

Board of Psychologists

Friday, May 18, 2018 @ 9:00 AM

Minutes

The May 18, 2018 meeting of the Board of Psychologists convened at 9:00 a.m. at the Office of Professional Licensing and Certification, 121 South Fruit St. Concord NH, with the following members present:

James Halla Psy.D. Board Chair
Catherine Shanellaris, Esq.
Roger Peterson, Ph.D.
Susan Vonderheide, Ph.D.
Deborah Warner Ph.D.
Steven Atkins, Psy.D.

The Board voted to accept the public minutes from April 6, 2018 with amendment

Qualification and licensure

1. Application for licensure

The Board unanimously approved the following applicants for licensure:

- Alicia Semiatin – Resume - Approved
- Desmond, Cecile – Letter - Approved
- Adams, Scott – Approved

The Board unanimously voted to send a letter to applicant Deborah Cheshire requesting she resubmit essay question number 6. The Board would like the Applicant to look at the New Hampshire Laws as it pertains to Essay question #6, whether Ms. Cheshire worked for someone else versus herself and regardless of where she is currently practicing.

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2. Renewal Application

The Board unanimously approved all applications for renewal:

- Wolfberg, Sarah
- Borchert, Susan
- Bildner, Cheryl
- Turchetti, M
- Bolling, Kim
- Edwards, Daniel
- Halikias, William
- Lauren, Sara
- Kim, Sue Hyun Me
- Halvorsen, Laura
- Becotte, Dennis
- Harriott, Evelyn
- Deleaut, Jenessa
- Javorsky, Debbie
- Read, Juliana
- Steinitz, Hannah
- Peretti, Kaitlyn
- Raynolds, Ann

The Board reviewed items 3, 4 & 5 with no action needed

3. Deceased

Orsillo, Donald G. 8/27/17

4. Not Renewing

- Kennedy, Deborah

5. Renewing Inactive Status

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kol, Kimberly Lawrence• Berns, JoAnn M.• Levy, Miriam | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LeClair, Debra• Colccia, Elinor• Robbins, Jill |
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6. Temporary License Request – 30 Day

The Board voted unanimously to approve the 30 Day temporary licenses for:

Barber, Meredith - Approved

Reeves, Kenneth - Approved

Board Member Anna L. Elbroch, Esq. joined the Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Upon the motion at 10:00 a.m. by Dr James Halla with a second by Dr. Susan Vonderheide, the Board voted to go into non-public session Per RSA 91-A:3 II (c).

Upon the motion at 12:25 p.m. by Dr. Deborah Warner with a second by Dr. Steven Atkins, the Board voted to reconvene the public session.

Upon motion at 12:26 p.m. by Dr. Deborah Warner with a second by Dr. Steven Atkins, the Board voted to withhold and seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 III, that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Board member and to render the propose action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

7. Director Walsh addressed the Board regarding Senate Bill 531. This bill will allow organizational and procedural rules to be done by OPLC.

8. Survey from HHS - Robert Lamberti 12:00 p.m.

Item was tabled for the June 1, 2018 meeting

9. NH BMHP Corrective Supervision Guidelines

Item was tabled for the June 1, 2018 meeting

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Questions

Question 1

We have been asked as part of our B1 integrated care grant (Medicaid alternative payment model) to do “dinemap blood pressure testing” in our office as part of the new push to “integrate care”. We have tried to see if our malpractice insurance covers this (if we received training by the hospital) but APAIT declines to say rather refers us to the relevant boards in our state. Do you have any insight here re proceeding? They are working to do more mental health screenings (substance use, depression screenings) and are seeing this as a screening we might do on our end.

Question 2

Part 1

I am in the process of establishing a newly funded psychology internship program at the Manchester VA Medical Center and I am writing for consultation regarding NH state rules for internship training in a federal setting. This program will be established at a federal facility (VA Medical Center), where Psychologists maintain active licenses in many states, including NH. I am requesting clarification regarding State of NH internship Rules, Psyc 302.04 (c section 2) states, “The program shall designate a staff psychologist, who is currently and actively licensed or certified by the state or provincial board of psychology in the state or province where the program is operated, as the person who is responsible for the integrity and quality of the training program.” Can you clarify if we are exempt from this rule given our status as a federal facility which has different requirements pertaining to local licensure? In addition, does the program training director have to be licensed in NH or only a designated training committee member?

Part 2

Thank you! I have one more clarification question. Can you tell me if this requirement is met if the assistant Training Director is licensed in NH or do both the assistant and the training director needed to be licensed in NH?

Answer: The board itself has no jurisdiction over internships. However, for an internship to be counted toward licensure, our rules say that the program director needs to be licensed in NH.

Once the internship is accredited, we abide by the federal VA policy that allows the program director to be licensed in some state.

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Question 3

Part 1

I noticed in the New Hampshire law that it is required to have two years of supervised experience to be licensed as a psychologist. In the license application, however, it states an internship year and a post doctoral year in the separate materials. I specifically started my post doctoral year before I defended my dissertation. I was wondering if that matters for the specific start date for my second year of supervision. This would be important because if I ended my second year of supervision too soon, then New Hampshire might consider me not having completed a full second year. But since the law does not specify that I need a post doctoral residency for a second year of supervision, it doesn't seem like this would be a problem. Thank you for your help in clarifying this for me.

Part 2

Actually, the way your answer reads makes me think the internship hours don't count either? What defines the two years of supervised experience? Is it defined anywhere that I can review?

Answer: In New Hampshire the postdoctoral year does not start until the university is able to certify that all program requirements are completed for the doctorate. Sometimes this can happen before graduation.

The hours accumulated prior to the completion of the doctorate in addition to the internship do not count.

ADJOURN: Upon the motion to adjourn by Dr. James Halla with a second by Dr. Steven Atkins, the motion to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. carried in the affirmative.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Michelle Thibeault, Administrator for the Board of Psychologists