

## **Psychology Board Minutes October 26-27, 2000**

The Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists met in Austin, Texas, on October 26-27, 2000. The following Board members were present: David Rudd, Ph.D., Chair; Brian H. Stagner, Ph.D., Vice-Chair; Barry E. Dewlen, Ph.D.; Betty H. Ray; Ruben Rendon, Jr., M.S.; Nelda Smith, M.A.; Stephanie Sokolosky, M.P.S.; and Emily G. Sutter, Ph.D. Also present were Sherry L. Lee, Executive Director, and Katy Johnsonius, General Counsel. Karla L. Hayes was absent.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2000

1. Dr. Rudd called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
2. The Board moved to Item II, Public Comments.
  - o There was no public comment
  - o The Board returned to open session at 9:31 a.m.
3. The Board moved to Item III, Executive Session to seek legal advice pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Government Code, §551.071.
  - o The Board went into Executive Session at 9:10 a.m.
  - o The Board returned to open session at 9:31 a.m.
4. The Board moved to Item IV, Minutes.
  - o The Board reviewed the unfinished business list from the August 2000 Board meeting.
  - o A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. SUTTER AND SECONDED BY MS. RAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2000 BOARD MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH DR. DEWLEN, MR. RENDON, MS. SOKOLOSKY, MS. SMITH AND DR. STAGNER VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.
5. The Board moved to Item V, Chair's Report.
  - o Dr. Rudd asked the Board if anyone had requested a presentation at a professional meeting. Dr. Dewlen advised that he will represent the Board the next day at the Texas Association of School Psychologists (TASP) meeting.
  - o Dr. Sutter mentioned that the Board needs to put the word out that the rules now state that after July 1, 2001 internships have to be through an academic institution. Dr. Sutter stated that this notice needs to go to Special Education Directors and to the Texas Council of Administrators for Special Education (TCASE). Mr. Rendon stated that a letter should go to the service centers because they have director's meetings and to the State Educator Board of Certification. Dr. Sutter stated that the Board has an obligation to notify the public about this to prevent the school districts from hiring people that don't qualify. Ms. Lee asked the Board

to designate one of the Board members to write the letter. Dr. Dewlen stated that he and Dr. Sutter would write the letter.

- Dr. Rudd advised the Board to go through the new Board Goals and stated that he and Ms. Lee had worked on these. Dr. Rudd noted that computerization of the exams are a consuming task and may not be fully reflected in the goals. Dr. Rudd stated that the EPPP computerization will require the Board to make some substantive changes in terms of rules and procedures. The Board continued to discuss the goals.
- A MOTION WAS MADE BY RUBEN RENDON AND SECONDED BY MS. SMITH TO APPROVE THE BOARD GOALS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH DR. DEWLEN, MS. RAY, MR. RENDON, MS. SMITH, MS. SOKOLOSKY AND DR. STAGNER IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.
- Dr. Rudd advised that the Board in its evaluation of the Executive Director consistently stated that Ms. Lee overwhelmingly exceeded standards and that they recognize and appreciate her efforts.
- Dr. Rudd advised that Dr. Stagner attended the ASPPB Fall Conference. Dr. Stagner stated that 21 jurisdictions are going to implement the computerized EPPP in April. Pro Metric is administering the exam. Dr. Stagner further reported that the director of ASPPB stated in his annual report that in a six year period the organization has gone from a \$1 million operation to a \$2 million operation. Some of that revenue, about \$480,000, comes from the increased fees. Dr. Stagner asked if ASPPB foresaw more increases in the EPPP cost and it was stated they did not perceive an increase in the cost of this exam for ten years. Dr. Stagner further stated that in order to get the Texas jurisprudence exam computerized the Professional Exam Service has to get a consortium of jurisdictions so that it is cost effective. Dr. Stagner asked PES if just one jurisdiction could contract independently, and it was stated that it would cost \$49.50 for each applicant and a \$75,000 one time start-up fee, but PES thinks they have enough jurisdictions to do this.
- Dr. Stagner stated that 30 jurisdictions require three CE hours in the area of ethics. Dr. Stagner also stated that many jurisdictions do not have their own investigators and prosecutors. The administrative law speaker at the conference stated that the best thing the Board can do is to have good experts.
- Dr. Stagner stated that ASPPB has done some regional meetings for new board members to educate new members. He believes that Texas should do this in the future.
- Dr. Stagner stated that another important issue discussed at ASPPB was TeleHealth. Dr. Rudd stated that he would provide a copy of a

manuscript he sent out for review on the issue of eTherapy being beyond regulation. Dr. Rudd stated that the problem with eTherapy is that it cannot achieve informed consent. He reviewed 387 sites, none of which accomplished informed consent.

- Dr. Stagner stated CPQ has twelve jurisdictions participating, and there are twelve more states that have said they are going to pursue changes in their law. ASPPB anticipates that only half of the jurisdictions will ever be on the reciprocity agreement.

6. The Board moved to Item VII, Public Information Committee.