

Lynch, Kathy G

From: Lynch, Kathy G
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:29 AM
To: 'Beard, Keith'
Subject: Series 2 Comments and Responses
Attachments: 2017-12-13 Harlow Responses to Comments Series 2.pdf

Keith,

We've been working on finalizing Series 2. Thank you again for your comments regarding Series 2. Attached please find Jeff Harlow's response to your comments.

Have a great day!
Kathy

Kathleen Lynch
Administrative Assistant
WV Board of Examiners of Psychologists
PO Box 3955
Charleston, WV 25339-3955
Office Phone: 304-558-3040
Office Fax: 304-558-0608

New Web Address

psychbd.wv.gov

Lynch, Kathy G

From: Lynch, Kathy G
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:28 AM
To: 'jerryspiegler@suddenlink.net'
Subject: Series 2 Comments and Responses
Attachments: 2017-12-13 Harlow Responses to Comments Series 2.pdf

Jerry,

Thank you again for your comments regarding Series 2. Attached please find Jeff Harlow's response to your comments.

Have a great day!
Kathy

Kathleen Lynch
Administrative Assistant
WV Board of Examiners of Psychologists
PO Box 3955
Charleston, WV 25339-3955
Office Phone: 304-558-3040
Office Fax: 304-558-0608

New Web Address

psychbd.wv.gov

WV BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Title 17, Series 2 – Board Responses to Comments

§17-2. – REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST AND/OR A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

CHANGES MADE

Comment: The section on the Supervision Contract in Series 2 is inconsistent- for one group (Doctoral) it reads the supervisee "must be" a W-2 employee, yet for a different group (Masters) it says "may be" a W-2 employee. We believe that the correct wording is "must" for both, as pre-licensure personnel in our discipline cannot work as independent contractors.

Keith Beard, Psy.D., of the West Virginia Psychological Association

Board Response: The Board changed the wording so that all three contracts say that the supervisee must be a W-2 employee.

Comment: Regarding 17 – 2 – 8.4 the second sentence reads: "A licensee shall supervise no more than four (4) candidates for psychology or school psychology licensure."

Suggestion: Please consider deleting the period at the end of the sentence and adding: <at the same time.>

Justification: The sentence as originally written conveys the impression that a given Supervisor may only supervise a maximum of four (4) Supervisees over the course of her or his professional career. Once that Psychologist has completed four (4) successful Supervisor-Supervisee relationships she or he has reached a lifetime limit.
Gerard Spiegler, MA

Board Response: Although this section is not contained in Series 3, this issue is now clarified in Series 2. Please see 2.6.3.

CHANGES NOT MADE

Comment: There is no mention within this same section (Supervision Contract) of Supervisors being required to have a formal agreement with the agency employing the supervisee, which allows the supervisor to have access to all of the supervisee's client/patient records and related confidential information, and/or to contact, observe or intervene with these clients/patients as needed for supervision to proceed. Without such an agreement, supervisors who are not formal employees of the practice/agency and the agency/practice itself may be in violation of HIPPA

Keith Beard, Psy.D., of the West Virginia Psychological Association

Board Response: While this is a very important fact, the Board felt that this document is an agreement between the Board, Supervisor, and Supervisee. There is a section which states: Both parties will maintain current knowledge of HIPAA and other pertinent legal, ethical and regulatory guidelines and responsibilities.

Comment: We did not see anything indicating that all clients/patients must be informed that the supervisee is, in fact, being supervised, and that the client/patient ought to be provided with contact info for the supervisor. This notification is a standard part of supervisory ethics throughout the field.

Keith Beard, Psy.D., of the West Virginia Psychological Association

Board Response: While this is a very important fact, the Board felt that this document is an agreement between the Board, Supervisor, and Supervisee. There is a section which states: Both parties will maintain current knowledge of HIPAA and other pertinent legal, ethical and regulatory guidelines and responsibilities.