

Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Council
Meeting Minutes: September 1, 2021

Introduction

Anna Miller gave a brief synopsis of the meeting agenda and recapped the minutes of last meeting.

Anna started a motion to approve meeting minutes from August 18th GORRC Meeting Six.

Kelly Dudley (SAO) makes the motion

Stephen DeBaun (DOR) seconds the motion

The motion is approved

Dr. Colin Muething (applicant group) gave a statement about considering the regulation of behavior technicians and seeking input from four (4) other states. The applicant group is also having discussions with SOS about structuring to keep costs low. They remain committed to ensuring Georgia citizens are protected through licensing statute.

HB 412

Anna Miller states the draft findings:

- The unregulated practice of applied behavior analysis may harm or endanger the health, safety, and welfare of citizens of this state. With approximately 1,112 license-eligible individuals practicing applied behavior analysis in Georgia, citizens of this state may be harmed by the practice in an unregulated environment and the lack of consumer protections in place.
- The practice of applied behavioral analysis requires special skill or training. Behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts must meet certain education requirements and attain certain degrees, undergo supervised training, and pass an exam to achieve certification by the Behavioral Analyst Certification Board, thereby meeting licensure requirements laid out in HB 412.
- The citizens of this state will be best protected by state regulation of behavioral analysts. Citizens of Georgia will be protected from malpractice by regulating behavioral analysts practicing in this state.
- There are no means other than state regulation to protect the interests of the state. State regulation of behavioral analysis is the only way to protect those receiving treatment in this state.

Anna opens the floor for the recommendation of the council.

Stephen DeBaun moves to adopt the report as drafted.

Anna requests for the Council to make a motion on a recommendation.

Kate Iannuzzi (DNR) moves to approve the recommendation with additional language that behavioral technicians also be covered by the Board.

Anna offers recommendation that the bill pass but recommend the applicant group work with the legislature to address the accountability and supervision of technicians, which would allow the bill to move forward.

Anna Miller moves to recommend HB 412 pass with the previous recommendations.

Stephen DeBaun makes a motion to approve

Kate Iannuzzi seconds the motion

Council unanimously votes to approve

OPB – Aye

DOR – Aye

DPH – Aye

SAO - Aye

DNR – Aye

AG – Aye

House – (Absent)

Senate – (Absent)

SOS – (Absent)

Anna Miller moves to adjourn the meeting. The Council will hold its next meeting on September 22nd at 3 p.m.