

**IOWA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**  
**Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa**  
**Origination Site: Professional Licensure Conference Room 526**  
**Open Session Meeting Minutes**  
**November 5, 2021**

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Board Office is not hosting in-person attendees. Board members and interested members of the public were invited to participate in this meeting by video or telephone.

This electronic meeting of the Iowa Board of Psychology was held in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8. The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that meeting in person is impossible or impractical and access is provided to the public. An in-person board meeting was not possible due to COVID-19. Access to this meeting was provided by electronic means as described herein.

**Chairperson – Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Cooper, Chairperson.

**Roll Call (via telephone)**

Members Present:

Lisa Streyffeler, Ph.D.

Laura Fuller, Ph.D.

Lora Keipper, Psy.D.

Justin Rhode, Public Member

Matthew Cooper, Psy.D.

**Members Absent**

Ruth Kunkle, Public Member

**Staff Present**

Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief

Sharon Dozier, Board Executive

Tony Alden, Board Executive

Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General

Beth Jorgenson, Discipline Coordinator

Vicky Winter-Clearman, Assistant to Board Administration

**Public Attendees**

Paul Ascheman, Ph.D., Iowa Psychological Association

Kari Kempf, Ph.D.

Matt Turner, Ph.D., Director of Examination Services, ASPPB

Robert Jones, University of Iowa, ASPPB / EPPP Item Development Chair

**Introductions**

Were made by the Board, staff and guests present.

At the discretion of the Board Chair, Agenda Item 4 was moved to immediately follow the approval of minutes.

### **Approval of Open Session Minutes**

August 6, 2021

Cooper moved the Board approve the open session meeting minutes of August 6, 2021 as presented. A second was received by Fuller. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

### **Requests**

Fuller recused from the following discussion.

Request to approve Supervision Registration of Professional Experience Requirement for licensure, and the internship program completed at the Mississippi Bend AEA, for meeting Health Service Provider requirements pursuant to 645—IAC 240.7(2), submitted by Kari Kempf, Ph.D.

Dr. Kempf briefly explained her request to approve her completed internship as qualifying for the HSP, and her supervision plan for postdoctoral supervised experience to apply to the licensure requirement. The documents she submitted in advance of the meeting were reviewed.

Cooper moved the Board approve the Request to approve the Supervision Registration of Professional Experience for meeting the applicable Licensure requirement, and the internship program she completed at the Mississippi Bend AEA for meeting the Health Service Provider requirement pursuant to 645—IAC 240.7(2), for Kari Kempf, Ph.D. A second was received by Streiffeler. Recused, Fuller, all other ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Kempf requested her Petition for Waiver be withdrawn as it is no longer needed. She departed from the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

### **Reports**

#### **Sharon Dozier, Board Executive**

#### **ASPPB Information, Rules Status**

Dozier said the Board's new practice chapter in the rules became effective on October 13, 2021. She reported on the virtual ASPPB Board of Directors meeting held on August 27. The ASPPB invited participation by the Iowa Board at this meeting. Dozier stated she attended a portion of the meeting and answered questions about the Board. She provided information on the Board's prior review of the EEPP Part 2 and noted this is on the agenda for discussion at today's meeting. The meeting included presentations on the ASPPB PsyPact, exam program, the VA standardization project and accreditation, including jurisdictions adopting PC/SAS. Dozier noted that Cooper and Streiffeler also attended a portion of this meeting. The ASPPB executive staff persons gave an update on the annual meeting and noted all board members may attend this virtual meeting as it would be held virtually. Dozier also attended the virtual ASPPB Board Administrators meeting on August 25, 2021.

## **Board Chair Report, Matthew Cooper**

Cooper reported that he attended a portion of the annual ASPPB meeting on October 15.

## **Bureau Chief, Steven Garrison**

Bureau Chief Garrison noted the recent hiring of a new investigator, Maureen Barton. He said a new board executive will also be hired and there will be changes in board executive assignments. Sharon Dozier will continue to work with other boards in the Bureau, and Tony Alden will be the board executive assigned to this board. Alden will also retain the Boards of Behavioral Science and Social Work. AAG Steffensmeier represents these boards, and a newly assigned licensing specialist also works with these boards. Garrison anticipates the staffing changes will be effective around January 1, 2022.

Cooper expressed appreciation to Dozier for her knowledge and expertise, and other members also thanked her for her work with the Board.

