

INDIANA STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

Minutes November 15, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Hale called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Professional Licensing Agency - Room W064, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and by Zoom 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., Board Liaison Member

Board Members Not Present:

Amber Finley, JD, Consumer Member

State Officials Present:

Jill Haddad, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Brad Repass, Litigation Specialist, Professional Licensing Agency

The video recording can be found on:

<https://www.youtube.com/@INProfessionalLicensingAgency>

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

Leib/Ross
Motion carried 4/0/0

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 13, 2024 were accepted as amended.

Leib/Ross
Motion carried 4/0/0

Dr. Horn expressed appreciation of the detail that was in the minutes.

IV. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, presented the consumer complaint report. He reported that they have closed thirty-four (34) consumer complaints this year, opened thirty-eight (38) this year, and there are currently twenty-eight (28) open. The average age for

open complaints is ten point six (10.6) months. Primarily complaints have been filed in Marion County followed by Hamilton County. There are currently thirty-three (33) complaints pending against psychologists. The primary complaint against psychologists have been unprofessional conduct followed by professional malpractice.

Mr. Eldridge reported they have closed two (2) litigation cases this year. There has been one (1) litigation case opened with another case currently pending. The duration of the litigation cases is zero (0) months.

Dr. Horn and Dr. Hale inquired about whether Consumer Protection has reached out to the Board Liaison for review and his input regarding any of the more recent complaints filed. Mr. Eldridge indicated that they had not. The complaints filed were clear indications of unlicensed practice, and/or there was clear understanding of no violation and could not be charged. Dr. Hale stated that the Board liaison has not been contacted about their expertise in the past two years, citing that this limits the Board's ability to monitor professional psychological practice in the State. Mr. Eldridge indicated that he would forward the Board's concerns to his supervisor. The Board stated that this matter is an official complaint as the Attorney General's office is not utilizing the Board liaison's expertise for the protection of the public.

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Probation

B. Application

1. Amani Khalil, PhD (HSPP)

Dr. Khalil appeared as requested to provide clarification on her post-internship and practicum hours for her HSPP application. She informed the Board that she is currently enrolled in a post-doctoral position seeing clients and doing assessments for an outpatient clinic. Dr. Khalil stated that she does not have enough hours on her post-internship form, so she was supplementing with her practicum hours. She indicated that she has completed 940 hours of face to face with clients, and 1630 hours of experience in her practicum. She informed the Board that her practicum was completed in 3 years, and she was supervised weekly.

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

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 4/0/0

2. Karli LaGrotte, PsyD (HSPP)

Dr. LaGrotte appeared as requested to provide clarification on her post-internship and practicum hours for her HSPP application. She provided multiple forms to the office, and her documentation was confusing. Dr. LaGrotte stated that she had two supervisors during her post-internship training, and had each supervisor fill out the forms. She stated that she completed a total of 570 hours of direct client contact hours in her post-internship training, and 700 hours of direct client contact hours in her practicum training. Her practicum was from 2020 to 2021, and she was supervised weekly. She stated that she completed another practicum from 2021 to 2022 at the same rate of time. She stated that for her practicum from 2021 to 2022 that her supervisor was not available, but the current training director was able

to verify her hours based upon the records they had on file. She stated that she is currently working at the Purdue University Counseling Center.

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

Hale/Horn

Motion carried 4/0/0

3. Miosha Williams (PhD)

Dr. Williams appeared as requested via zoom to provide clarification on her application. She indicated on her application that her program and internship were APA approved at the time of completion; however, the Board received additional documentation to show that they were not approved. Dr. Williams indicated that she answered the questions incorrectly on the application, and it was not her intention to mislead the Board. She stated that her Master program was APA approved, and she thought her psychology degree was as well. She was aware that her program did not offer an internship, so she reached out in order to complete a post-doctoral internship training to meet the requirements. The Board discussed her program and that to their knowledge APA does not approve Master programs. Dr. Williams stated that Capella did provide a letter attesting that her master's program was APA approved. The Board discussed the length of the internship she completed. She indicated that the internship was completed in less than a year. The Board stated that licensure requirements require a Ph.D. program that has at least a 1-year residency. The Board discussed the details of her residency to determine if it would qualify for just the psychology license application. They stated that she would not qualify for the HSPP. Dr. Williams stated that she does not wish to have the HSPP credential. She stated that she completed her program during the pandemic, so she completed the requirements online. The Board noted that their rules require an in-person requirement. They discussed how her program addressed their clinical training and seminars online. She stated that her program did have a 10-week training experience that had twenty to thirty psychology students attend. She stated that they met online virtually and were able to discuss and interact with their professors online. The Board stated that they would like to see some documentation regarding what covid restrictions the university had in place and would like to see an outline of what was covered in the 10-week cohorts meeting.

