

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
June 15-16, 2006**

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners was held June 15-16, 2006, at the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation Bldg, 3rd Floor Main Conference room, Bethel, AK.

Call to Order/Roll Call

Thursday, June 15, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 8:27 a.m. by Dr. John Miller, Board chair.

Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board:

John A. Miller, Psychologist
Lorin L. Bradbury, Psychologist
Destiny Sargeant, Psychologist
Cam Carlson, Public Member
Lisa Turner, Psychological Associate

In attendance from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, was:

Jan Mays, Licensing Examiner - Juneau

There were three guests present:

Carol Ann Williard – Chamber of Commerce
Valerie A. Kelly – Licensed Clinician, Yukon- Kuskokwin Health Corporation
Thor Williams – Mayor, City of Bethel

Agenda Item 1 – Review Agenda

Upon a motion by Dr. Sargeant, seconded by Dr. Bradbury and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to adopt the agenda as written.

Agenda Item 2 – Investigative Report

The Board called Susan Winton, Investigator, and Rick Younkins, Chief Investigator in the Investigative Unit Office in Anchorage.

Open Cases:

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| 2900-04-03 | Violating Professional Ethics. Respondent refused to enter into an MOA but further investigation is required prior to filing an Accusation. |
| 2900-06-01 | Violating Professional Ethics. Respondent has until May 31, 2006 to respond to a proposed MOA. |

Probationary Cases:

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| 2902-04-01 | Drug Diversion. Board approved MOA on 9/23/05; probation for one year and licensee is in compliance. |
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Agenda Item 3 – Ethics Report

The Board watched the Ethics Video. There were no ethics conflicts to disclose.

Agenda Item 4 – Review/Approve Minutes

After a review of the December 1-2, 2005 minutes, the Board made the following motion:

Upon a motion by Dr. Bradbury, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to adopt the December 1-2, 2005 minutes as amended.

- Page 1, heading, was changed to read “Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners”.
- Page 2, Item 3, second paragraph, last line, was changed to read “mental health centers, which is the source of the issue”.
- Page 9, Item 11, second paragraph, change “Ms. Carlson” to “Mrs. Carlson”.

After a review of the March 16-17, 2006 minutes, the Board made the following motion:

Upon a motion by Dr. Bradbury, seconded by Mrs. Carlson and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to approve the March 16-17, 2006 minutes as amended.

- Page 1, heading, was changed to read “Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners”.
- Page 4, Item 4, 11th paragraph, was changed to read “Fourth sentence was changed to read, “Dr. Bradbury explained that the National Register has been working with CPQ and if you are nationally registered then it’s less work.”
- Page 7, Item 7, 3rd paragraph, 1st line, change “Alaska Psychological Association” to “American Psychological Association”.
- Page 8, Item 7, 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence delete the word “not”, 2nd sentence was changed to read “Dr. Miller stated that the Board decided not to send it and explained it’s not the Board’s responsibility to take on that role.”
- Page 12, Item 12, 1st paragraph, last sentence, delete the word “only”.
- Page 13, Item 12, 1st paragraph, change “Legislative Office of Information (LOI)” to “Legislative Information Office (LIO)”.
- Page 13, Item 12, 4th paragraph, 2nd sentence, add a space between “inlight” to have it read as “in light”.
- Page 13, Item 12, under category “Develop New Test Questions”. Change the order to the motion reading first then the narrative.
- Page 14, Item 14, 2nd paragraph, delete “get a hold of” and replace it with “contact”.

There was Board discussion as to whether motions should begin with “moved” or “resolved”. It was decided to check with the legal to see if there is a required format.

Break at 10:02 a.m.; back on the record at 10:13 a.m.

Agenda Item 5 – Public Comment

There were three individuals from the public:

Carol Ann Williard – Chamber of Commerce
Valerie A. Kelly – Licensed Clinicians, Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation
Thor Williams – Mayor, City of Bethel

Dr. Bradbury introduced Carol Ann Williard, Vice President, Bethel Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Williard welcomed the Board to the City of Bethel and informed the Board that the Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a luncheon at Sho’Guns Restaurant. Ms. Williard passed out brochures and maps of Bethel to all Board members.

Valerie A. Kelly, Licensed Clinician with Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation discussed with the Board an issue regarding forms and definitions. Ms. Kelly

recommends more clarification, so that the forms and definition do not appear so misleading. Ms. Kelly also expressed great concern for the need of more licensed psychologists in Bethel and in other rural areas. This way trainees are able to get the supervision hours needed.

