



MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 29, 2015
TO	Board Members
FROM	Karen Johnson Licensing Coordinator <i>Karen Johnson</i>
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 14(a) – Closed Session Agenda Item 15(e) – Open Session Request from J.M. for an Extension of the 30-consecutive Month Requirement to Accrue 1500 hours of Post-Doctoral Supervised Experience Pursuant to Section 1387(a) of the California Code of Regulations

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

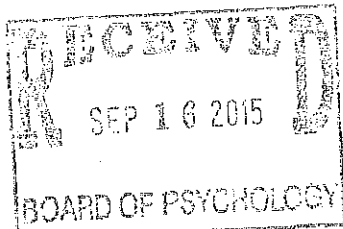
Section 1387(a) of the CCR states the following:

(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.

J.M. accrued 1,294 hours of qualifying post-doctoral supervised experience from 4/1/13 to 5/31/15 as a psychological assistant. The 30-month timeframe for her to accrue 1500 hours expired on 10/1/15. Her supervisor retired in May 2015 and she obtained a new psychological assistant registration on 9/25/15. J.M. is requesting an extension of five (5) months to March 1, 2016 to earn the remaining 206 hours to meet the minimum 1500 hours of post-doctoral supervised experience required in regulation.

Action

The Board must decide to either grant or deny an extension of time for J.M. to earn the remaining 206 post doc hours of supervised experience.



Ms. Karen Johnson, Licensing Coordinator
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August 11, 2015

Dear Ms. Johnson,

Hello, my name is _____ I'm writing to request an extension of my 30-month time period to complete my post-doctoral hours.

I have completed 1294 post-doctoral hours under the supervision of Dr. _____ at _____ However, as she has retired, I was not able to finish my remaining 206 post-doctoral hours with her.

I began my post-doctoral training in April 2013, so 30 months from that date would bring me to the end of September 2015.

I have procured a placement with Dr. _____ of _____. He has agreed to provide me with a psychological assistantship so that I may finish the remainder of my post-doctoral supervised clinical hours.

We have submitted the Application to Employ a Psychological Assistant, as well as the Supervised Agreement for Supervised Professional Experience, for the Board's approval.

On August 5, I received notice that the Board had received these documents. I am planning to start working with Dr. _____ as soon as my psychological assistantship is approved. Therefore, I am anticipating that I will finish my post-doctoral hours within the next few months, leading to a total time span of perhaps 32-35 months.

I previously submitted this request, hoping to deliver it in time for the August Board meeting, but I was not aware I had to send this information to you specifically. I am enclosing copies of the two other mailings I sent to the Board, for your easy reference and to avoid any confusion. I apologize that I did not originally send the information directly to you, Ms. Johnson.

My phone number is _____ and my email is _____. Please feel free to call or email with any questions, or requests for further documentation. I would be more than happy to respond.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Karen Johnson, Licensing Coordinator
Dr. Jacqueline Horn, Licensing Committee Chair
Dr. Stephen Phillips, Licensing Committee Member
Dr. Andrew Harlem, Licensing Committee Member
Ms. Nicole J. Jones, Licensing Committee Member and Board Vice President
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August 31, 2015

Dear Ms. Johnson and the Board of Psychology,

Hello, my name is [redacted]. About three weeks ago I sent a letter requesting the Board's approval for an extension of my 30-month time period to complete my post-doctoral hours. I understand that this request is to be considered during the November 12-13 Board meeting in San Diego.

I'm writing again because I'd like to add more specific information about why I'm asking for an extension, and I also want to provide some documentation, in case that would be helpful. Here is a bit of personal information about myself.

Since my son was born on October 31, 2009, I have alternated between being his sole caretaker and his primary caretaker. This is the reason why I worked about 10-11 hours a week with Dr. [redacted], my post-doctoral placement, rather than a greater number of weekly hours.

A little more than a year ago, my husband and I entered mediation for divorce proceedings and we are currently in the final stages of mediation. My son had started to exhibit some problems which I believe were a very understandable reaction to his family structure changing. I continued to devote the majority of my time to my son, without hesitation. This personal crisis made it more difficult for me to maintain even the 10-11 hours per week, but I managed to do so.

While working at [redacted], I almost finished my 1500 post-doctoral hours within 30 months; however, Dr. [redacted] retired and closed her practice in May. At this time, I had completed 1294 hours.

As I mentioned earlier, I have procured a psych assistantship with Dr. [redacted]. We have submitted the Application to Employ a Psychological Assistant, as well as the Supervised Agreement for Supervised Professional Experience, for the Board's approval.

On August 5, I received notice that the Board had received these documents. I am planning to start working with Dr. _____ as soon as my psych assistantship is approved. Doctor _____ and I are both expecting that by the time the Board considers this request at the November meeting, I will already be making progress on completing my remaining post-doc hours. Therefore, I am anticipating that I will finish my post-doc hours within the next few months, leading to a total time span of perhaps 32-35 months.

I am a little hesitant to share this personal information, but my understanding is that it may help the Board achieve a fuller picture of the reason for my request. In that spirit, I am including a letter from my personal therapist who has supported me with my recent life changes, verifying that I have been the sole/primary caretaker for my son.

I am also including a print-out of an email from Dr. _____, verifying that she retired and closed her practice in May of this year, as well as copies of our original Supervision Agreement, and the Verification of Experience Form for my 1294 completed hours, which she sent to the Board in July.

I am additionally including a print-out of the Board's email verifying that my psychological assistant application with Dr. _____ was received.

Finally, I am enclosing a copy of the original letter I sent a few weeks ago, so it might be easier to match this new information with my previous request.

I have been through a lot of changes since my son was born in October 2009. My experiences with juggling motherhood and career, as well as a strenuous marital situation and ultimately divorce, have made these the most difficult years of my life as well as the most rewarding. I promise the Board that I did the absolute best job I could at attempting to finish my post-doc hours within the required 30 months.

I ask for the Board's understanding to allow me an extension of five months or less as I continue to power through everything. I am ready to hit the ground running and finish my 206 hours with Dr. _____.

My phone number is _____ and my email is _____. Please feel free to call or email with any questions, or requests for more information or further documentation. I would be more than happy to respond. Also, if needed I can be present for the Board meeting in person or by phone.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I appreciate it.

Sincerely,

MFC#

916.952.7187

August 21, 2015

Re:

DOB:

Dear California Board of Psychology,

I am writing this to provide supporting documentation for request
to extend the 30 month time period for her post-doc hours. has been a client of mine since
August of 2013 and during that time she has been the sole primary caretaker of her young child,
who is now five years old. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at

Sincerely,

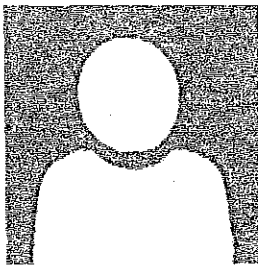
, LMFT, LPCC

Verification of Retirement

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8/21/15

To:



Hello Dr.

You may print and use this to verify for the CA Board of Psychology that I retired in May 2015 and closed at that time.

You have my permission to submit this to the BOP as part of your request for an extension of the 30 month time frame to finish your post-doc hours.