Dr. Williams' application was tabled pending additional information.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. ASPPB EPPP Examination Update

The ASPPB provided an announcement that they are not going to pursue the EPPP Part II examination at this time. Due to pending litigation filed by the Texas Psychology Board, and the many complaints submitted protesting their concerns with the additional examination, they are no longer pursuing Part II of the EPPP examination. The ASPPB's announcement did indicate that they will be reviewing the current examination to potentially address a skills assessment.

The Board noted that they will need to keep an eye on all discussions and roll out of an updated examination to ensure that their rules are not impacted. They stated that the Board might have to complete rule changes should the examination change. The Board

members discussed the different directions the change of examination could go and explored possible solutions and impacts.

B. Election of Officers

The Board members discussed Board officer appointments. Dr. Ross stated that he is willing to serve another year as Vice Chair, Dr. Horn indicated that he would serve as the Liaison, and Dr. Hale indicated that he would serve another year as the Board Chair.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to have Dr. Hale, Dr. Ross and Dr. Horn serve another year in their current positions.

Leib/Horn
Motion carried 4/0/0

C. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Limited Scope Temporary Psychology Permit

There were no limited scope permits for review.

B. Psychology by Examination/Reciprocity

1. Shannon Cone

Dr. Cone submitted a psychology license application by reciprocity. She currently only holds a school psychology license in the state of Florida. The license requirements to obtain a Florida school psychology license are not equal to the licensure requirement for an Indiana psychology license. The education and examination requirements are both different.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Cone's application by reciprocity due to the school psychologist license that was issued by the Florida Department of Health is not substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for an Indiana psychology license. Also, Walden University is not an American Psychological Association (APA) accredited program, and she has not taken and passed the EPPP examination which are requirements by the Board.

Hale/Ross
Motion carried 4/0/0

C. HSPP Endorsement

1. Dinah Cloud, PhD

Dr. Cloud submitted her HSPP application; however, due to her hours being completed twenty (20) years ago, she was unable to have the forms completed. She obtained a copy of her Oklahoma application for the Board's consideration. The Board noted that she has been doing clinical work in Oklahoma and appears to have moved to Indiana.

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

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 4/0/0

D. Continuing Education

1. Aspire Indiana Health

The Board reviewed the sample continuing education course. They noted that it appears that the course would be utilized for Aspire employees only, and the application would be for them to provide CE for any professional that could apply to take the course. The Board discussed continuing education sponsor renewal process to ensure that sponsors keep providing correct clinical level continuing education courses. They noted that the application is missing a copy of the attendance log, a list of the hours assigned to each course, if the courses are going to be online or in person, etc.

The application was tabled for submission of additional information.

D. INDIANA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Rhoads of the IPA provided his report to the Board. He discussed becoming a CE Sponsor for the APA and how Sponsors have to ensure that the presenters of their program are experts in their field. He discussed the different ways to determine if someone is an expert.

Mr. Rhoads commented on the Board's concerns regarding the complaint process with the Office of Attorney General. He stated that the IPA does have an ethics division which discusses cases that come to them; however, there is a line between an ethical conversation versus a legal conversation.

Mr. Rhoads provided the information on the EPPP Part 2 and stated they received the same information from the ASPPB as the Board discussed previously. He stated that he will be keeping an eye on further discussions and with other jurisdictions to see what is proposed as discussions move forward.

Mr. Rhoads stated that there are discussions of establishing APA Master level psychologists and policies. Currently there are 20 states that do offer some form of Master level psychologist with 12 states requiring those individuals be supervised and 8 allow them to be independently practicing. The APA has prepared a proposed draft scope of practice for those practitioners with public comments being offered on November 24th. He stated with all the discussion and push we might see some new legislation proposed this coming session.

He stated that there is proposed legislation that the IPA is supporting to give an income tax credit for those providing preceptorships that are currently uncompensated.

Mr. Rhoads discussed the current membership renewal data of the cycle that just finished. He stated that currently it shows that most psychologists are centralized in the city, and there are some counties that do not have a psychologist available or easy access.

Mr. Rhoads stated that the APA is presenting online CE courses from November throughout January.

E. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Horn indicated that he is planning to step down as a Board member, and that the January 2025 meeting will be his last. He stated that he is no longer practicing actively and has been a member of the Board for sixteen (16) years. The Board members thanked Dr. Horn for his knowledge and

contributions throughout the years. The Board members discussed how new appointments are handled.

Dr. Leib inquired about performing a continuing education audit for the 2022 -2024 renewal period. Ms. Vaught indicated that it is up to the Board if they wish to complete an audit, and IPLA will pull random names based upon a percentage as determined by the Board.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to audit 5% of practitioners for the 2022 to 2024 renewal cycle.

Ross/Horn
Motion carried 4/0/0

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Indiana State Psychology Board adjourned at 10:59 a.m.