

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**  
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

- Date: April 17, 2015
- Time: 1:30 p.m.
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Scott Hashimoto, J.D., Psy.D., Chairperson  
Rosemary Adam-Terem, Ph.D., Member  
Lisa Chun Fat, Member  
Brian B. Combs, Ph.D., Member  
Marty Oliphant, Member  
Margo I. Peter, Psy.D., Member  
May Ferrer, Executive Officer  
Shari J. Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Faith Nishimura, Secretary
- Excused: Carol L. Nowak, Ph.D., Vice Chairperson
- Guest: Sherry Sutherland-Choy, applicant
- Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hashimoto at 1:34 p.m.

**The following agenda item was taken out of order.**

- Applications:
- a. Examination
    - i. Sherry L. Sutherland-Choy

Dr. Sutherland-Choy appeared before the Board to answer any questions it may have. Executive Officer Ferrer explained to Dr. Sutherland-Choy that she may choose to have her application reviewed and discussed in either open session or in executive session.

Dr. Adam-Terem briefed the Board on Dr. Sutherland-Choy’s application and noted that Dr. Sutherland-Choy received her doctoral degree from Argosy University Hawaii (APA accredited in clinical psychology). It was further noted that Dr. Sutherland-Choy completed her internship experience at the Waianae Coast

Comprehensive Health Center, in twelve months and accumulated 2,009 hours.

Furthermore, Dr. Sutherland-Choy completed her postdoctoral experience at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, in one year and six months and accumulated 2,120 hours.

Dr. Adam-Terem went on to say that Dr. Sutherland-Choy passed the EPPP exam on March 2, 2015.

It was moved by Dr. Adam-Terem, seconded by Dr. Combs, and unanimously carried to approve the application of Dr. Sutherland-Choy pursuant to HRS § 465-7 and HAR §§ 16-98-8 and 16-98-9.

Mr. Oliphant arrived at 1:39 p.m.

Dr. Sutherland-Choy left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes:

It was moved by Dr. Peter, seconded by Ms. Chun Fat, and unanimously carried to approve both the open session and executive session minutes of the March 13, 2015 meeting as circulated.

Additions/Revisions to Agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Oliphant, seconded by Dr. Peter, and unanimously carried to add the following matter to the agenda:

9. Correspondence

- c. April 10, 2015 email from Gloria Wong regarding questions regarding the licensing of psychologist

Chairperson's Report:

None.

Executive Officer's Report:

- a. Record of Candidates Examined: For the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)

Executive Officer Ferrer reported that there were two (2) candidates who took and failed the EPPP exam as of March 24, 2015.

- b. Information request about transfer of EPPP scores

Members reviewed an email dated April 3, 2015 from the Puerto Rico Psychology Board regarding the transfer of the Spanish version of the EPPP scores.

Executive Officer Ferrer indicated that the ASPPB developed a Spanish version of the EPPP known as the S-EPPP. The S-EPPP is a translation and adaptation of the original English version containing the same items and administered under the same

conditions as the English version. The passing score obtained by taking the S-EPPP is the same as the one obtained by taking the EPPP (English).

After further discussion, it was the Board's consensus to accept the scores obtained in the S-EPPP.

Executive  
Session:

It was moved by Dr. Peter, seconded by Dr. Adam-Terem, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 1:45 p.m. pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(1), HRS, to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional license cited in Section 26-9, HRS, and pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:50 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Adam-Terem, seconded by Mr. Oliphant, and unanimously carried to return to open session. The room was reopened to the public.

Applications:

b. Examination Waiver

i. William A. Dobson

It was moved by Dr. Peter, seconded by Dr. Combs, and unanimously carried to defer the application of Dr. Dobson pursuant to HRS §§ 465-7 and 465-10, and HAR §§ 16-98-9, 16-98-16, 16-98-23 and 16-98-25.

c. Senior Psychologist

None.

d. ABPP Diplomate

None.

e. CPQ

None.

f. NR

None.

**The following agenda item was taken out of order.**

Correspondence:      b.      Letter dated April 3, 2015 from the ERISA Law Group regarding Dr. Michael Villanueva

Members reviewed a letter, among other related correspondence, from Robert J. Rosati, Esq., dated April 3, 2015, regarding Dr. Villanueva and a scheduled neuropsychological examination for Mr. Rosati's client.

Discussion followed. It was moved by Dr. Adam-Terem, seconded by Dr. Combs, and unanimously carried to inform Mr. Rosati that the Board is not involved in private evaluations, insurance claims, etc.

Based on the information provided, members suggested approving Dr. Villanueva's application and issue an advisory, non-disciplinary letter informing him that pursuant to HRS §465-2, "Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it shall be unlawful to represent one's self as a psychologist or engage in the practice of psychology without having first obtained a license as provided in this chapter".

