

AMENDED AGENDA
INDIANA STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

Will meet on
Friday, September 15, 2023
At 9:00 a.m.

Indiana Government Center South
402 West Washington Street
Room W064
Indianapolis, Indiana

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM **9:00 a.m.**

Dr. Hale called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room W064 of the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 25-33-1-3(g).

Board Members Present:

Gregory Hale, Ph.D., Chair
Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D., Vice Chair
Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member
Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Member
Amber Finley, JD, Consumer Member

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Phillip Gordon, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.

Horn/Leib
Motion carried 5/0/0

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of July 14, 2023, as amended.

Leib/Finley
Motion carried 5/0/0

IV. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Amy Osborne, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, presented the consumer complaint report presented to Board. She reported that they have closed twenty (20) consumer complaints this year and opened twenty-eight (28). The average age of the open complaints is eight point eight (8.8) months. Primarily complaints have been filed in Hamilton County followed by Marion County. There are currently thirty-one (31)

complaints filed against psychologists, one (1) medical practitioner and one (1) mental health practitioner complaints. The medical and mental health practitioner complaints were a joint complaint. The primary complaint against psychologists have been unprofessional conduct, malpractice, and professional incompetence.

There is currently one (1) open litigation case with four (4) closed this year. The average duration of the litigation cases are five point nine (5.9) months. The open litigation case currently under investigation is for unlicensed practice.

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Application

1. Jane Allen

Dr. Allen appeared as requested to discuss her psychology application for exam. Her file was previously reviewed in March for review of her program and internship. The Board requested at that time for her to provide additional information to show how she aligned with the State's requirements. Dr. Allen informed the Board that her internship was not publicly advertised, and she had to "scout out" an internship. She stated that during her internship she was not the only individual being supervised as there was a post-doctoral fellow completing his supervision along side her. She stated that during her internship she reviewed her assessments with her supervising psychologist and completed diagnostic training and oversight with her supervisor. She stated that the title used at the time of her internship was a mental health practitioner. She stated that in Minnesota if you did not have a license, you would use that title if you were providing services. She stated that she is pursuing a license in Indiana as her company requires her to review Medicaid cases, and the company has a contract in Indiana. She stated that she currently resides in California and holds a California license and a Minnesota license. Dr. Allen stated that when she obtained her Minnesota license, she had to provide them with the same information she is currently providing the Indiana Board. She stated that the Minnesota Board is more familiar with their programs, which probably allowed them to feel more comfortable with approving her application with them. The Board inquired on how many interns were being supervised when she completed her internship. She stated that there was one post-doctoral fellow, and at least three (3) other interns that her supervising psychologist saw at least twice a month. She stated that she and the post-doctoral fellow were the only PH.D. candidates. She stated that she completed a pre-doctoral and post-doctoral training at that clinic. She stated that her school was working toward APA and APPIC accreditation but did not have it in place yet. She stated that when she was choosing her internship, she worked with the school to ensure that it was close to APA standards so she could transfer to other States. The Board stated that the training appears to meet requirements; however, were unsure if the supervision requirements were met. The Board discussed with their counsel the requirements for licensure, and if she meets the standard.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Allen's application.
Horn/Leib
Motion carried 3/2/0
Ross and Finley nay

2. Alyssa Alonso, Ph.D. (HSPP)

Dr. Alonso appeared as requested to discuss her HSPP application. The Board staff noted that her post-doctoral hours appeared to be employment hours rather than clinical training. Dr. Alonso stated that she currently works at University of Indianapolis in their clinic. She stated that she is currently under her clinical supervision while at the clinic. The Board asked for clarification on how she calculated her hours earned as they are very precise. Dr. Alonso stated that the current software they use requires them to input up to fractions of hours. She stated that she is supervised by two different HSPP Indiana psychologists.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Alonso's HSPP application.

Ross/Horn
Motion carried 5/0/0

3. Norah Chapman, Ph.D. (HSPP)

Dr. Chapman appeared as requested to discuss her HSPP application and post-internship training. Dr. Chapman stated that she primarily teaches and has a private practice on the side. Dr. Chapman is requesting the use of her private practice hours for her HSPP application. The Board stated that for those hours to count, they would need to be supervised practice hours. Dr. Chapman stated that her post-doctoral supervised hours occurred in a teaching setting and not a clinical training setting. She stated that her two years of post-doctoral supervised experience were supervising students and teaching. The Board asked for clarification if those hours were training for her specifically, and Dr. Chapman stated they were not. The Board noted that 1500 hours do not appear to be correct supervised experience for the HSPP. Dr. Chapman stated that she sees clients five to ten hours a week. The Board stated that she would need to have someone supervise her if she is seeing clients those five to ten hours a week. Board stated that if they put her file to the vote, they would have to deny it. Dr. Chapman stated that she will withdraw her application.

