

MINUTES
of the Fourth Meeting of the
Applied Behavior Analysts Technical Review Committee
August 12, 2022
9:30 a.m. to Noon

TRC Members Present

David Reese (Chair);
Darrell Klein, JD;
Kevin Low, DDS
Debra Parsow
Stephen M. Peters, BA, MA
Denise Logan, BS, RT

TRC Members Absent

Jeffrey L. Howorth

Program Staff Present

Matt Gelvin
Jessie Enfield
Ron Briel

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of the Agenda

Chairperson Reese called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The roll was called; a quorum was present. Mr. Reese welcomed all attendees. The agenda and Open Meetings Law were posted and the meeting was advertised online at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Licensure/Pages/Credentialing-Review.aspx>. The committee members unanimously approved the agenda for the fourth meeting and the minutes of the third meeting.

II. The Presentation of Applicant Group Testimony

The following persons presented testimony on behalf of the applicant group:

- Dr. Patricia Zemantic, PsyD, BCBA-D
- Dr. Connie Taylor, PhD, BCBA-D
- Dr. Sarah Kupzyk, PsyD, LP, BCBA-D
- Dr. Bethany Hansen, BCBA-D, PhD
- Andrea Clements, BCBA
- Lori Nickels, ABA
- Michael Wasmer, COO, Council of Autism Service Providers
- Dr. Gina Green, PhD, BCBA-D
- Kate Weitz, Parent of ABA patient
- Georgia Ryba, Parent of ABA patient

III. The Presentation of Testimony by Opponent Testifiers

- Dr. Diana Marti, PhD, LP

IV. Follow-Up Comments, Questions, Rebuttals

In response to concerns expressed about the potential impact of the proposal on other licensed mental health professionals Dr. Mark Schriever, PsyD, stated that the proposal would not require other, licensed mental health professionals to acquire a license as an ABA in order to provide ABA services. Dr. Gina Green, PhD, BCBA-D, commented that ABA is a profession not a modality. Sarah Voss, LMHP, commented that the ABA proposal would set the standards of care for mental health services for ABA services in Nebraska. Georgia Ryba commented that ABAs are trained in a team approach to care, and that they highly value working with other mental health professionals to provide these services.

V. Next Steps

Program staff informed the Committee members that the next meeting of their Committee might be the one wherein recommendations on the proposal are formulated and that the agenda for this upcoming meeting would include this as a component of the Committee's work for that meeting with the proviso that if there are Committee members who indicate that they are not ready for this final step in the review process that this part of the process would be deferred to a future meeting.

VI. Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business the committee members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.