Furthermore, HRS §465-15(a) states in relevant part, that [n]o person shall:

- (1) Use in connection with the person's name any designation tending to imply that the person is a licensed psychologist unless the person is duly licensed and authorized under this chapter; . . .

Applications:      g.      Ratifications

i.      ABPP Diplomate

- a.      Keren C. Suberri
- b.      Michael R. Villanueva

It was moved by Dr. Adam-Terem, seconded by Dr. Combs, and unanimously carried to ratify the approval of the applications of Drs. Suberri and Villanueva pursuant to HRS § 465-7.

ii.      CPQ

- a.      Tony Wu

It was moved by Dr. Combs, seconded by Dr. Adam-Terem, and unanimously carried to ratify the approval of the application of Dr. Wu pursuant to HRS § 465-7.

iii. Senior Psychologist

a. Tia A. Hoffer

It was moved by Ms. Chun Fat, seconded by Dr. Peter, and unanimously carried to ratify the approval of the application of Dr. Hoffer pursuant to HRS § 465-7.

Legislation: a. House Bill No. 1072, H.D. 1 Relating to Prescriptive Authority for Certain Psychologists

Executive Officer Ferrer reported that this measure crossed over to the Senate on March 12, 2015 and referred to the Senate Committees on Health/Judiciary and Labor, and Commerce and Consumer Protection.

This measure has not been scheduled for a hearing therefore, it will not be moving forward this legislative session.

Members determined that discussion on any proposed legislation for the 2016 session should be scheduled at a board meeting in the fall of 2015.

Members proposed contacting associations and individuals related to the field of psychology to meet with the Board to discuss any proposed legislation.

b. House Bill No. 269 Relating to Psychology

This measure expands doctoral degree requirements for licensing of psychologists to include additional doctoral programs accredited by the American Psychological Association.

The Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection held a decision making hearing on March 31, 2015 and recommended that the measure be passed unamended.

This measure was transmitted to the Governor on April 7, 2015.

c. Senate Bill No. 40, S.D. 3, H.D. 2 Relating to Licensing

This measure establishes the Behavior Analyst Program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; requires the licensing of behavior analysts for the practice of behavior analysis; and appropriates funds to implement the Behavior Analyst Program.

After discussion, the Board determined that licensed psychologists are exempt from this measure, and that the measure explicitly states that it “is not intended to restrict the practice of other licensed or credentialed healthcare practitioners practicing within their own recognized scope of practice . . .”

New Business: None.

Correspondence: a. Timothy T. Law

The Board reviewed Dr. Law's request for a psychologist license. Dr. Law is asking for the Board's informal opinion as to whether he is qualified to apply for licensure under special circumstances.

The Board was unable to determine if Dr. Law is qualified, as a current application has not been submitted.

c. April 10, 2015 email from Gloria Wong regarding questions regarding the licensing of psychologist

Members reviewed an email from Gloria Wong regarding licensing of psychologists.

The Board informally opined the following with regards to Dr. Wong's specific questions:

- Our pre-doc internship training was done in non-government organizations (NGOs) from different areas such as psychiatric hospital, substance abuse center, elderly home and children center...etc. Can they be classified as "Organized Health Services Training Program?"

**Yes, so long as Dr. Wong's pre-doc internship was approved by her doctoral program and is reflected in her transcript.**

- The mental health agency that I will be working towards the post doc internship is outside of US, would that be acceptable?

**Yes, provided that Dr. Wong's supervisor is a licensed psychologist in the U.S.**

- Is off site supervision acceptable?

**Yes.**

- For the post doc training, if the supervisor, who is a licensed psychologist with inactive status, would it be acceptable?

**No. A psychologist whose license is inactive is considered unlicensed. Pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") 16-98-8(2), a post-doctoral supervisor shall be:**

**(A) A licensed psychologist; or**

**(B) A person who holds a doctoral degree in psychology or educational psychology from an accredited institution, granted**

- prior to 1970, and is listed in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology; or  
(C) A person who is a diplomate, by examination, of the ABPP.

- Is internet supervision by a licensed psychologist acceptable?

**Supervision via telecommunications in real-time may be considered acceptable, including videoconferencing, Skype, GoToMeeting with video conferencing, and FaceTime.**

Next Meeting: Friday, May 15, 2015  
1:30 p.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Dr. Adam-Terem, seconded by Dr. Peter, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ May Ferrer  
May Ferrer  
Executive Officer

/s/ Faith Nishimura  
Faith Nishimura  
Secretary

MF:fn

5/7/15

- Minutes approved as is.  
 Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.