Ms. Kelly stated that Dr. Anita Brashear would have liked to be here to present her concerns, but is out of town. Ms. Kelly explained to the Board that the information provided to Dr. Brashear was incorrect and felt insulted when the Board referred to her as Ms. Brashear instead of Dr. Brashear.

Dr. Miller encourages Dr. Brashear to write to the Board with her experience and concerns.

Dr. Bradbury requested that the Board set aside 15 minutes on June 16, 2006 for more public comment. For those who weren't able to attend today.

Thor Williams, Mayor of Bethel came to welcome the Board to the City of Bethel. Mr. Williams expressed his appreciation to the Board for taking the time to listen to the public's concerns on statutes and regulations regarding psychologists. Mr. Williams has been in Bethel since 1992 and worked as a childcare social worker from 1992 to just recently. Mr. Williams expressed the need for more licensed psychologists in bush Alaska. The State spends a tremendous amount of money sending kids to Anchorage to get diagnosed. It's getting harder and harder to get a good psychologist in Bethel with the cost of living going up.

Upon a motion by Dr. Bradbury, seconded by Mrs. Carlson and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to have another Public Comment at 11:45 a.m. on June 16, 2006 for those who weren't able to attend today's Public Comment.

Agenda Item 6 – Regulation Update

The Board reviewed a draft copy of the proposed regulations in 12 AAC 60, which the Board requested at the March 16-17, 2006 meeting.

Upon a motion by Dr. Sargeant, seconded by Dr. Bradbury and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to adopt the proposed regulations, 12 AAC 60.080(b), 12 AAC 60.280(e), 12 AAC 60.310(c)(d), 12 AAC 60.350(c), 12 AAC 60.990(a)(6) and send to Jun Maiquis, Regulation Specialists and to the Attorney General's Office.

Upon a motion by Dr. Bradbury, seconded by Dr. Sargeant and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to break for lunch.

Lunch at 12:00 p.m.; back on the record at 1:32 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 – Old Business

Develop New Test Questions

Dr. Sargeant presented the four new test questions and one revised question. Dr. Miller recommended that the Board table the discussion on implementing new test questions until the September 21-22, 2006 meeting. Dr. Sargeant will work more on the new test questions and will bring the questions to the September meeting.

Break at 2:52 p.m.; back on the record at 3:04 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Dr. Bradbury and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss and pick 2 exam questions for the September State Law & Ethics Exam and to review the March 14, 2006 exam scores.

Executive session at 3:05 p.m.; back on the record at 4:02 p.m.

Agenda Item 8 – State Law & Ethics Examination

The Board reviewed the past exam score sheets and also picked questions for the upcoming two exams, which are scheduled for September 15, 2006.

Agenda Item 9 – Correspondence Review

There were no correspondence items for the Board to review.

Agenda Item 10 – Application Review

The Board reviewed 3 applications for psychologists by credentials, 2 applications for psychologists by examination, and 1 Statement of Supervised Experience for a psychological associate.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Dr. Sargeant and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the following applications.

Toyoichiro Suzuki

The Board approved for licensure by credentials.

Lei Lu

The Board approved for licensure by credentials.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Dr. Sargeant and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to approve-pending the following applications.

Nan Truitt

The Board approved Dr. Truitt's post-doctoral supervision plan pending receipt of official transcripts.

Kathryn S. Fallin

The Board approved Ms. Fallin's Statement of Supervised Experience pending receipt of a letter correcting the dates of supervised experience which are beyond certification dates rendering the statement incorrect. The Board requested receipt of a new Statement of Supervised Experience. Ms. Mays will send a letter to Ms. Fallin and enclose a Statement of Supervised Experience form.

Rene Laventure

The Board approved Dr. Laventure pending receipt of verification that she has completed one year (1500 hours) of post-doctoral experience and receipt of the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) score.

Jennifer Beathe

The Board approved Dr. Beathe pending receipt of the required statement of supervised experience. Ms. Mays will send a letter and enclose the Statement of Supervised Experience form.

Agenda Item 11 – Present Goals and Objectives

The Board reviewed the present Goals and Objectives and one change was made.

- Page 3, Section B, Activity #5, change "carious" to "various".

Upon a motion by Dr. Bradbury, seconded by Dr. Sargeant and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to adopt the amended Goals and Objectives for FY 2007.

