

**AGENDA**  
**INDIANA STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD**

Will meet on  
Friday, July 14, 2023  
At 9:00 a.m.

Indiana Government Center South  
302 West Washington Street  
Conference Center – Room 5  
Indianapolis, Indiana

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

Dr. Ross called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Center – Room 5 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:**

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

**Board Members Not Present:**

Gregory Hale, Ph.D., Chair

**State Officials Present:**

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

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.

Leib/Horn  
Motion carried 4/0/0

**III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 5, 2023 as amended.

Finley/Horn  
Motion carried 4/0/0

**IV. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, presented the consumer complaint report with the Board. He reported that they have closed sixteen (16) consumer complaints this year and opened twenty-eight (28). The average age of the open complaints is nine point eight (9.8) months. The current trend with complaints

is primarily in unprofessional conduct, professional malpractice, and fraud. The Board asked for clarification on how complaints are sent to the Board liaison for psychological input. Dr. Horn, Board liaison, stated that he has not seen any requests for his input since November 2022. Mr. Eldridge stated that there have been some changes with case evaluations that do not require the expertise of the Board liaison. Examples of the complaints that do not require Board liaison are for criminal charges filed against a practitioner, or a client is complaining that their psychologist is rude. Mr. Eldridge stated that the AG's Office wants to ensure that the liaison is utilized on an "as needed" basis. He stated that this change occurred at the beginning of the year, and it has reduced the number of complaints vastly. The AG's Office has been able to cut the number of complaints in half, and it allows a more thorough investigation to occur in their office before the complaint is filed to the Board. The Board inquired if complaints get filed to other agencies. Mr. Eldridge confirmed that situations like billing concerns do get reported to the appropriate entities based upon the investigation.

There are currently two (2) open litigation cases with only three (3) closed this year. The average duration of the litigation cases are eight point six (8.6) months. The trend with litigation is primarily in professional malpractice, followed by unprofessional conduct and unlicensed practice.

## **V. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE HEARING**

**9:00 a.m.**

### **A. LSA #23-53 Convictions of Concern**

Adds 868 IAC 1.1-16. This rule implements the provisions of IC 25-1-1.1-6 requiring every board, commission, or committee under IC 25 to revise its licensing or certification requirements to explicitly list the convictions of concern that may disqualify an individual from receiving a license; to establish criteria to determine whether an applicant should be denied a license if the applicant has a conviction of concern; and to establish a procedure for an individual to receive a pre-application determination as to whether their criminal history would preclude them from obtaining a license.

An administrative rule hearing was held in the matter of LSA #23-53 regarding Convictions of Concern at 9:18 a.m.

#### **Parties Present:**

Lindy Myer Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

#### **Participating Board Members:**

Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D., (Hearing Officer)

Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member

Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Member

Amber Finley, JD, Consumer Member

The Board opened the floor to hear public comments. Seeing no comments, the hearing was closed.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to adopt LSA #23-53 Convictions of Concern.

Ross/Leib

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**VI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**9:00 a.m.**

**A. Probation**

1. Kelly Young, Ph.D, License No. 20042335A  
Cause No. 2022 ISPB 0002

Dr. Young appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation. She submitted three reports for the Board to review, and informed the Board that her situation is going well. She is currently employed and reviewing cases for Anthem. She stated that she completed her evaluation with Dr. McIntyre in March 2023, but has not received the report yet. The Board express concerns on the delay with her receipt of the report. Dr. Young stated that she did follow up with Dr. McIntyre after two (2) months. Dr. McIntyre informed Dr. Young that she had not completed it yet. The Board gave Dr. Young avenues to obtain the report, as she cannot proceed with her probation until that is complete. The Board inquired how things are progressing with her therapist. She stated that there have been no changes. Dr. Young inquired on steps of coming off probation, and the Board stated that she can request to come off in writing. They advised her that it will be difficult to come off probation at this time since she does not have her evaluation report.

**B. Application**

1. Tammy Bean

Dr. Bean appeared as requested to discuss her reciprocity licensure application. Dr. Bean responded positive to the question regarding disciplinary action in another state. She reported that she was disciplined in the state of Massachusetts in 2018 and provided a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. She provided the Board with details on the difficult case that lead up to the discipline, and that Massachusetts required to her complete two (2) years of supervision that she has completed. She stated that she came off probation in 2020.

