

Board of Psychology

Friday, March 6, 2020 at 9:00 AM
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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Psychology (“the Board”) was held at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (“OPLC”), 121 South Fruit Street, Concord NH on March 6, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Board:

Robert Walrath, PsyD, Chair
Tonya Warren, PsyD,
James Beauregard, PhD,
Deborah Warner, PhD,
James Halla, PsyD,
Lauren Greenwald, Esq.,

Public:

Jessica Leonard, PsyD, NHPA
Dr. Chris Stoddard, NHASP
Dr. Travis Bickford, NHASP
Dr. Ryan Long, NHASP

Staff:

Michelle L. Thibeault, Administrator
Lindsey Courtney, Acting Director
Thomas Broderick, Esq, Rules Counsel

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

Board Action: Upon motion by James Hall, PsyD, with a second by Deborah Warner, PhD., the Board approved the minutes of the public session of February 7, 2020

2. CERTIFICATES

a. PETTY, John David, Signed by the Board Members

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3. RULES/STATUTES 11:43

- a. Consideration and vote on objection response for Psy 200s and 300s – Thomas Broderick Esq., Rules Counsel

Discussion: Attorney Thomas Broderick presented to the Board the Objection Response to the Board regarding the Psy Rules 200 and 300s. JLCAR needed clarification and changes to be made to the rules proposed.

Board Action: Upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., with a second by Tonya Warren, PsyD., the Board approved the proposed amendments.

Motion to commence First Non-Public Session:

At 9:59 a.m., upon motion by Deborah Warner, PhD., with a second by Tonya Warren, PsyD., the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3 II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV, RSA 329:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Roll call vote: Chair Robert Walrath, PsyD-yes, Tonya Warren PsyD-yes, James Beauregard PhD-yes, Deborah Warner PhD-yes, James Halla PsyD-yes, Lauren Greenwald Esq-yes,

Public meeting resumed at 10:53 am.

Seal Non-Public Minutes

Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:

At 10:53 a.m., upon motion by James Beauregard, PhD., with a second by Deborah Warner, PhD., the Board unanimously 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 proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present. Roll call vote: Robert Walrath, PsyD, yes, Tonya Warren, PsyD, yes, James Beauregard, PhD, yes, Deborah Warner, PhD, yes, James Halla, PsyD, yes, Lauren Greenwald, Esq., yes

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4. **PUBLIC HEARING** – N/A

5. **NEW BUSINESS** –

a. Possible Modifying the CEU requirements – James Halla, PsyD

Discussion: Dr. Halla proposed changing the education requirement for the 20 hours of face-to-face cause an undue burden. He suggested we keep the 6 hours of ethics and still keep the 40 hours required to renew.

Results: The Board asked Dr. Halla to write up a proposal regarding the Continuing Education and how the changes would work. Dr. Halla will present to the Board at the April meeting.

The Board also asked Jessica Leonard, PsyD to bring the information back to the NHPA and also bring back feedback for the next meeting.

b. School Psychologists – Deborah Warner, PhD –

SB 684 has passed both houses and is in committee of conference. This could become law very soon and be signed by the Governor before the next board meeting.

The Board requested that the Administrator, Michelle L. Thibeault reach out to the Department of Education and get a copy of the School Psychologists to prepare for issuing licenses and for board processing.

Lindsey Courtney will develop a letter to School Psychologists for their new license and will share with Dr Warner because the NH Assn of School Psychologists, has agreed to include a letter to help explain the new license and the process of its development. The companion letter is being written by Dr Ryan Long.

Deborah Warner, PhD is working on the Psyc. 600 rules for School Psychologists, more complex work needs to be done for the Psyc. 650 rules, so these will be set aside while the 600-609s are more actively developed to bring forward first. Dr Warner also shared the 300 rules that are affected by the new law and will have those and the new 600 rules ready for the next board meeting for review for approval with the continued help of the stakeholder parties.

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The Board discussed the committee for School Psychologists; there will be a School Psychologist who will chair the committee who will be a member of the Board of Psychologists with full voting rights and duties.

Motion: Board appoint the chair to issue licenses to Dr Travis Bickford & Dr Chris Stoddard when the bill is signed TW, JB - passed

Motion to for the Chair to appoint Dr Travis Bickford & Dr Chris Stoddard and Steve Appleby of the Department of Education to the School Psychology Advisory Committee upon the law's effect. . DW, LG – passed

Dr Chris Stoddard is volunteering for the board position. He will submit the application through Lindsey Courtney and also Dr Warner will forward to the Governor as well..