Upon a motion by Dr. Sargeant, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Friday June 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Dr. John Miller, Board chair.

Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board:

John A. Miller, Psychologist
Lorin L. Bradbury, Psychologist
Destiny Sargeant, Psychologist
Cam Carlson, Public Member
Lisa Turner, Psychological Associate

In attendance from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, was:

Jan Mays, Licensing Examiner - Juneau

There were three guests present from the public:

Deborah Reichard – Guardian Ad Litem
Jennifer Joanes – Attorney III
Laura Baez – Yukon-Kuskokwin Health Corporation

Agenda Item 12 – New Business

SB 177

Dr. Miller gave the Board an update on SB 177. The Board of Professional Counselors (LPCs) was the driving force behind SB 177. This bill identifies who can use the terms like, psychologists, psychotherapy, etc. It was initiated by Anne Henry, Board Chair of Professional Counselors, as a result the Alaska Psychological Association (AK-PA), the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates and other Boards are involved. There was not a significant change to the original bill. The bill was changed to simply add these professions to the wording including Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. Dr. Miller stated that SB 177 finally passed.

Holding Therapy

Dr. Miller explained to the Board from his discussion with Anne Henry that there's a movement in certain circles to institute language in the statutes and regulations to prohibit the practice of holding therapy used in treatment of certain types of attachments disorders.

Dr. Miller asked Ms. Turner what she sees in the Kenai area regarding holding therapy. Ms. Turner stated that it is beyond the scope of this Board to regulate specific types of therapy, such as holding therapy.

Establishing a committee for reviewing/updating statutes & regulations

Dr. Miller asked the Board if they are interested in setting up a committee to go over statutes and regulations. Dr. Bradbury suggested that a section be assigned to one person and the Board would be the committee.

Dr. Miller suggested the Board think about it, in terms of not taking just one particular section, but to establish a committee so it's an ongoing project. Once the Board establishes a committee then subsequent Boards will inherit the statute and regulations revision committee.

Dr. Sargeant recommended that the Board separate psychologists and psychological associates in the statutes and regulations since it's very unclear. Dr. Sargeant also thinks it's worth hiring somebody who understands the numbering system in the statutes and regulations.

Ms. Turner agrees with Dr. Sargeant, but was thinking more along the lines of unraveling them for the content and then consulting with the Attorney General's Office for the proper formatting.

Dr. Miller asked Dr. Bradbury if he's willing to be the point of contact. Dr. Bradbury accepted.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Dr. Sargeant and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to establish a committee to review statutes and regulations. To come back at the next meeting to go over suggestions on where to start.

Upon a motion by Ms. Turner, Seconded by Dr. Bradbury and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved that all Board members are members of the committee.

Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) Announcement

Dr. Sargeant announced to the Board that she has been working on getting her Certification of Professional Qualification (CPQ) for quite some time. Dr. Sargeant stated that the hold up was the oral exam. CPQ has now made it so that someone who is licensed can be CPQ qualified without the oral exam. Dr. Sargeant is officially a card carrying holder of CPQ; she explained to the Board that it has taken her four years to get it.

ASPPB Inter-Jurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC)

The Board reviewed and had a brief discussion on the email that was sent from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards regarding the IPC. Dr. Sargeant's understanding of the IPC is that it's a runoff from CPQ, both are through ASPPB. Dr. Miller stated that IPC is looking for reciprocity.

LPC Legal Opinion

Ms. Mays passed out an email from Alice Albrecht, Licensing Examiner for the Board of Professional Counselors. The Board reviewed the email and the memo requesting a legal opinion from the Attorney General's office on the legality of E-Therapy, internet and phone counseling from out-of-state counselors on Alaskan citizens.

The Board requested Ms. Mays follow-up on the response from the AG's office regarding the Request for Legal Opinion memo.

Break at 9:56 a.m.; back on the record at 10:10 a.m.

Dr. Miller presented a draft commendation letter for Ms. McQuaid and noted that there are a couple of cleanups required before final approval. The Board reviewed the letter and made minor changes.

Upon a motion by Dr. Sargeant, Seconded by Dr. Bradbury and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to send the commendation letter written by Dr. Miller to Ms. McQuaid.

Dr. Bradbury passed out the revised Administrative Code for the Board to review a few changes that were made.

- 12 AAC 60.083(4) was changed to read "a pre-doctoral internship. An internship shall include the following components"
- 12 AAC 60.083 (IV) add "a" between "provided" and "by" in the 2nd sentence.