4. Christopher Dewhurst, PsyD (HSPP)

Dr. Dewhurst appeared as requested to discuss his HSPP application. The Board reviewed his application in August and requested additional clarification on his internship and post-doctoral training. Dr. Dewhurst stated that his supervisors were dually licensed in Indiana and Kentucky. He stated that his internship and post-doctoral covered the same training, which is why the training description on the form is "boiler plate". Dr. Dewhurst provided the Board with an outline of his internship showing how it aligned with APPIC and APA standards. He stated that he presented similar information to the State of Kentucky, and he has obtained his Ohio license during this Indiana application process. He stated that his primary goal is to provide telehealth services to Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Dewhurst's application.

Ross/Finley
Motion carried 5/0/0

5. Catherine Lark

Dr. Lark appeared as requested to discuss her yes response to previous action against a license she has held in another State. She provided a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. She stated that the incident occurred in Louisiana while she was supervising her clinical staff, and she failed to follow up with a clinician regarding her credentials. She stated that the Louisiana Board investigated the matter and imposed sanctions against her BACB license. She informed the Board she was dually licensed as a BACB and a psychologist when this incident occurred. She informed the Board that she has fulfilled all requirements by Louisiana, and she owns up to her error regarding failing to follow up on the matter. She stated that since that time she has become licensed in New Jersey and North Carolina. She stated that her company is wanting her to obtain multiple State licenses to help address needs. She stated that she cannot join PsyPact due to the previous discipline.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Lark's application.

Horn/Leib
Motion carried 5/0/0

6. Viann Nations

Dr. Nations appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding previous action against a license she held in another State. Dr. Nations applied by reciprocity and currently holds a psychologist license in Alaska. She provided a statement and supporting documents regarding her previous action for the Board to review. She stated that the action occurred during a time when she was juggling multiple clients with similar issues, and she was trying to ensure that they would not become hospitalized. Dr. Nations stated that the client had filed a complaint against her regarding boundary concerns, and breach of confidentiality. She stated that she was required to pay a settlement of \$80,000 and her license was placed on probation. Dr. Nations informed the Board that during the investigation she told the ones investigating the matter that she understood the concerns. She stated that all discipline against her license was resolved in 2007, and her license is no longer on probation. She stated that her intention is to do telehealth and billing for Blue Cross in Idaho. The Board noted that on her application she indicated that her program was not APA approved nor was her internship APPIC approved at the time of completion. The Board discussed if the license she holds in Alaska is equivalent since Indiana requires an applicant to be equivalent to those standards. Dr. Nations stated that at the time her program was a distance program and is unsure of the equivalency. The Board stated that they would need more information on her program, how her license in Alaska is equivalent to an Indiana license, and how her residency aligns with the State requirements. The Board tabled her application for additional information.

7. Paul Obbagy, PsyD (HSPP)

Dr. Obbagy appeared as requested to discuss his HSPP application. The documentation Dr. Obbagy provided were verified by the Interim Training Director who earned her HSPP during his internship. The Board asked for clarification on how he was supervised during his internship. He stated that he was supervised by two HSPPs licensed in Indiana, and that he completed individual supervision and group supervision once a week with his supervisors.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Obbagy's HSPP application.

Ross/Finley
Motion carried 5/0/0

8. Olivia Stone

Dr. Stone appeared as requested via telephone conference to discuss her application. The Board had previously reviewed her application and requested additional clarification on her doctoral internship. She stated that she completed her internship at the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and she had two supervisor she met with weekly. She stated that both of her supervisors were licensed in California. Dr. Stone indicated that her Argosy program was APA approved. The Board noted that at the time of her graduation in 2004 they are not sure that was the case. The Board stated that they would need to see information regarding the accreditation from her. They advised her to reach out to APA for that information.

Dr. Stone stated that she is pursuing a license in Indiana as the Bureau of Prisons is requiring a license. She stated that she has been with them since 2005 and does not intend to work in Indiana but remain with them. She stated that the Bureau of Prisons has a location in Terra Haute that is waiting for her. She stated that she has not pursued a license in Arizona where she currently resides as she does not feel she has earned it due to the age of her degree. Dr. Stone stated that she has attempted the EPPP exam twice and has not passed it yet. The Board stated that they would need to see more information on her internship including the site, if it was publicly advertised, and the license credentials of her supervisors.

