

# State Board of Psychological Examiners

February 5, 2001

## Public Session Minutes

The general public meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at the Board office, 124, Halsey Street, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by Kenneth Roy, Ed.D., Chair.

### **PRESENT:**

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Chair  
Jeffrey H. Tindall, Ph.D.  
Keith D. Cicerone, Ph.D.  
Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D.  
Debra Eckert-Casha, Esq., Public Member

### **ABSENT:**

Margery B. Manheim, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Secretary  
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member

### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

Paul C. Brush, Executive Director  
Kathy Rohr, S.D.A.G., Counsel to Board  
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant  
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

### **MINUTES:**

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board voted to approve the open session minutes of November 6, 2000 and January 8, 2001, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to go into closed session for discussion of the oral examinations. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

The Board returned to open session.

### **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

#### **LICENSED BY ORAL EXAMINATION**

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Leight, The Board determined that the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Alma McDonald, Psy.D.  
Bernard Chelis, Ph.D.  
Thomas Enos, Ph.D.  
Ann Reese, Psy.D.  
Elvira Anselmi, Ph.D.

Lauren P. Meyer, Psy.D.  
Chris Falzarano, Ph.D.  
Deborah Smith, Psy.D.  
Deborah Libero, Ph.D.  
William Bundick, Jr., Ph.D.  
Kevin Fleming, Ph.D.  
Victoria P. Width, Ph.D.  
Mark B. Besen, Ph.D.,  
Jacqueline Rondeau, Psy.D.

### TEMPORARY PERMIT NOT TO EXCEED **THREE YEARS**

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

Jennifer Ward, Psy.D.  
Nicole Livingston, Ph.D.  
James Cassidy, Psy.D.  
Lynne Lombardi, 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:

Carol J. Dorfman, Ph.D.  
Richard Gaines, Ph.D.  
Thomas McBride, Ph.D.  
Lorraine Wiegand, Ph.D.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Lorrie Demarest, Ph.D.**

Dr. Demarest wrote requesting a one-year extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on February 23, 2001.

Dr. Demarest states that she is in the process of completing her supervised hours and plans to take the October 17, 2001 EPPP written examination. Dr. Demarest states that the one-year extension would allow her to complete the process.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Mrs. Casha, The Board voted to extend Dr. Demarests three-year temporary permit contingent upon her taking the October 17, 2001 EPPP written exam. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

#### **Elias Fernandez, Ph.D.**

Dr. Fernandez wrote requesting an extension of his three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on March 23, 2001.

Dr. Fernandez took and failed his oral examination in November 2000 and is requesting an extension that would allow him to continue with his patients.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Mrs. Casha, the Board voted to extend Dr. Fernandezs three-year temporary permit contingent upon his submitting his work sample to the Board office by May 1, 2001. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **John Salerno, Ph.D.**

Dr. Salerno wrote requesting an extension of his three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on February 28, 2001.

Dr. Salerno stated that he has accumulated most of his supervision hours. Dr. Salerno stated that his battle with his current illness has prevented him from completing his supervision before the expiration of his temporary permit.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Mrs. Casha, the Board voted to extend Dr. Salernos three-year temporary permit contingent upon him taking the EPPP on October 17, 2001. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **Irving B. Guller, Ph.D., # 567**

The Board reviewed a general mailing from Dr. Guller about a new web site, StopPanic.com, which was launched in September 2000. The web site provided referral information and a copy of the first chapter of StopPanic.

## **Kate Meyers, Esq., Superior Court**

Ms. Meyers wrote to inquire about the level of education and qualifications needed for an upcoming position within the Superior Court for making recommendations in child custody disputes.

Ms. Meyers is specifically inquiring about the kinds of tests that may be administered only by a licensed psychologist within the State of New Jersey. Ms. Meyers is requesting that the Board provide her with a list of such tests so she may compare the Boards list to the tests required or preferred by the family court judges in Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board directed Executive Director Brush to forward a letter to Ms. Meyers requesting the job title of the position, a description of the job title, and what decisions will be made based on the test results. Furthermore, the Board wants a list of the tests to be administered by the job title. The Board also directed Executive Director Brush to send Ms. Meyers a copy of the Custody Guidelines informing her the Board is looking forward to discussing this issue with the family court judges this spring. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **Guidelines for the Clinical Use of Electronic Mail with Patients**

DAG Rohr distributed information for the Boards review from the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association.

Dr. Roy requested that the Regulation Committee undertake this topic for possible incorporation into its regulations.

## **Release of Patient Records/Information**

DAG Rohr submitted for the Boards review a Proposed Policy Statement for Appropriate Response by Psychologist to Subpoena or other Formal Request for Patient Record/Information which she adapted from one recently developed by the Board of Medical Examiners.

The Board thanked DAG Rohr for preparing such a document and recommended incorporating this document into its upcoming newsletter.

## **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:**

### **I/M/O Charles Schwartz, Ed.D., #295**

The State Board of Psychological Examiners filed an Administrative Action Consent Order against Dr. Schwartz on January 3, 2001.

### **I/M/O Paul J. Forti, Ph.D., #3071**

An Administrative Action Notice of Motion, Certification and First Amended Complaint was filed by the Board of Psychological Examiners on January 22, 2001 against Dr. Forti.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board voted to accept the motion to amend the complaint against Dr. Forti. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Additionally, the State Board of Psychological Examiners filed an Administrative Action Second Interim Order against Dr. Forti on January 10, 2001.

**I/M/O Allen P. Blasucci, Psy.D., #1254**

The State Board of Psychological Examiners filed an Administrative Action Final Order of Reprimand against Dr. Blasucci on January 3, 2001.

**I/M/O Luis R. Nieves, Psy.D., #1275**

The State Board of Psychological Examiners filed an Administrative Action Final Order of Reprimand against Dr. Nieves on January 3, 2001.

**I/M/O Donna Toma, Ph.D., unlicensed**

The Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division filed an Order Dismissing Appeal by Dr. Toma for failure to file a brief on January 3, 2001.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Newsletter Committee**

Debra Eckert-Casha reported that she is in the final stages of putting all the gathered material together to be given to the Print Production Department in Consumer Affairs for finalization.

**Judicial Education Committee**

Debra Eckert-Casha, Esq. reported that another tentative meeting has been scheduled for March 8, 2001 at Dr. Roys office to continue working on the Spring 2001 Seminar scheduled for May 14, 2001.

Dr. Roy reported that the committee has asked four New Jersey licensed psychologists to be part of the panel on that day.

**Oral Examination Committee**

Dr. Roy has asked Jeffrey Tindall, Ph.D. to Chair this committee.

APPROVED BY:

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Date: Kenneth G. Roy  
Chair

