

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

The general meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at the Board office, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair.

PRESENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.
Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Jeffrey H. Tindall, Ph.D.
Carole M. Harper, MA., RN, Public Member
Mark Glat, Psy.D., Secretary

ABSENT:

T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Keith D. Cicerone, Ph.D.

ALSO ATTENDING:

Carmen Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board
Elaine L. DeMars, Managing Executive Director
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board approved the open session minutes of July 12, 2004, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session for discussion of the oral examinations.

The Board returned to open session.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TEMPORARY PERMIT—NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

The following candidates were issued a three-year temporary permit for the supervised practice of psychology:

Erika January, Ph.D.
Brian L. Burgess, Ph.D.
Louis Monaco, Psy.D.
Stacey Cahn, Ph.D.
Sharon A. Kramer, Ph.D.
Matthew Helfant, Psy.D.
Michelle Deering, Ed.D.

Melisa Arrieta, Psy.D.
Alicia Williams, Ed.D.
Laura Cooney, Psy.D.
Christine Hudson, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

The following candidates were issued a one-year temporary permit for the unsupervised practice of psychology:

Dara B. Klein, Psy.D.
Elizabeth Cardoso, Ph.D.
Jeffrey Coady, Psy.D.
Sharon Hollander, Psy.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jennifer A. Cole, Ph.D.

Dr. Cole wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary that expired on August 10, 2004. Dr. Cole stated that she has not accrued the required supervised hours needed for licensure. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Tindall, the Board voted to extend Dr. Cole's permit until the next Board meeting scheduled for October 4, 2004. The Board is requesting that Dr. Cole have her supervisor submit the number of hours that she has accrued toward sitting for the E.P.P.P. examination before the next meeting. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Mark Sofair-Fisch, Ph.D.

Dr. Sofair-Fisch wrote requesting an extension of his three-year temporary permit that expires on October 19, 2004. Dr. Sofair-Fisch stated that upon the issuance of his permit, he has experienced health issues that have prevented him from accruing his supervision hours. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Tindall, the Board voted to extend Dr. Sofair-Fisch's permit for an additional year, expiring on October 19, 2005. The extension is contingent upon him taking the E.P.P.P. examination on or before December 31, 2004. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Elizabeth Bena-Schaul, Psy.D.

Dr. Bena-Schaul wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Bena-Schaul stated that because of surgery, she was unable to finish the preparation of her work sample. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Tindall, the Board voted to grant Dr. Bena-Schaul an additional 90 days to submit her work sample. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Lynette McKeon, Psy.D., #4059

Dr. McKeon wrote requesting that the Board waive the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:42-4.2 (a)1, (authorized supervisors), so that she may be permitted to supervise a post-doctoral student in the State of New Jersey. Dr. McKeon stated that she was initially licensed on February 3, 2003, making her ineligible as a supervisor until February 3, 2005. She explained that an administrative process led to a substantial delay in being scheduled for her oral examination. Upon motion made by Ms. Harper and seconded by Dr. Tindall, the Board voted to waive the requirement and grant Dr. McKeon's request to serve as a permit supervisor, based on the circumstance that occurred in scheduling her oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Jamie Solomon-Charney, Psy.D.

Dr. Solomon-Charney wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Solomon-Charney stated that her supervisor passed away on August 7, 2004. She informed the

Board that her supervisor's death has made it difficult for her to finish the preparation of her work sample.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Tindall, the Board voted to grant Dr. Solomon-Charney and additional 90 days to submit her work sample, following the activation of her temporary permit. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Alyson D. Nelson, Ph.D.

Dr. Nelson wrote requesting that the Board accept supervision hours she accrued during her employment at Trinitas Hospital, under the supervision of Rodger Goddard, Ph.D. Dr. Nelson had not submitted the name of Dr. Goddard for approval as an additional supervisor on her three-year temporary permit. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Tindall, the Board voted to accept the supervision hours accrued under the supervision of Dr. Goddard at Trinitas Hospital contingent upon Dr. Goddard's submission of the required supervision forms. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Ho-Shyuan Wu, Ph.D.

Lee Hyer, Ed.D., supervisor for Dr. Wu, wrote to inform the Board of errors in recently submitted supervision forms. He requested that the Board accept supervision hours that Dr. Wu accrued under his supervision from September 2003 through August 2004 at the University Behavioral HealthCare, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to accept supervision hours Dr. Wu accrued under the supervision of Dr. Hyer. The Board directed that a letter be sent to UMDNJ administrators detailing the supervision requirements. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Carole Alto, Ph.D., #4166

This matter was tabled for the October 4, 2004 agenda.

Rachel Gingold, Ph.D.

This matter was tabled for the October 4, 2004 agenda.

Michael S. Rothmel, Esq.

The Board reviewed information provided by Mr. Rothmel, involving a Battered Woman's Syndrome case. Mr. Rothmel requested the Board's guidance. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Tindall, Mr. Rothmel will be advised that the Board cannot make a recommendation or give an opinion with regard to the scenario outlined. The Board, however, will suggest that a formal complaint be filed with details of the scenario described, in order for the Board to make a decision. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Velile Notshulwana, Ph.D.

Board staff brought to the Board's attention that Dr. Notshulwana received her doctoral degree from a non-accredited college/university. The Board expressed concern with the scope of practice in the non-exempt setting. The information provided reflects practice that requires a license. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Tindall, the Board voted to inform Dr. Notshulwana that she is not eligible for licensure in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.1(c). The Board also directed that St. Barnabas be advised of the requirements for licensed psychologists.

John Barth, Director, Accreditation and State Liaison

The Board reviewed a copy of the Federal Register notice forwarded to the Board for review and submission of written comments on or before September 27, 2004. The Board reviewed the proposed amendments for an expansion of the scope submitted by the Distance Education and Training Council. Upon motion made and seconded, the Board will request clarification of the current scope, the working definition of "first professional

degrees", a list of degrees in this category, information on the Title IV programs referenced and additional information on the "postsecondary institutions" category, before making comment. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REPORT ON TEMPORARY PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON 8-23-04-Tindall

Brett Holeman, Psy.D./Bernard Bilicki, Psy.D., supervisor (present)

Dr. Holeman did not pass the E.P.P.P. computerized examination administered on July 31, 2004.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to continue Dr. Holeman's permit with no change. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Donna Melnick, Psy.D.

Dr. Melnick did not pass the E.P.P.P. computerized examination administered on June 30, 2004.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to extend Dr. Melnick's permit for an additional six months contingent upon her taking the E.P.P.P. exam within the next three months. Additionally, the Board will limit her to a maximum of ten patients, to be reduced by attrition. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE BILL

-Assembly No. 1763-This proposed legislation would permit persons with criminal records to obtain certain employment if disqualifying offense was committed more than 10 years ago, and there were no subsequent offenses. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board stated that it sees no justification for the bill based on the vague language. Therefore the Board voted not to support the bill. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Regulation Committee

Dr. Patterson reported that the Committee will be meeting at the Board office on Monday, September 20, 2004 at 9:30 A.M.

APPROVED BY: Respectfully submitted,

Date: Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D. Carole M. Harper, MA., RN
Chair Secretary
