

**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
FEBRUARY 5, 2007
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

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 11:05 A.M. by Kenneth Roy, Vice Chair.

PRESENT:

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Vice Chair
Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Secretary
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D.
Evelyn A. Orocz, Ph.D.

ABSENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member

ALSO ATTENDING:

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board
Wanda Ginn, Secretarial Assistant
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Orocz and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board approved the public session minutes of December 4, 2006 and January 8, 2007, 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 examination. 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:

Robert Villanella, Ph.D. Margaret Courtney-Lambe, Psy.D.
Soloman Kalkstein, Ph.D. Rachel Brandt-Greenfield, Ph.D.
Nina Prudden, Ph.D. Gina Danner, Ph.D.
Kimberly Montagnino, 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:

Laura Cooney, Psy.D. Mark Tarangioli, Psy.D.

Elaine DiMola, Ph.D. Jennifer Mitolo, Psy.D.
Daniel Hermann, Psy.D.

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

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

Joanne Booth, Ph.D. Yolanda Hawkins-Rodgers, Ed.D.
Carl Ziesing, Ph.D. Randy A. Bressler, Psy.D.
Shirley Matthews, Ph.D. Valbona Demiri, Ph.D.
Dan W. Baugess, Ph.D. Peter DeNigris, Psy.D.
Robert A. Izzo, Ph.D. Brian Burgess, Ph.D.
Sophia Kary, Ph.D. Nouriman Ghahary, Ph.D.

FAILURE OF ORAL EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that the following candidates did not qualify for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Roberta Roper, Ph.D. Christopher Barker, Ph.D.
Jeffrey Adams, Psy.D. Cornelius Furgueson, Ph.D.

DEFERRAL OF ORAL EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination of the following candidate pending further review of a written paper. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

John T. Miele, Ph.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Michael Weissman, Psy.D.

Dr. Weissman wrote requesting an extension of his three-year temporary permit that expires on February 13, 2007. Dr. Weissman stated that he expects to complete his supervision hours within a year. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to inform Dr. Weissman that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-3.4(a) the Board may extend a temporary permit for good cause shown. Additionally, the Board extended Dr. Weissman's permit until March 5, 2007 and requested that he provide the Board with the reason he needs the extension. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Jessica Kornwasser, Psy.D.

Dr. Kornwasser wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit that expires on March 16, 2007. Dr. Kornwasser stated that she was unable to complete the necessary supervision hours for licensure to be eligible to take the E.P.P.P. written examination before the expiration of her permit. Dr. Kornwasser stated that due to maternity leave, part time hours, and a period of slow referrals at the facility, she wasn't able to complete the hours. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Kornwasser's temporary permit for an additional year expiring on March 16, 2008. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Michelle McCoy Barrett, Ph.D.

Dr. Barrett wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit a work sample for the oral examination.

Dr. Barrett stated that she is still not seeing any patients. However, she stated that she did see one patient in New Jersey for two sessions in September. Dr. Barrett further stated that this second extension would allow her to submit a more thoughtful work sample based on a longer, on-going case which would demonstrate her clinical knowledge. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Barrett an additional year to submit her work to the Board office. Her work sample must be submitted on or before February 23, 2008. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Rachel Strohl, Psy.D.

Dr. Strohl wrote requesting that her oral examination be scheduled earlier to avoid an unexpected delivery or newborn at home under her care. Dr. Strohl expressed her concern with wanting to have her oral exam scheduled before the birth of her child. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Strohl's request for early scheduling and so directed the office staff to schedule Dr. Strohl for the next available date. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Todd Pressman, Ph.D., #3517

Dr. Pressman wrote inquiring about the Board's statute and regulations with regard to the hiring of a "life coach" in his practice. Dr. Pressman stated that from time to time he gets calls from potential clients requesting life coaching as opposed to psychotherapy. Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board referred Dr. Pressman to N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.1 (d) which states "any additional types of employees or other remunerated licensed or certified mental health or health professionals other than those in(c) may be employed within the professional practice only with the advance review and approval of the Board." Additionally, the Board requested that Dr. Pressman submit the resume and credentials of the individual he wishes to employ in his practice along with a list of the services that he/she will provide as a "life coach." Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Floyd D. Turner, Ph.D., #1224 (deceased)

