of this being a huge nationwide chronic problem. Regarding the internship match system, 25 to 28 percent of all psychology applicants do not match up with an internship program. The board can suggest that the applicants re-contact the institute where they did their doctoral studies to ask if they could do an internship that does qualify.

Dr. Takushi and Dr. Cohn will do research to find out how other states deal with this issue and report their findings to the board at the May meeting. They will find out if the American Psychology Association (APA) allows any exceptions for their internship program and, if so, what are those exceptions?

Dr. Scholtz volunteered to work on this application when it comes up for review.

Ms. Nancy Tyson asked the board who would like a hard copy of the application packets rather than an electronic version. This is how the board responded:

- Dr. Cohn, Dr. Takushi, and Dr. Look prefer hard copies.
- The rest of the board said the electronic version was fine.

5. Suicide continuing education discussion –

The board reviewed Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1424 and chapter 246-12 WAC Part XIV regarding minimum standards for suicide prevention training for health care professionals being included on a model list of Department of Health-approved trainings. The board moved to file a CR 101 on WAC 246-924-255, which was seconded and approved. Vote 7-0.

By July 1, 2017, the board must have rules in place to require suicide continuing education to be selected from the model list the department is creating. The board may send its comments directly to Mr. Wise.

6. Federal land, tribal sovereignty, and professional discipline

Mr. Bucknell provided a brief overview of the board's authority over licensees practicing in federal, tribal, and military settings located within the state's borders.

7. Sub-Committee Reports

- **Jurisprudence Exam Contract Sub-Committee** – Dr. Cohn will send language changes to Ms. Shaddock.
- **Application Review Sub-Committee** – Dr. Cohn reported the need for language changes regarding supervision. Mr. Bucknell stated the need to work with the department on this.
- **Telemedicine Report** –Dr. Smith gave a report on telemedicine. A representative with TeleMental Health Institute in San Diego is willing to do a presentation for the board. It was suggested to give her an hour at the July meeting for a webinar training or presentation.

8. Consent Agenda

The items listed under the consent agenda (informational items) are considered routine matters and were approved without discussion upon approval of the agenda.

9. Management Reports

9.1 Office of Customer Service-Credentialing Update – Mr. Yi reviewed the glossary of terms used in the credentialing statistics report and shared the following for psychologist licenses. He also stated that the “terminated statistic” will no longer be included as it no longer applies.

Current Credential Totals	January 2016
Psychologist:	
Active licenses	2,674
Pending	200
Psychologist Temporary permits:	
Active permits	28
Pending	8
Total active credential holders:	2,702
Total applications pending:	208

Mr. Yi presented the application processing time for licenses from September 2015-February 2016. There were 91 applications and the average amount of days for processing was 4.6 days.

There were 14 temporary permits processed and issued within the 14-day measureable period.

9.2 Operating budget report – The board was given both January and February budget reports. The actual for January was \$1,442,311 and the allotment was \$1,501,549. The actual for February was \$1,430,063 and the allotment was the same as January.

9.3 Legislation session update – Ms. Nancy Tyson gave an update on the chemical dependency professional (CDP) change in the Chapter 246-811 WAC – For those who are already licensed in another profession and want to become a CDP.

The rules hearing for CDP WAC 246-811 is scheduled on April 28 at 9:30 a.m. The language for the rule change will be posted soon. The Board requested a reminder of the hearing date and time, and the past and current rule changes to compare. It is appropriate for the board to put together a statement if it chooses to do so.

9.4 Recruitment update – Ms. Nancy Tyson reported having one application for an EBOP board member. A request was made at the Governor’s Office for clarification on the number of applicants required before submission for consideration.

9.5 Allowable coursework rules update – Mr. Wise reported that the rules for the allowable coursework will be filed on April 6 and the rules hearing will be at the May 20 board meeting.

10. Request for List and Labels – Shari Roberts, Public Member, Chair

The board members reviewed and approved list and label requests for Northwest Creative and Expressive Arts Institute and Maple Leaf Center, Inc. The board denied NW Alliance for Psychoanalytic Study.

11. Requests for board examinations/waivers –

- First request – applicant is requesting to retake EPPP. The first exam was taken on November 30, 2015 and the second exam was taken January 28, 2016. The board approved the applicant to retake the exam after March 30, 2016. Vote 7-0.
- Second request – applicant is requesting to retake EPPP. The applicant took and failed the exam twice, once on August 14, 2015 and again on November 25, 2015. The applicant has taken a 14-week course to improve test results. The board approved applicant to retake the exam now. Vote 7-0.
- The third request – applicant is requesting to be granted an unlimited waiver of continuing education requirements. The applicant is retired and no longer providing any psychological services to consumers. Vote 7-0.

12. Future Agenda Items – Shari Roberts, Public Member, Chair

- Request a Compliance representative attend to discuss how the term “supervision” is interpreted.
- Status report of the filing of the CR101 for WAC 246-924-255 - Minimum standards for suicide prevention training for health care professionals being included on a model list of department-approved trainings.
- For May’s agenda, request a representative of the Chiropractic Commission needs to report on how EBAS works for it.
- For May’s agenda, Dr. Takushi and Dr. Cohn present their findings on how other states deal with the issue of doctoral programs without adequate internship to qualify according to WAC 246-924-056. Also they will find out if the American Psychology Association (APA) allows any exceptions for their internship program.
- For July’s agenda, request a representative with a TeleMental Health Institute in San Diego to present “things they haven’t thought about” regarding telemedicine.

13. Adjournment

2:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Signature on file

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Kim-Boi Shadduck, MBA, Program Manager
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Shari Roberts, Chair Public Member
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