Upon a motion by Dr. Sargeant, Seconded by Mrs. Carlson and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to adopt the changes to the Administrative Code in 12 AAC 60.040, 12 AAC 60.080, and 12 AAC 60.083 as presented by Dr. Bradbury.

Budget Report

The Board reviewed the Expenditure and Revenue Report as of May 26, 2006. The Board had no questions or comments.

Schedule Next Meeting

The Board agreed to schedule the next Board meeting for September 7- 8, 2006 in Juneau. The Board also scheduled a proposed date for the meeting after September for December 7 - 8, 2006 in Kenai.

Wall Certificates/Minutes/Regulations

There were no wall certificates or meeting minutes to be signed. The Board had no further discussion on regulations.

Break at 11:02 a.m.; back on the record at 11:53 a.m.

Agenda 5 – Public Comment

There were three individuals from the public:

Deborah Reichard – Guardian Ad Litem
Jennifer Joanis – Attorney III
Laura Baez – Behavioral Health, Yukon-Kuskokwin Health Corporation

Ms. Reichard, stated her concern to the Board regarding how hard it is to keep a good psychologist. Telephonic communication is a common thing in Bethel.

Ms. Jennifer Joanis, Attorney III, Department of Law explained to the Board that the main mission in Bethel is to try to keep families together. Finding a good psychologist who is willing to live in Bethel and travel out to villages is hard to come by. Ms. Joanis stated that she moved to Bethel two years ago, right out of law school. Ms. Joanis explained that in Bethel it's a local practice, you assume supervision is going to be telephonic. With the difficulty of getting people out here, there should be a provision where you're able to get decent psychologists. Ms. Joanis stated in this particular case, a applicant's proposed supervised experience was denied, which is unfortunate for Bethel, since this applicant provided a lot of service.

Dr. Miller stated that it's in the statues and regulations. It specifically states that he/she has to have a specific number of hours of face to face supervision. It doesn't allow telephonic or web conference. In order to allow telephonic supervision the Board would need to change regulation.

Ms. Joanis asked if it's possible for the Board to make that recommendation. Dr. Miller explained that it is possible, but can't make the change only for rural Alaska and that the Board does have some concerns regarding telephonic supervision.

Ms. Joanis pointed out that on the alternate supervision plan; it seems that it provides that option for telephonic supervision. Dr. Miller explained that it's not correct or accurate. It provides for an alternate form of supervision, doesn't specifically provide for telephonic. For example, someone who needs to complete their supervision can contract someone from another community to provide that supervision. Dr. Miller expressed two concerns that the Board has to consider 1) protect the public 2) protect the psychologists.

Laura Baez, Behavioral Health, Yukon-Kuskokwin Health Corporation welcomed the Board to Bethel and thanked the Board for coming.

Task Lists

Jan Mays

- Get current Title 47 for all board members (Ethics code of Conduct Mental Health Statutes/Regulations)
- Check with Cynthia on the letter from the Bar Association to all Alaska Attorneys.
- Check with Cori on the State standards on using the word "resolved" and "motion".
- Check and revise the Supervision Plan and the alternate supervision plan, remove the check box for quarterly.
- For future meetings, keep several copies of the table of contents in the front of the exam book.
- For future meeting agendas, add "Regulation Committee" under a new section, schedule 45 minutes, ongoing agenda item.
- Check the response from the AG's office regarding the LPC Legal Opinion memo.
- Check on the status of the annual report and the due date for the Annual Narrative report. Send an email to Dr. Miller on the status.
- Forward the Administrative Code to Jun Maiquis, Regulation Specialist.

Dr. Sargeant

- Bring a gift for the gift basket to the September meeting.
- Bring CPQ and National Registry check list.
- Rework the exam questions.

Dr. Bradbury

- Draft up a thank you letter to Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation and email the letter to Ms. Mays.
- Bring a gift for the gift basket to the September meeting.

Dr. Miller

- Bring a gift for the gift basket to the September meeting.

Mrs. Carlson

- Bring a gift for the gift basket to the September meeting.

Ms. Turner

- Bring a gift for the gift basket to the September meeting.

Upon a motion by Dr. Bradbury, Seconded by Dr. Sargeant and approved unanimously, it was:

Moved to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jan Mays, Licensing Examiner

Approved:

Dr. John A. Miller, Ph.D, Chair
Board of Psychologists & Psychological
Associates

Date: _____