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899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLOOR
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July 27, 2017

4:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

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OPEN SESSION July 27, 2017 MINUTES

Call to Order: 4:20pm

	<p><u>Roll Call:</u> <u>Attendance:</u> <u>Board Members:</u> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Teresa Grant, PhD- Board Member Eric Jones, PhD- Board Member Louis Ferguson- Consumer Member <u>HRLA Staff</u> Robin Jenkins, Executive Director Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Board Attorney Emilia Moran, Board Investigator Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist <u>Visitors from American Psychological Association:</u> Clifford Barnes, Esq. Alan Nessman, JD Caroline Bergner, JD Dr. Barbara Francis <u>Visitor from DCPS:</u> Ina Slayhter</p>	
	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u></p> <p>A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT Ms. Jenkins welcomed Mr. Louis Ferguson, Consumer Member, to the board. Mr. Ferguson previously served on the massage therapy board. The board is currently has a psychologist vacancy.</p> <p>B. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT The rule for the LGBT continuing education requirements will be published as final on August 4, 2017.</p> <p>C. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT There was no report from the Chairperson.</p>	
<p><u>Addendum #1</u></p>	<p><u>Request for limited waiver of the direct supervision requirements for psychology associates:</u> APA legal staff along with a psychologist requested board’s consideration for a waiver of certain on-site supervision requirements for a Pilot Program that the APA is working on to co-locate behavioral health and primary care services. APA staff gave an overview of their request and submitted documentations supporting their request. Tabled for the next board meeting.</p>	
<p>OS-0727-01</p>	<p>The Board approved the open session minutes of the April 6, 2017 meeting.</p>	
<p>OS-0727-02</p>	<p><u>Addressing the Request from the National Register</u> The board decided that to continue to accept the National Register of Health Service psychology credential in lieu of transcripts only.</p>	

OS-0727-03	<p><u>Question regarding acceptance of postdoctoral hours prior to conferral of the degree</u></p> <p>The board decided that the postdoctoral supervision hours must be obtained after the degree is conferred. Any supervision hours prior to the conferral of the degree will not be counted toward the required postdoctoral hours. All applicants must follow the psychology regulations requirements.</p>	
OS-0727-04	<p><u>Question regarding if psychologists can diagnose</u> (Dr. Eric Jones was recused from this matter)</p> <p>Based on the intent of the law, the diagnosis is implied into the definition of the practice. Therefore, the board decided that psychologists can diagnose.</p>	
ES-0727-05	<p><u>Question regarding acceptance of non-clinical hours for licensure</u></p> <p>The board is only accepting clinical hours toward the licensure. However, in the future, the board might look at the research hours.</p>	
OS-0727-06	<p><u>Psychology Law Updates:</u></p> <p>The board decided to adopt the practice definition of the ASPPB Model Act.</p>	
<p><u>Addendum</u> #2</p>	<p><u>Comments from the Visitor:</u></p> <p>Ms. Ina Slayhter, school psychologist had questions regarding the implementation of the school-psychologist licensure and had a concern regarding school psychologists losing their current jobs at the schools. The board stated that the exemption of school psychologist was removed from the law and now addressing the practice definition of psychology. Once that's completed, the legislative package will be forwarded to the Mayor; then to the Council chair then to the public review for comments.</p> <p>The board reassured Ms. Slayhter that the school psychologists will not lose their jobs. The board will adopt the national standards.</p>	
	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 12, 2017 at 4:00 pm. Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575B and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board moved into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p>	

 Anthony Jimenez, Chairperson

 Date