The Board tabled her application for additional information.

B. Reinstatement

1. David Soper, Ph.D, License No. 20040752A
License and HSPP Renewal

Dr. Soper appeared as request via telephone conference call to discuss the reinstatement of his license. Dr. Soper's license expired in 2018. Dr. Soper stated that he is planning on doing teletherapy in Indiana and he is PsyPact approved. He provided the Board with forty (40) hours of CE certificates for review and is still working on getting more CE. The Board noted that they did not see any ethics CE completed. They noted that he would need to provide more ethics CE before he could be reinstated.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to reinstate Dr. Soper's license pending the receipt of seven (7) hours of approved ethics CE courses.

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 5/0/0

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Kelly Young, PsyD.

Re: Review of Probation Report

The Board received a copy of Dr. Young's fitness for duty evaluation from Dr. McIntire. The Board noted no problems with the submitted report but expressed concerns on the report becoming public record. Board Counsel discussed with the Board regarding the public access to license records and the exemptions for those public record requests.

VII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Limited Scope Temporary Psychology Permit

There were no Limited Scope permits for review.

B. Psychology by Examination/Reciprocity

1. Uzochukwu Chinweze

The Board reviewed Dr. Chinweze's application for psychology by exam. Dr. Chinweze attended a foreign trained program. The Board did not see if the program was APA equivalent and does not see an internship completed as part of the program.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny the application based upon not meeting Ind. Code 25-33-1-5.1 and IAC 868 1.1-1-1(d).

Hale/Horn
Motion carried 5/0/0

2. Alyce Hopple

Dr. Hopple's application was submitted for review as she indicated that her internship was not APPIC approved at the time of completion. Her university provided a letter on her behalf that outlines the structure of her internship. The Board noted they have seen similar internship structures.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Hopple to sit for the EPPP.

Ross/Finley
Motion carried 5/0/0

3. Sakshi Kapur

Dr. Kapur's application for retaking the EPPP was reviewed based upon her request to waive the 60 day waiting period. The waiting period has already passed and the Board cannot do any action on her request.

C. HSPP Endorsement

1. Brandon Bumbalough, Ph.D.

Dr. Bumbalough's application for HSPP was submitted for review of his post-internship hours. He provided documentation that showed he completed eight thousand (8,000) post-internship hours in a correctional facility. The Board noted that his listed hours do not make sense, but all other information on his forms is corrected.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Bumbalough's HSPP application.

Ross/Horn
Motion carried 5/0/0

2. Kathryn Smeraglia, PsyD

Dr. Smeraglia's application for HSPP was submitted for review of her post-internship hours. Board staff noted that her training appears to be paid employment. The Board noted that she might be an employee of her supervisor. The Board discussed if they needed to see a supervisor contract if there is a concern. The Board did not see a concern with the submitted documentation and determined that there was not a conflict with her post-internship clinical training.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Smeraglia's HSPP application.

Leib/Finley
Motion carried 4/0/1 Ross absent

D. Continuing Education

1. Oasis TMS

The Board reviewed the application to become a Category I provider. The Board noted that they cannot vote as the application is incomplete. The application was tabled for additional information.

2. Maria P. Hanzlik, PsyD. HSPP

The Board reviewed the application to become a Category I provider. The Board noted that they cannot vote as the application is incomplete. The application was tabled for additional information.

3. Dr. Josh Smith Psy

The Board reviewed the application to become a Category I provider. The Board noted that they cannot vote as the application is incomplete. The application was tabled for additional information.

VIII. INDIANA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Rhoad was not available to be present for the Board meeting due to a scheduling conflict. He did provide a report from the IPA. The fall CE Conference will be November 2 and 3rd, however, the IPA will be holding other CE events throughout the fall season.

His report reflected that there have been some CE programs communicated to them that were not affiliated with IPA, APA, or Universities. This causes a concern for the quality of CE education

and training, with the additional concern that some CE completed might not be considered Category I training. His report noted a concern that some of the CE being offered is focused more on the financial side of a practitioner rather than clinical education training.

IX. DISCUSSION

The Board members noted availability conflict for the next Board meeting. The next Board meeting will be rescheduled for November 17th.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Indiana State Psychology Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting:
November 17, 2023
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