The Board also discussed Dr. Bean's transcripts that she submitted from the Universiteit Leiden in the Netherlands. The Board stated that the university did provide an evaluation, but there was some conflict that her degree was a Master level rather than doctoral level. Dr. Bean stated that the degree is a PH.D. doctoral level. The Board inquired if she completed a doctoral internship. Dr. Bean stated that since her program did not offer an internship per their requirements, Massachusetts required her to complete additional post-internship training before she could be granted the license. She was unsure if the training was APA or APPIC accredited. She stated that she had completed a pre-doctoral internship. The Board reviewed the reciprocity statute and discussed options with Board counsel.

**Board Review:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Bean's application for reciprocity pending passing the jurisprudence exam.

Hale/Ross  
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2. Matthew Lowery

Dr. Lowery appeared as requested to discuss why he did not disclose his background. Dr. Lowery submitted a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He stated that he thought the incident was expunged, but it was dismissed. He stated that he was unaware that those were two different processes. He stated that he has worked at the VA and passed two previous background checks, so he was unaware that his record was not expunged. He stated that he was treated for PTSD and his incidents occurred due to his struggles with that diagnosis. He stated that he has been sober since 2009 and went from being homeless to having his Ph.D. He stated that he completed his schooling through Adler university and completed an APA approved internship. He stated that he wanted to continue doing community based mental health after his experiences with his practicum. He stated that he still attends support services and has not had any relapses.

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

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3. Viann Nations

Did not appear as requested. Dr. Nations was scheduled to appear to discuss her disclosure of past discipline in another State. The Board reviewed her application and documents she submitted without an appearance but stated they cannot decide without an appearance. The Board requested that she appear to move her application forward.

Appearance rescheduled for September 15, 2023.

4. Olivia Stone – Will Not Be Appearing

Dr. Stone did not appear as requested. She asked for the Board to review her application without an appearance as she currently resides in Arizona. The Board noted that she stated that her Argosy program was APA approved, but their understanding of the university was that it originally closed due to finances because of the accreditation. Dr. Stone submitted copies of her internship logs, which are dated to have occurred after her doctoral degree was granted. Based upon the information submitted, it does not appear that she completed a pre-doctoral internship. The Board noted no internship credited on the transcript. The Board reviewed her letter outlining that her internship was completed at a Federal Prison location. It is not clear to the Board if her internship was APA approved, or if her program meets requirements. The Board noted that with all the questions they have, they would still like her to appear.

Rescheduled.

**VII. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING**  
**a.m.**

**9:00**

- A. Cynthia Mitchell, Psy.D, HSPP, License No. 20043002A**  
Cause No. 2022 ISPB 0005  
Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

**Parties Present:**

Respondent was present

Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

**Participating Board Members:**

Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D., (Hearing Officer)

Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member

Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Member

Amber Finley, JD, Consumer Member

**Case Summary:** On or about September 16, 2022 Dr. Mitchell appeared before the Board to discuss the renewal of her license. At the time of appearance Dr. Mitchell disclosed that she pled guilty to California to a charge of failing to disclose an event affecting a right to an insurance benefit. The Board voted to renew Dr. Mitchell's license on probation with the following terms:

- The license is renewed in Indefinite probation with no right to petition until the completion of criminal probation. She must submit proof of completion of her criminal probation to the Board prior to the request to come off license probation.
- She shall keep the Board apprised of the following information:
  - Current home address and contact information
  - Current employment and their contact information
- She shall submit quarterly reports updating the Board of her employment status and criminal probation.
- She must comply with all statute and rules of her profession
- She understands that any failure to comply with the requirements of her license probation could result in the Board issuing further sanctions against her license up to and including suspension.

Dr. Mitchell stated that according to California she has meet all requirements with them in April. She stated that she has withdrawn from her criminal probation and the order was signed by the judge. She stated that she has provided a copy of this order to the Board. Dr. Mitchell stated that she will be seeking expungement in the future for what occurred, as what occurred has taken her away from clinical practice. She stated that this situation arose due her not understanding what the contract company she employed had done nor the extent of what had occurred. She stated that she is exploring to become a teacher or insurance liaison due to what occurred. She stated that she does not want to be in the same position again, but she knows better what to look for. The Board had no questions for Dr. Mitchell and noted that they have received all required reports.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to accept Dr. Mitchell's request to withdraw probation.

