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**DIVISION OF LICENSING AND BOARD ADMINISTRATION** 

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Public Minutes of March 4, 2022

The Board of Psychology convened at 9:02 a.m. in person and via zoom, with the following members present:

Dr. James Beauregard, Chair Dr. James Halla, Psychologist – via zoom Dr. Deborah Warner, Psychologist Dr. Tonya Warren, Psychologist Dr. Walrath, Psychologist Absent: Attorney Lauren Greenwald, Public Member

Administration Traci Weber, Administrator Joseph Shoemaker, Director Sherri Phillips, Board Counsel

## I Administrative

- 1. Review Draft Meeting Minutes February 11, 2022 Dr. Warner suggested edits. Item was Tabled.
- 2. Standing Order on Failed/Returned licensee fee payments. On motion from Dr. Beauregard/second Dr. Walrath to approve, roll call vote 4-1-0; Dr. Warner voted nay.
- 3. Formats for meeting agendas and minutes discussion.
- 4. Legislative updates from Dr. Warner
  - a. SB 277 extends emergency licenses for 2 years
  - b. SB 330 has an amendment changing it to a study committee
  - c. SB 222 permitting licensing boards to conduct remote meetings On motion from Dr. Warner/second Dr. Warren to support, roll call vote 5-0-0.
  - d. SB 220 study for mental health licensing On motion from Dr. Warner/second Dr. Warren to support, roll call vote 5-0-0.
  - e. HB 1405 allowing out of state mental health care providers to provide telehealth treatment during a mental health emergency. On motion from Dr. Walrath/second Dr. Warren to oppose, roll call vote 5-0-0.
    HB 1059 clarifying limits on licensure by operation of law. On motion from Dr. Warren/second Dr. Walrath to authorize Dr. Warner to write and send letter to Legislature.
  - f. HB 1019 study committee for the replacement of certain professional licenses with mandatory minimum liability insurance requirements.
  - g. SB 322 relative to remote meetings under the right-to-know law

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- h. SB 344 relative to the quorum requirements under the right to know law of meetings open to the public.
- i. HB 1014 allowing public meetings to be conducted virtually
- j. HB 1345 will be placed on next month's agenda for discussion. Relative to the release of a teenager's medical records to a parent/guardian.
- 5. Letter from ASPPB to the NH Board of Psychology Congratulating the Board and awarding a Certificate of Recognition of the extraordinary contribution to ASPPB and the regulation of psychology as part of the PSYPACT Commission.
- 6. Request from Representative Shapiro regarding conversion therapy, HB 1077 repealing the prohibition on conversion therapy for minors. On motion from Dr. Halla/second Dr. Warren asking the administrator to respond, roll call vote 4-0-1 Dr. Warner abstained. Response: This topic has not come before the Board previously. The Board reiterates its position that conversion therapy is unethical.

## II Rules, Statutes, Orders, Legal

- 1. Psyc 402.02 and Psyc 402.03 Final Proposal hearing scheduled for April 1, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
- 2. **Psyc 303.04 a & b** Initial Proposal Temporary Licensure On motion from Dr. Warner/second Dr. Warren to post for board review, roll call vote 5-0-0.
- 3. **Psych 301 & 304** Draft Initial Proposal –Tele Pass rules revised 1-24-22 On motion from Dr. Warner/second Dr. Warren to post for board review, roll call vote 5-0-0. Discussion held regarding how far back to request a verification of licensure; 10 years is reasonable. The goal is to try to make these rules identical to a regular license as much as possible.
- 4. **Psyc 302.03 (e)** Prelicensure Supervised Practice discussion held to close rule writing in this section until some additional research is completed.
- 5. **Psyc 610** School Psychologist Draft rules received from Dr. Walrath 2/7/22. Tabled. Post for board review. Open the discussion next month at 11:30 a.m. to encourage school psychologists who have been working with the Board a chance to join and be part of the discussion.
- 6. Psyc 402.01 (c) (2) Dr. Beauregard to submit for next month's meeting.
- 7. Discussion Consider allowing the EPPP to be taken during first year of post doc. Dr. Warner request to remove this discussion, the National Organization, ASPPB has this rule for everyone. Motion Dr. Warner/ second Dr. Warren, roll call vote 5-0-0 to allow Dr. Warner to draft a letter to ASPPB advocating for a rule change to allow EPPP to be taken during first year postdoc.
- 8. Initial application approved by the Board July 9, 2021 in process.
- 9. Status of RFP in process.

**Move to Non-Public session:** 11:46 a.m. Motion Dr. Beauregard second Dr. Walrath, roll call vote 5-0-0. Per: RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting.

## Returned to Public Session: 12:40 p.m.

**Seal Non-Public Minutes**. Motion Dr. Warren/second Dr. Walrath with a roll call vote 5-0-0 to Seal the minutes per **RSA 91-A:3**, **II(c)** Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting.

## Public decisions by the Board:

**a.** New Applicants – High Credentials – On motion from Dr. Walrath/second Dr. Beauregard to approve the applicants list below in 1-3, roll call vote 5-0-0.

1.Elizabeth Aronson – National Register 2.Anna Verriden – National Register 3.Michelle Waldron – CPQ

Board adjourned: 12:42 p.m.