


MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 25, 2018
TO	Board Members
FROM	 Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 18(a) Standardization of Training Categories

Background:

At its January 22, 2018 meeting, the Licensing Committee discussed and considered a proposal relating to the standardization of trainee categories. The aim of the proposal would be to enhance consumer protection and transparency by creating a single pathway to licensure that would standardize the process for trainees to gain experience towards licensure as a psychologist. The proposal would require all trainees to register as psychological assistants with the Board to ensure accountability while providing psychological services to the public as well as the accrual of supervised professional experience (SPE).

Currently, an individual can gain supervised professional experience required for licensure in five (5) different ways:

- Apply to the Board and register as a psychological assistant;
- Apply to the Board to become a registered psychologist;
- Gain experience through an exempt setting, such as academic institutions or governmental organizations;
- Gain experience through a formal doctoral internship/placement that is overseen by the American Psychological Association (APA), the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC), or the California Psychology Internship council (CAPIC); or
- Gain experience through a Department of Mental Health Waiver

Even though the common goal for these trainees in these different settings is to gain experience towards licensure as a psychologist, the requirements, oversight, and processes can be varied.


Staff worked with SOLID Training and Planning Solutions of the Department of Consumer Affairs and developed three surveys to obtain feedback on the proposal from three different perspectives: staff, licensees, and stakeholders.

At its April 24, 2018 meeting, the Committee reviewed and discussed written feedback and survey responses from stakeholders, licensees, and staff relating to the proposal on the standardization of trainee categories. As a result of the discussion, the Licensing Committee recommended to consolidate the current five (5) different pathways into four (4) by removing the registered psychologist category. The Committee has tasked staff to include their recommendation as part of the proposed amendments for “Pathways to Licensure” for review at its October 8, 2018 meeting with the anticipation that the recommendations will be presented to the full Board at the November 2018 Board meeting.

Action Requested:

This item is for informational purposes only. No action is required.

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DATE	April 25, 2018
TO	Board Members
FROM	 Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager
SUBJECT	<p>Agenda Item 18(b)(1)-(2)</p> <p>1) Proposed Amendments to Business and Professions Code:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • §§ 25, 28, & 2915.5 (Training in Human Sexuality, Child, Elder, and Dependent Adult Abuse Assessment and Reporting, and Aging and Long-term Care); • § 27 (Disclosure of Information); • § 2903 (Licensure Requirements); • §§ 2909, 2909.5, 2910, & 2911 (Exemptions); • § 2913 (Psychological Assistant); • § 2914 (Applicant's Requirement); • § 2915 (Continuing Professional Development); • §§ 29 & 2915.7 (Continuing Education: Chemical Dependency and Alcoholism and Aging and Long-term Care) • §§ 2940 & 2941 (Application and Examination Fees); • §§ 2942, 2943, & 2944 (Examination Time and Subjects); • § 2946 (Reciprocity and Temporary Practice); • § 2948 (Issuance of License); and • § 2960 (Grounds for Disciplinary Action) <p>2) Proposed Amendments to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • § 1380.3 (Definitions); • §§ 1381, 1381.1, & 1381.2 (Applications); • § 1381.4 (Failure to Appear for an Examination); • § 1381.5 (Failure to Pay Initial License Fee); • § 1381.6 (Permit Processing Times); • §§ 1382, 1382.3, 1382.4, 1382.5, & 1382.6 (Pre-licensing Courses); • § 1386 (Evaluation of Education); • § 1387 (Supervised Professional Experience); • §§ 1387.1 & 1387.2 (Qualifications of Primary and Delegated Supervisors); • § 1387.3 (Non-Mental Health Services); • § 1387.4 (Out-of-State Experience); • § 1387.5 (SPE Log);

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• §§ 1388, 1388.6, 1389, & 1389.1 (Examinations-Waiver/Reconsideration);• §§ 1387.7, 1390, 1390.1, 1390.2, & 1390.3 (Registered Psychologists)• §§ 1387.6, 1391, 1391.1, 1391.2, 1391.3, 1391.4, 1391.5, 1391.6, 1391.7, 1391.8, 1391.10, 1391.11, & 1391.12 (Psychological Assistants);• § 1392.1 (Psychological Assistant Fees); and• § 1397.71 (CE Provider Status) |
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Background:

The Committee anticipates to complete the review of all proposed amendments with the goal of providing their recommendation to the full Board at the Board meeting in November 2018.

Action Requested:

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DATE	April 25, 2018
TO	Board Members
FROM	<i>Stephanie Cheung</i> Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 18(c) – Psychological Assistant #1 Consideration of Licensing Committee Recommendations Regarding an Extension of the 72-Month Registration Period Limitation for Registered Psychological Assistant Pursuant to Section 1391.1(b) of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations

Background:

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1391.1 provides in part:

(b) Registration as a psychological assistant shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years (72 months). Each registration shall be subject to annual renewal pursuant to section 1391.12.

For any psychological assistant registered prior to the effective date of this subdivision, subsequent renewals or registrations shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years (72 months) from the date of the psychological assistant's next registration or renewal, whichever occurs first.

Upon showing of good cause as determined by the Board, these specified time limitations may be reasonably modified.

Psychological Assistant (PSB) #1 – Request for a 10- to 15-year Extension of the 72-month registration period

PSB #1 was issued a total of six psychological assistant registrations with the first registration issued on February 1, 1990. Five of the six registrations have since expired or cancelled. PSB #1's most recent registration was issued on September 6, 2013 and is set to expire on September 6, 2018 according to the 72-month limitation rule with the genesis date beginning on October 23, 2011.

PSB #1 reported a total of 3,170 hours of Supervised Professional Experience (SPE). The breakdown of the total hours of SPE is as follows:

- 1,500 hours of credited pre-doctoral SPE accrued from September 1, 1997 to September 1, 1999;

- 90 hours of credited post-doctoral SPE accrued from November 17, 2000 to December 31, 2000;
- 60 hours of credited post-doctoral SPE accrued from November 17, 2000 to December 31, 2000; and
- 1,520 hours of credited post-doctoral SPE accrued from January 2, 2001 to July 5, 2002.

PSB #1 is requesting a 10- to 15-year extension of the psychological assistant registration because that is the anticipated date of PSB #1's retirement as well as PSB #1 has ongoing medical issues.

Attachment:

A: Letter of Request and Supporting Documents

Action Requested:

Review and consider the Licensing Committee's recommendation to deny the 10- to 15-year extension request of the 72-month limitation for the psychological assistant registration, but to grant a one-year period of extension from the current expiration date of the registration to make any necessary arrangements.