## **AAG Report, Laura Steffensmeier**

AAG Steffensmeier reported on the Iowa Supreme Court decision in *Calcaterra vs. Iowa Board of Medicine*, noting the public statement of charges and notice of hearing can no longer include the factual information. This information will need to be redacted from public documents until the case is resolved. She noted the decision will not impact settlement agreements which are final discipline. Steffensmeier noted the Board of Medicine is pursuing a legislative change to include the factual information in public charges.

## **New Business**

### **a. EPPP Discussion**

Streiffeler reported that four exams are required for physician licensure. One of the exams is practice based, with simulated medical scenarios. She noted with the pandemic the practice examination was suspended and will likely be eliminated. Since the exam was not multiple choice, other measures were used for validation since psychometrics are not applicable to a practice based exam. Factors such as patient encounter variables, implicit bias, etc. are considered. There was discussion of board certification and maintenance of certification for psychologists as well as physicians.

Dr. Matt Turner joined the meeting. He stated that the ASPPB EPPP 2 examination is a skills examination, as compared to the initial examination that measures foundational knowledge. He provided an overview of the background for the examination development. He added that discussions have occurred for 12 to 15 years about the need to address the assurance of competency to practice. The individual licensure jurisdictions have used various means to assess skills, including hours, letters of recommendation, oral or skills exams. None of these methods provide a standardized, reliable and valid measurement of skills.

In response, the ASPPB evaluated options and developed an exam that is computer based, and is currently used by 6 jurisdictions that have completed Beta testing. A passing point was established, and test scores are provided at the testing location and are delivered within 2 days to the jurisdictions. Items are pretested before being added to the exam. He noted the EPPP 2 examination is currently an optional examination for member jurisdictions. The EPPP 2 cost is

\$300, and there are options under review for reducing the cost impact by allowing the exam to be completed at a different time than the knowledge based exam.

Fuller asked about the exam validity and whether the examination adds to the current EPPP. Dr. Turner said there is ongoing psychometrics with any examination and the difficulty is in criteria measures. He noted that no licensing examination has published validity results. The second examination is built on job task analysis to examine competency and the length of the list of required skills is too long to be incorporated into the existing examination. There are supplemental measures of validation under development with a technical advisory group.

Dr. Turner noted there are currently 2 jurisdictions which have expressed no interest in the Part 2 examination. One of those will require an extensive law change. He said most jurisdictions are either required to make law changes to their statute, or are waiting for the outcome of beta testing, with 14 jurisdictions requesting he speak to their Boards.

In response to Paul Ascherman's inquiry, Dr. Turner noted several jurisdictions had raised concerns regarding the need for a standardized skills assessment measurement for licensure, which led to the interest in creation of the second examination. Dr. Turner spoke of the evidence of issues related to competency issues, and the Part 2 Exam provides an additional level of public protection.

Dr. Robert Jones with the University of Iowa spoke on his previous experience on the Iowa Board of Psychology. He noted the development of the EPPP 2 is directed to the skill and practice level. He is the chair of the committee of item writers for the EPPP 2.

Rhode's asked about preparation for the training community for the EPPP 2. Dr. Turner noted that 2,700 psychologists responded to the job task analysis survey and the training community can consider the test specifications with sample items. Dr. Turner said everyone involved with the exam are licensed psychologists, and the competency models are similar. Psychologists are in agreement with the skills level necessary to practice and the EPPP 2 is similar to the test specifications of the APA and Canadian models.

In response to Cooper's inquiry about adding additional testing locations for the Psychopharmacology Examination for Psychologists (PEP) Dr. Turner said additional testing centers will be located in Des Moines and Iowa City area for the PEP examination. Cooper noted there are currently only 3 locations in the northern part of the state.

#### **b. Agenda items for next board meeting**

There were no items identified for the next meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

Dr. Paul Ascherman thanked Dozier for her assistance over the years on behalf of the Board.

The Board recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

#### **Closed Session**

A motion was made by Cooper to enter into closed session at 10:43 a.m. to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)d and to discuss records that are required to be kept confidential as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a). A second was received from Rhode. Roll call was taken:

Cooper-Aye

Streyffeler – Aye

Fuller – Aye

Keipper-Aye

Rhode- Aye

Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 12:19 p.m.

#### **Open Session to vote on items discussed in closed session**

Cooper moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes of August 6, 2021 as presented. A second was received by Fuller. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Cooper moved the Board close 20-0246 and 21-0166. A second was received by Streyffeler. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

#### **Future Board Meetings**

February 4, 2022

May 6, 2022

August 19, 2022

#### **Adjournment**

The Board adjourned unanimously at 12:21 p.m. on a motion by Cooper and a second by Fuller.

The minutes were approved at the February 4, 2022 board meeting.