



MEMORANDUM

DATE	August 3, 2015
TO	Board Members
FROM	Karen Johnson Licensing Coordinator <i>Karen Johnson</i>
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 14(b) – Closed Session Agenda Item 15(f) – Open Session Request from J.B. 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.B.'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.B. accrued 1,043 hours of qualifying post-doctoral supervised experience from 1/15/2011 to 7/15/2013 (30-consecutive months) as a psychological assistant. She continued to work past the 30-months at that same location until 2/26/2014 for an additional 247 hours. J.B. began working as a psychological assistant to a different supervisor on 4/8/2014 to 11/21/2014 where she earned the remaining 201 hours to meet the minimum 1,500 post-doctoral hours of supervised experience required for licensure.

Action

The Board must decide to either grant or deny a 16-month extension to 11/21/2014 in order to accept all of J.B.'s post-doctoral hours of supervised experience.

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California Board of Psychology Members,

Please let this letter serve as my appeal for an extension of the consecutive 30-month requirement for collection of 1500 post-doctoral hours. Unfortunately, neither my supervisors nor myself were aware of regulation 1387(a). I found it difficult to earn the recommended 12 clinical hours per week during my assistantship with Dr. _____, however, because we were aware of Section 1391.1, of Division 13.1 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, we believed I would still be able to complete my hours without difficulty. Believing that I had 6 years (72 months) to complete my psych assistantship, I did my best to obtain as many hours as possible, but believed working 8 hours per week would suffice until more opportunities arose. However, I found it physically difficult to work more than 8 hours per week during my pregnancy, which occurred August 2012 to May 4 2013. Subsequent to the pregnancy, I had an emergency, unplanned caesarian section, with complications. My necessary recovery made it impossible to work more than 8 hours per week, and at times even working that many hours was intolerable.

I continued working with Dr. _____ until February 26th, 2014, believing at that time I had earned 1290 hours over a 37-month period. I began an assistantship with Dr. _____, April 8th, 2014, with the goal of earning the remaining 210 hours. At the time, we believed I had 35 months to complete the remainder of my hours. I completed the remainder of my hours approximately 6.5 months later. As I began preparing and studying for the EPPP, I submitted my SPE's for the psych assistantships with the intention of taking both parts of the licensing exam as close together as possible. It was not until I received an email from Karen Johnson on August 11th, 2015 that I learned of the situation I now find myself in.

I ask that my hours be accepted, in total, due to the limitations I faced during my pregnancy and surgery recovery. If the board does not see fit to accept the 1500 hours I have accumulated, I ask that I be given more time under the supervision of Dr. _____ to complete the 457 hours earned outside of the 30 month limitation, under regulation 1387(a).

Thank you for your consideration.