

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, on Monday, April 5, 2010. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M.

PRESENT:

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Alan M. Groveman, Ph.D., Secretary
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.
Daniel N. Watter, Ed.D.

ABSENT:

T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Suzanne Winderman, Public Member

ALSO ATTENDING:

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to approve the public session minutes of February 1, 2010 and March 1, 2010, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon unanimous vote of all members present, the Board went into closed session for discussion of the oral examinations. The Board returned to open session.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

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

Robin Duckett, Ph.D.

Alexander Wright, Psy.D.

Carl Williams, Ph.D.

Tracy Druckenbrod, Ph.D.

Megan Duffy, Psy.D.

James Porter, Psy.D.

Rebecca Mischel, Psy.D.

Marjorie Berkowitz, Psy.D.

Kenneth Welsh, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

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

Megan Brown, Ph.D.

David Leibovitz, Psy.D.

Sara Stearns, Ph.D.

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Bernice Davis, Psy.D.

Abigail Miller, Psy.D.

Marina Shikhman, Ph.D.

Robert Trobliger, Ph.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jared Scherz, Psy.D., TP #073-790

Dr. Scherz wrote requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond its May 2, 2010 expiration date.

Dr. Scherz did not complete an internship, he needed to complete all of his post-doctoral supervision, which was completed on the expiration date of his permit, therefore, he requested an extension.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to extend Dr. Scherz' temporary permit for an additional year contingent upon him taking the E.P.P.P. written examination on or before November 30, 2010. Dr. Scherz was advised that his permit will now expire on May 2, 2011. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Thomas Grace, Psy.D., TP #063-666

Dr. Grace wrote requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond its March 7, 2010 expiration date.

Dr. Grace stated that he recently took and passed the E.P.P.P. written examination and is currently preparing his work sample for submission.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to extend Dr. Grace's temporary permit for an additional year. Dr. Grace was advised that his permit will now expire on March 7, 2011. Voting in favor of the motion: all

Heather Watson, Ph.D., TP #063-672

The Board reviewed Dr. Watson's letter supporting her request for an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond its April 5, 2010 expiration date.

Dr. Watson indicated in her letter that she is currently completing her post-doctoral hours to take the E.P.P.P. written examination and will be taking maternity leave shortly.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to extend Dr. Watson's temporary permit for an additional year. Dr. Watson was advised that her permit will now expire on March 15, 2011.

Sarah Stearns, Ph.D., TP #101-A429

Dr. Stearns wrote requesting an extension of time to submit her work sample for the oral examination beyond her May 2, 2010 due date.

Dr. Stearns stated that she needs additional time to initiate treatment with a new client and reach a sufficient stage of therapy to prepare her work sample appropriately for submission.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to extend the submission date of Dr. Stearns' work sample to the expiration date of her temporary permit. Dr. Stearns was advised that her work sample is now due in the Board office on or before March 4, 2011. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., #1861

Dr. Jeffers wrote requesting guidance from the Board with regard to a request for detailed documentation pertaining to each Medicare Advantage enrollee she received from Aetna through MedAssurant.

Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to inform Dr. Jeffers that this matter appears to involve a Medicare private contractor. It is the Board's understanding that Medicare private contractors may be entitled to the same records and information that Medicare is entitled to by law. The Board further advised Dr. Jeffers that she consult with her attorney to verify whether or not this entity is entitled to the same information as Medicare. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Ruvanee Vilhauer, Ph.D., TP #091-A405

Dr. Vilhauer wrote requesting an extension of her one-year unsupervised temporary permit beyond its March 17, 2010 expiration date.

Dr. Vilhauer stated that the extension is needed to continue treatment with her client which would allow her to start preparation of her work sample for submission.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to extend Dr. Vilhauer's temporary permit an additional year. Dr. Vilhauer was advised that her permit will now expire on March 17, 2011. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Jonathan Wall, Psy.D., #3642

Dr. Wall submitted a response to the Board's proposed amendments and new rules N.J.A.C. 13:42-3.6; 13:42-12, even though the comment period had lapsed.

Dr. Wall is requesting that the Board accept his recommendations in good faith and that an amendment of the new regulations will be in the best interest of the consumer.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to table this matter to get clarification as to where the regulations are in the process and was informed that they were in the adoption phase by the Division of Consumer Affairs, Regulatory Analyst. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

American Psychological Association (APA)

The Board reviewed two documents from APA with regard to APA-accredited, doctoral, internship, and post-doctoral programs as published in the December 2009 edition of the American Psychologist and the current Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation and Accreditation Operating Procedures .

The Board accepted the documents as informational and referred them to the Regulation Committee.

Miriam Zuniga, Psy.D.

Dr. Zuniga wrote requesting licensure without examination pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-20.

Dr. Zuniga is requesting that the Board review her credentials and qualifications and license her without examination. Dr. Zuniga stated that she was issued a license in Puerto Rico in 1985. The license is currently expired.

Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to deny Dr. Zuniga's request for licensure without examination on the basis of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-20 because she is not currently licensed in another state. In order to qualify for licensure, she will have to complete all of the steps of the licensing process including passing both the written E.P.P.P. examination and the oral examination. Dr. Zuniga was further advised that although St. Clare's Hospital was formerly a bona fide community agency it has not renewed that status with the Board since 2008. Unfortunately, this places anyone who is not licensed or under permit who does work of a psychological nature at St. Clare's Hospital in jeopardy of being sanctioned for unlicensed practice. Dr. Zuniga was further advised that her temporary permit would be approved and issued when her licensing file is complete.

Robert Rosenbaum, Ed.D., #2181

Dr. Rosenbaum submitted comments with regard to the Board's proposed amendments and new rules N.J.A.C. 13:42-3.6; and 13:42-12, specifically about psychologists who perform custody/parenting time evaluations.

Dr. Rosenbaum further stated that there is a distinct potential for a "disconnect" between two sets of regulations which apply to psychologists who perform custody/parenting time evaluations (i.e. Board of Examiners and Court rules).

Dr. Rosenbaum respectfully suggest that it might be beneficial if some form of liaison is established between the two autonomous authorities which impact the production of forensic evaluations.

Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to thank Dr. Rosebaum for raising these concerns. However, the Board asked Dr. Rosenbaum to keep the Board informed of any issues that may arise. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

OPEN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

I/M/O Kenneth Langlieb, Ph.D., #3073 (suspended)

The Board reviewed Dr. Langlieb's responses to the Board's "Directives" regarding his future activities.

The Board reviewed and accepted the information.

I/M/O Frank MacArthur, Ph.D., #3723 (suspended)

Dr. MacArthur met with a committee of the Board to discuss his impending return to the active practice of psychology in the State of New Jersey.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to approve Dr. MacArthur's return to active practice, under supervision, contingent upon receipt of documentation from his supervisor that he began supervision. Additionally, his therapist should submit a written report indicating the progress Dr. MacArthur has made with regard to the issues in the matter. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan M. Groveman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Date: Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Chair