Motion to approve public work sessions as needed with Dr. Warner and the school Psychology Advisory Committee to develop the proposed rules at dates and times as posted once the bill passes, DW, LG – passed

Motion – Dr Warner to officially meet with Attorney Tom Broderick concerning the developing rules. & LG

- c. The Board noted that it is already short 2 public members

6. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. HB 1440

Title: relative to membership on the board of psychologists and the board of licensing for alcohol and other drug use professionals, and relative to insurance credentialing of out-of-state applicants for licensure as alcohol and drug counselors.

3/3/2020 – Amendment strikes the language pertaining to the licensing boards membership.

2/18/2020 – Executive Session 1:00 PM LOB 302

Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment [#2020-0669h](#) (Vote 19-0; CC)

Discussion: Deborah Warner, PhD. Discussed the outcome of the Executive Session on February 18, 2020. After contacting the bill's sponsor and the party who requested the bill, and testifying at the committee session, the bill's portions that changed membership of the boards was stricken from the bill. Of note, the party requesting the bill is the director of MAPS, a crisis counseling clinic in

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Cheshire County who had been dissatisfied with the application process for new staff. Dr Warner encouraged him to contact the board to discuss his issues.

Board Action: No action needed

b. SB684-FN Medicaid-to School

Amendment [#2020-0581h](#): AA VV 02/20/2020

[Ought to Pass with Amendment](#) 2020-0581h: MA VV 02/20/2020

c. PSYPACT

Discussion: Dr Warner, NH's commissioner to PsyPact, reported that the operational rules for PsyPact have been heard and passed. The Compact licenses should be available by the end of June 2020.

Dr Warner also reported that there are some problems that were not anticipated that out of state Psychologists would not be required to adhere to NH laws and rules, but would only be required to adhere to our scope of practice. This is not what was expected when the bill passed. Dr Warner recommended that we continue to stay with PsyPact but will draft an alternative for the board to consider.

Board Action: N/A

7. **QUESTIONS**

Question #1 (from Karen Lee Gillock)

Regarding the communication below, we would appreciate it if you could provide us with a definitive answer about the categorization of PESI "live webcasts-fully interactive" (their description on the certificates) – for the purposes of license renewal, does the Board consider them as Psyc 402.01 (c) (1) participation in seminars or workshops, or (2) participation in home study courses, up to a maximum of 20 hours?

This issue is becoming increasingly salient, as I would like to focus my next CEU hours on the series *Introduction to Telemental Health Theory and Practice*, an online ("home study") course by Telebehavioral Health Institute (<https://telehealth.org/individual/>). But first, I'd like to ensure that the PESI webcasts I've attended with Dr. Levasseur are categorized as (1) above so that I meet the approved criteria for all of my CEUs before I submit my application for license renewal this Spring.

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Answer: If they are live with interactive participation, and if the sponsor is on the approved list of presenters pursuant to Psyc 402.01 (d), then they are considered Psyc 402.01 (c) (1) category A seminar and workshop.

Question #2 (from Jennifer Gray)

A. Is attendance at live webinars considered a home study course if it's live and interactive?

B. Also I presented a workshop at the Canada Correctional Conference last summer. What specific documentation is needed for me to verify time spent preparing and for the presentation?

Answer: A. If they are live with interactive participation, and if the sponsor is on the approved list of presenters pursuant to Psyc 402.01 (d), then they are considered Psyc 402.01 (c) (1) category A seminar and workshop.

B. Please send a description of the webinar and time spent preparing for the workshop.

Question #3 (from Haley Curt)

I am currently completing my APA accredited internship in clinical psychology.

My question is regarding supervision for the second year of supervised profession experience. Does the supervision need to be with a licensed psychologist, or are other doctorate level licensed providers trained in a related field (e.g. social work) acceptable?**Answer:** Per Psyc. 302.05 a licensed Psychologist needs to be the Supervisor.

8. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

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Public session resumed at 1:24 p.m.

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[Minutes kept separately]

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9. NEW BUSINESS CON'T

At 1:24 pm, upon motion by James Halla PsyD, with a seconded by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., the Board voted to approved the following applications for licensure:

- A. MCECHERN-DUGRE, Lori
- B. MORIN, Samantha
- C. PIERCE, Christine – 90 Day Temporary License
- D. PIVOVAROVA, Ekaterina - 30 Day Temporary License

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

At 1:24 pm., upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., with a second by Tonya Warren, Psy.D., the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting: April 3, 2020