Lisa Weaver, Executor for the estate of Dr. Turner, wrote to inform the Board of Dr. Turner's death in May 2005. Ms. Weaver stated that she has received requests from Dr. Turner's former patients requesting access to their clinical records. Ms. Weaver is requesting guidance and the proper protocol on how to handle such requests. Upon motion made by Dr. Orozco and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board directed Ms. Weaver to N.J.A.C.13:42-8.1 (h) which states "the licensee shall establish procedures for maintaining the confidentiality of client records in the event of the licensee's relocation, retirement, death, or separation from a group practice, and shall establish reasonable procedures to assure the preservation of client records." Ms. Weaver was also advised that she should hire a licensed psychologist to handle the records of Dr. Turner's former patients to decide if there would be anything in the records that might adversely affect the patient's health or welfare if released directly to the patient. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Blair Blender, Ph.D.

Dr. Esquilin has completed her review of Dr. Blender's Dissertation Abstract in an effort to determine if it is psychological in nature, in order to satisfy the deficiency of three credits needed in the area of Psychopathology. Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of Dr. Esquilin that the dissertation is psychological in nature, thereby, satisfying the credit deficiencies. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Michelle Deering, Ed.D.

Dr. Deering wrote to inform the Board of some recent events she encountered pertaining to an E.P.P.P. study material vendor AATBS. Dr. Deering stated that she was deeply stunned by the treatment she received in light of her "good faith" purchase based on the advertisement of their "Pass It" seminar. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to inform Dr. Deering that, unfortunately, it has no jurisdiction over AATBS and does not regulate this organization or its advertising. Additionally, Dr. Deering will be

informed that it would be a conflict of interest for the Board to make any recommendations as to what program to use as a study aid to pass the E.P.P.P. written examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Alexander Franchino, Psy.D.

The Board reviewed Dr. Franchino's transcript submitted from the International University for Graduate Studies to determine if it meets the Board's educational requirements pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.1 (a)-(i). Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to deny Dr. Franchino's application for licensure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.1 (c), N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.1 (d) and N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.1 (e). Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Youth Consultation Service

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Gerard Costa, Ph.D., #3095.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Youth Consultation Service continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Dr. Costa will be reminded that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Children's Specialized Hospital

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Jill Harris, Ph.D., #1970.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Children's Specialized Hospital continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Dr. Harris will be reminded that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Ms. Deborah Hartel.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center continue to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Ms. Hartel will be reminded that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Dorothy B. Hersh Child Protection Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Rachel Modiano, Psy.D., #2480.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that the Dorothy B. Hersh Child Protection Center continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Dr. Modiano will be reminded that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

West Bergen Mental Healthcare

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Michael Tozzoli.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation

request and upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that West Bergen Mental Healthcare continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Mr. Tozzoli will be reminded that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Richard Kathrins.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Mr. Kathrins will be reminded that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Christian Health Care Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Joanne Reilly.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that the Christian Health Care Center continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Ms. Reilly will be reminded that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all. v

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Marianne Majewski.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Ms. Reilly will be reminded that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Hoboken University Medical Center (CMHC)

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Michael Swerdlow.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that the Hoboken University Medical Center, formerly St. Mary's Hospital, continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Mr. Swerdlow will be reminded that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all

JFK Medical Center-Johnson Rehabilitation Institute

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Keith Cicerone, Ph.D., #2130.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that the JFK Medical Center-Johnson Rehabilitation Institute continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Dr. Cicerone will be reminded that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all

Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Healthcare System

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Anita C. Holland.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Healthcare System continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Ms. Holland will be reminded that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all

REVIEW OF LEGISLATION

Assembly, No. 3899–Clarifies the time by which public bodies are required to make minutes of meetings available to the public

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to support this bill only if the minutes could be made available thirty (30) days after they have been approved by the Board/Committee.

Senate, No. 2473–Authorized court to waive license revocation process for certain child support obligors

Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board stated that it has no opposition to this bill.

Qtech Solutions, Inc.

The Board met with Mr. Umachandran Thumbavanam (Nate) from Qtech Solutions, Inc. in an effort to clarify some concerns that were raised with his desire to hire a prospective employee to perform non-therapeutic services. The Board's concerns were with the proposed job description and resume submitted by Mr. Thumbavanam. After meeting with Mr. Thumbavanam, the Board advised him that he must re-write the job description so that it is much clearer concerning what the proposed individual will and will not be doing during the pilot process and real time. Mr. Thumbavanam was also advised that he must submit his re-written job description to the Board for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Date: Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.
Vice Chair