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**VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS****A. ASPPB Tele-Supervision Hours**

The ASPPB is currently reviewing how Tele-supervision is being completed across State lines, and how that supervision is being counted for licensure. Currently the State of Indiana does not have any statute or rules that address Tele-supervision for psychology. The Board understands that there are currently CE seminars being held to address Telehealth practices as a provider, but not supervision. The understanding of the Board is that there were allowances made during the COVID emergency, but now that is no longer in effect, practitioners must adhere to the current laws and regulations. The Board discussed the current shift in the practice to see clients in a virtual setting and how they can address this change in the profession. The Board stated that they will have to review their rules to see if there is any authority, they can implement to address this trend.

**B. ASPPB Mobility Program and Procedure 2023**

The Board reviewed the ASPPB's Mobility Program and Procedure guide but did not have any comments on it.

**C. Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology (CPQ) Program Questionnaire**

The Board staff submitted an email that was forwarded to them which inquired about CPQ qualifications and certification. The request was to see if the Board will accept this certification in lieu of verification for licensure for credentialing purposes. The Board stated that they are aware of this request from the ASPPB, and this is a sticking point regarding having the ASPPB provide equivalent credential evaluations for licensure. At this time, the Board will not accept the CPQ as a credential verification for licensure.

**IX. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

**A. Limited Scope Temporary Psychology Permit**

There were no Limited Scope applications for review.

**B. Psychology by Examination/Reciprocity**

**1. Megan Payer**

Dr. Payer applied by reciprocity. She has been filed for review to determine if the license(s) she holds in California, Iowa, and Wisconsin are considered equivalent to Indiana's license. She indicated on her application that her university was not APA approved. The Board requires an APA equivalent education for licensure in Indiana. They discussed how this applies per the reciprocity statute and how to determine an equivalent license. The Board stated they would like to review the requirements needed for the license, transcripts, and program information. Application tabled.

**2. Lansana Augustine**

Dr. Augustine's application by exam was submitted for review of his education. The Board noted that he obtained a Doctorate in Divinity. This does not meet the educational requirements for licensure.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Augustine's application.

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## **C. HSPP Endorsement**

### **1. Christopher Dewhurst**

Dr. Dewhurst's HSPP application was submitted for review of his HSPP internship. It appears that half of his supervision was completed in Indiana and Kentucky. The Board does not know if the Kentucky supervisor is equivalent to an Indiana supervisor, and stated they would like to see his resume. The Board stated that they would like to see how the internship meets the requirements as outlined in the statute and rule. Application tabled.

## **D. Continuing Education**

### **1. Community Mental Health Center, Inc.**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Building Equitable Space in the Workplace  
Submitted by Susan Geaghegan, Ph.D

The Board reviewed the CE application submitted. Application was submitted to determine if her CE courses can be used for her license renewal requirements. The Board noted that the content appears to meet requirements.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve her CE application.

Ross/Leib  
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## **X. INDIANA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Mr. Rhoad stated that his office is getting more unique requests regarding CE, and with the changes Telehealth has brought to the profession that adds more complexity to CE and licensure.

He stated that there are a number of professionals who are applying for reciprocity in Indiana assuming that the HSPP is included with the license.

Mr. Rhoad discussed the PsyPact CE requirements and the CE programs that the IPA will hold which should count for meeting those requirements. Currently there are forty (40) states that are apart of the PsyPact. For those professionals who need more information regarding what PsyPact is, the IPA will have seminars and CE to provide more information. Mr. Rhoad stated that the PsyPact renewal cycle is every twelve (12) months, and those practitioners who are doing CE should be able to count the training to meet both their license and PsyPact credential.

Mr. Rhoad stated that the IPA ethics consultation service has now been available for eighteen (18) months. Their service is structured with CASES model, and they have reviews occur once a month. He wanted to clarify that this service is not for legal advice to the psychologist, but an clinical unbiased review of a case should there been concerns.

The CE fall conference will occur in November. Last year the conference was a hybrid model, but this year they have determined that an all virtual conference due to the positive feedback they received last year regarding the virtual attendance.

Membership with the IPA is going well, and they have seen an increase in students obtaining their membership.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Indiana State Psychology Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:**

September 15, 2023  
Indiana Government Center South  
402 West Washington Street  
Room W064  
Indianapolis, Indiana