

MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 29, 2018
TO	Board Members
FROM	<i>Stephanie Cheung</i> Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 18(c) – Psychological Assistant #4 Consideration of Licensing Committee Recommendations Regarding an Extension of the 30-consecutive Month Limitation to Accrue 1500 Hours of Post-Doctoral Supervised Professional Experience Pursuant to Section 1387(a) of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations

Background:

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1387 provides in part:

(a) Pursuant to section 2914(c) of the code, two years of qualifying SPE shall be completed and documented prior to licensure. One year of SPE shall be defined as 1500 hours. At least one year of SPE shall be completed postdoctorally. Each year of SPE shall be completed within a thirty (30) consecutive month period. If both years of SPE (3000 hours) are completed postdoctorally, they shall be completed within a sixty (60) month period. Upon showing of good cause as determined by the board, these specified time limitations may be reasonably modified.

Psychological Assistant (PSB) #4 – Request for a Four-year Extension to the 30-Consecutive Month Limitation to Accrue Post-Doctoral Supervised Professional Experience (SPE)

PSB #4 reported a total of 2,720 hours of SPE. The breakdown of the total hours of SPE is as follows:

- 1,500 hours of credited pre-doctoral SPE accrued from September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2012; and
- 1,220 hours of post-doctoral SPE accrued from May 2013 to July 2017

Pursuant to the time limitation in accruing SPE set forth by section 1387(a) of the California Code of Regulations, PSB #4 is required to complete all post-doctoral SPE by November 1, 2015 as the start date in accruing post-doctoral SPE was on May 1, 2013.

PSB #4 is requesting an extension due to personal health issues and care for elderly father who was diagnosed with a terminal illness and has passed away in August 2017. Medical documentation was provided to support the request. PSB #4 is currently on

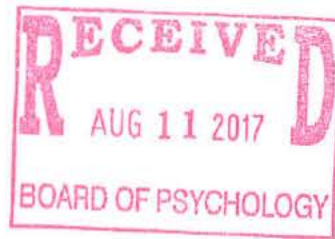
leave but plans to return to complete the remaining hours within 6 months beginning in January 2019.

Attachment:

A: Letter of Request

Action Requested:

Review and consider the Licensing Committee's recommendation to grant the four-year extension request to the 30-consecutive month limitation to accrue post-doctoral SPE.



July 24, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to the board because it has been brought to my attention that all post-doctoral hours must be completed in a 30 month time frame. I began my post-doctoral hours with Dr. [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] center 05/2013. I have been collecting hours and working part time since that start date. It had never been brought to my attention there was an allotted timeframe to complete the hours until applying for licensure this year.

I am reaching out to the board at this time to ask if my case could be considered to be reasonably modified based on having been required to interrupt my post-doctoral training accrual of 1500 hours in numerous medical situation: multiple miscarriages, high risk pregnancy with health issues, immediate gall bladder surgery after child birth, and elder care for father with stage IV terminal cancer.

I am aware that I should have applied for an extension on collecting my hours two years ago; however, I was not aware of the time limit at that time and am now asking for the mercy of the board. I have prided myself in staying strong throughout these difficult experiences and staying committed throughout this journey towards licensure.

At this time I am hoping that all my hours to date can be saved. I also ask that the board recognize my diligence to date and not look down upon my taking leave from my post-doctoral training to care for my father while he is in hospice care in my home. I ask that my hours be counted to date and that I may return to complete my last 290 hours when I am no longer navigating my father's hospice care/end of life.

I am grateful for your time and consideration,

Best,

