



MEMORANDUM

DATE	August 3, 2015
TO	Board Members
FROM	Karen Johnson Licensing Coordinator <i>Karen Johnson</i>
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 14(c) – Closed Session Agenda Item 15(g) – Open Session Request from V.W. 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 V.W.'s request for an extension of the 30-consecutive month requirement to accrue pre-doctoral hours of supervised experience.

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

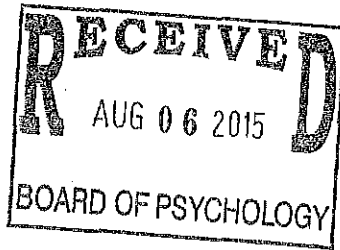
(a) Pursuant to section 2914(c) of the Business and Professions Code, two years of qualifying SPE shall be completed and documented prior to licensure. One year of SPE shall be defined as 1500 hours. At least one year of SPE shall be completed postdoctorally. Each year of SPE shall be completed within 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.

V.W. accrued 1,323 qualifying pre-doctoral hours of supervised experience from 8/20/2007 to 6/26/2008 at a formal internship placement. She resumed working at the internship placement on 1/26/2010 to 6/8/2010 where she earned another 181 hours of supervised experience to meet the 1,500 hours that can be earned pre-doctorally. The 30-consecutive months terminated on 2/20/2010. The hours earned from 2/20/2010 to 6/8/2010 for a total of 140 hours were accrued outside of the 30-month time frame.

Action

The Board must decide to either grant or deny a 3 ½ month extension to 6/8/10 in order to accept all of V.W.'s pre-doctoral hours of supervised experience.

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July 30, 2015

Dear Ms Karen Johnson,

I'm writing this letter to petition for a request of exception to the 30-month rule to complete 1500 pre-doctoral supervised hours. I began my pre-doctoral internship at University of San Francisco Counseling Center in August of 2007 and the internship was supposed to end in July of 2008. However, in June of 2008, I found out that I was pregnant with my first child. It was the happiest moment of my life, except I was constantly feeling sick with intense abdominal pain. I found out that I have huge uterine fibroids that could possibly impact the growth of the fetus. It was a very stressful time, as the first 3 months of pregnancy is crucial to the development of the fetus, and I was battling the complications with the growing of the fibroids. The doctor recommended bed rest and low stress, and I decided that I needed to put my internship on hold until things are more settled. Luckily, my supervisor was very supportive of my decision and agreed that I should take some time off, and that I could return later to finish the remaining hours.

In November of 2008, while 5 months pregnant, I was hospitalized for a few nights for Campylobacter infection. In January 2009, I ended up delivering my first baby in an emergency c-section much earlier than expected, but luckily my baby was born healthy. The bad news was that the fibroids did not shrink, and I needed to go back 6 months after the c-section for a surgery to remove the fibroids. I spent 4 nights in the hospital, and was told that it will take about 3 months to heal. I returned to USF in January 2010 to finish up my remaining pre-doctoral hours, and I was working under the assumption that I would not have any problems with my hours being credited. In hindsight, I understand that it should have been my responsibility to check all rules and regulations, but unfortunately I had no clue where and how to check for those regulations during that stressful period of my life.

I was told that 136 of my hours would not count towards the 1500 requirement due to the 30-month rule. I hereby beg for your kindly consideration to please allow those 136 hours to be credited due to the circumstances I described above. I am really hoping that I could move forward with the ability to start collecting my post-doctoral hours as soon as possible. I already felt like I wasted a year of time because I originally applied for the registered psychologist position last year, and after 6 months of waiting/calling/emailing, I finally got a response saying that my application has been withdrawn because the Board never received my school transcripts. I told them that my school indeed confirmed that they

had sent it, but they said there is nothing they can do, and I'll just have to re-apply and re-submit everything. I really hope that you can help me out. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,