

Kentucky Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Board

January 10, 2014

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Board was conducted on January 10, 2014 at the Office of Occupations and Professions, in Frankfort, Kentucky.

<p><u>Members Present</u> Shelli Deskins, Ph.D. - Chair Stephen Wood Scott Brinkman, Attorney at Law Tammy Hammond-Natof, Ph.D. Cyndi Blackledge, Ph.D. Brady Dunnigan, Attorney at Law Steve Foreman, Vice Chair</p> <p><u>Members Absent</u></p>	<p><u>Occupations and Professions Personnel</u> Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator</p> <p><u>Others</u> Michael West, General Counsel</p>
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Call to Order

Dr. Deskins called the meeting to order at 10:13am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting were presented for the Board's review. Mr. Dunnigan made a motion to approve the minutes pending one revision. Mr. Wood seconded that motion and it carried.

Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial report ending December 31, 2013.

Report from O&P

Ms. Lane reported that work is continuing on the online renewal/database project with the Commonwealth Office of Technology. The projected completion date is early spring for all 23 Boards. The office will keep all Boards updated on the progress of the project.

All Board members have the option to allow travel payments to be received through Direct Deposit. Board members may begin using the Employee Self Service feature of the Kentucky Human Resources Information Systems (KHRIS) to view per diem payments, reprint W-2's, and set up their direct deposit. To learn more about this process and how it works members are welcome to visit the Personnel website, personnel.ky.gov/pages/learning-KHRIS-ESS.aspx.

The Office of the State Budget Director is preparing the Governor's Recommended Budget and the Recommended Budget will be presented on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 by Governor Beshear. The Public Protection Cabinet's Division of Budgets will track the changes to the budget during each step of the process and the Office of Occupations and Professions may be called upon to explain impacts of the budget as well.

The office currently has two vacant positions that they hope to fill as soon as possible. The positions are Board Administrator and the Resource Management Analyst. The RMA is the in-house information technology employee and the office plans to fill this vital position as soon as possible.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. West did not have anything to report at this time.

Old Business

The Board discussed the need for statute changes as they work to establish more definitive areas of practice and push to become Qualified Mental Health Professionals. As the Certification Board continues to make revisions the Board will have to revise their laws and regulations but Dr. Deskins has already begun the process and Mr. Brinkman felt it necessary to move forward while the Board is receiving assistance from Representative Greer and his staff. At this time there are some individuals working in the field that are called Behavior Specialists and may have very little to no experience in the field or have an educational background in behavior services. The Board will continue working to see that the general public does not confuse this profession as falling under the scope of Applied Behavior Analysts. Dr. Deskins will report back to the Board in February with an update of the statute process and her meeting with Representative Greer.

The Board further discussed the Telehealth Regulation. Members looked over language from the American Psychological Association. This is a great place to start and Board members need to come to conclusions on how this should be monitored and offered as assessments are given.

New Business

Ms. Lane informed the Board that they had two (2) new application to review and possibly license. The applications committee made a recommendation to defer the following Application for Licensed Behavior Analyst submitted by Susan McConnell pending receipt of her first page of her application and her transcript. The Application for Licensed Behavior Analyst submitted by Kellina Merris was approved as all documentation was submitted. Mr. Wood made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation. Dr. Natof seconded that motion and it carried.

The Board discussed Post Certification Supervision and wants to make revisions to the current Regulations. All members will review the draft that was presented and discuss further in February.

Travel and Per Diem

Mr. Foreman made a motion to approve travel and per diem for today's meeting. Mr. Wood seconded that motion and it carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Foreman seconded that motion and it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:17am.