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MEMORANDUM

DATE	February 9, 2015
TO	Psychology Board Members
FROM	Karen Johnson Licensing Coordinator Karen Johnson
SUBJECT	**Agenda Item 24(a) – Closed Session** **Agenda Item 25(f)** Request from M.G. for an Extension of the 30-consective Month Requirement to Accrue 1500 hours of Post-Doctoral Supervised Experience Pursuant to Section 1387(a) of the California Code of Regulations

Attached is M.G.'s request for an extension of the 30-consecutive month requirement to accrue post-doctoral hours of supervised professional experience (SPE).

Section 1387(a) of the CCR states the following:
(a) Pursuant to section 2914(c) of the Business and Professions 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.

M.G. earned 682 hours of qualifying post-doctoral SPE from 8/18/12 to 12/31/12. M.G. will need to earn an additional 818 hours to meet the minimum 1500 hours of post-doctoral SPE required for licensure. M.G. began working in California at an exempt setting in June 2015.

M.G. did accrue 880 hours of post-doctoral SPE from 5/9/13 to 9/26/13. However, during this period of supervision M.G.'s supervisor was a master's level psychologist licensed in Vermont. Pursuant to section 1387.4(a) of the CCR, only psychologists licensed at a doctorate level will qualify to supervise a trainee accruing hours of SPE.

Section 1387.4(a). - Out of State Experience.
(a) All out of state SPE must be (1) supervised by a primary supervisor who is a psychologist licensed at the <u>doctoral</u> level in the state, U.S. territory or Canadian

province in which the SPE is taking place, (2) in compliance with all laws and regulations of the jurisdiction in which the experience was accrued and (3) in substantial compliance with all the supervision requirements of section 1387.

Action

The Board must decide to either grant or deny an extension of time for M.G. to earn the remaining 818 post-doctoral hours of SPE.

Dear Board of Psychology,

June 26, 2015

I am asking for reconsideration of my post doc experience to be considered for licensure due to being misinformed by During the year of 2012, I sent in an application for licensure as a psychologist. At the time was working there, sent me a letter stating that I was approved to sit for the EPPP. At the time, due to life circumstances of moving to another state to complete my post doctoral experience, I was not able to make the deadline to sit for the exam. I then went to work at Counseling Services of Addison county in Vermont. At the time, I knew that the supervisor at the Counseling services of Addison county had a licensed masters level psychologist and I was concerned about this. I called my licensing analyst at the time) and spoke to about my concern and mentioned that as long as is a licensed psychologist in the state he is practicing (Vermont) that my hours would be approved. and I put together a supervisory agreement and he mailed this into the board. I did not heard back from the board mentioning any problems with this. I in fact called twice about my concern and both times mentioned that I would be fine being supervised by a licensed masters level psychologist. Since I did not hear back from the board about any issues with this supervisory agreement, I went ahead and completed my 1500hrs with At the end of my doctoral experience with I mailed in my application for licensure dated January 21, 2014. I never heard from the board about anything negative about my hours. I then moved back to California, to work for CDCR. At the time, I was studying for my EPPP and I worked for CDCR (California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation) at SATF, in Corcoran, CA. I did receive supervision as I was not licensed, but I did not think I needed to send in a supervisory agreement since I assumed all was well regarding my 1500hrs. Now that I was getting close to being ready to sit for my EPPP, I sent in my application once again to receive approval to sit for the EPPP. I was pleased to hear that I was approved to sit for the exam and also horrified to hear that my post doctoral hours would not count. Since I received this letter, I started a new supervisory agreement where I work and had my supervisor send this in. I am asking that an extension be allowed in order to collect the remainder of my post doc hours due to incorrect information I received from if the previous post doc hours are not considered.

Sincerely,