

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MARCH 1, 2004
OPEN 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 9:50 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Keith Cicerone, Ph.D.
Mark Glat, Psy.D., Secretary

ALSO ATTENDING:

Carmen Rodriquez, DAG, Counsel to Board
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant
Carol Y. Clark, Executive Director
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director
Elaine DeMarz, Managing Executive Director

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.

The Board returned to open session.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

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

Larissa E. Labay, Psy.D.
Robert Miller, II, Ph.D.
Natalie Barone, Psy.D.
Steven Reed, Ph.D.
Christina Treutler, Ph.D.
Sharon Sutter, Ph.D.
Manuel Iser, Psy.D.

Eloise J. Berry, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

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

Paul Furtaw, Psy.D.
Shoshana Baskind, Psy.D.
Rimma Danov, Ph.D.
Donna Ricca, Psy.D.
Todd Traina, Psy.D.
Mark Cooperberg, Ph.D.
Ilana Rosenberg, Ph.D.
Bridget Taylor, Psy.D.
Adinah Liss-Bialik, Ph.D.
Michael Weissman, Psy.D.
Megan Willis, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

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

Darren Aboyou Ph.D.
Janet Snyder, Ph.D.
Genevieve Chaney, Psy.D.
Vered M. Frumer, Psy.D.
Jennifer Murphy, Ph.D.
Karen Saporito, Ph.D.
Jeanne Seitler, Psy.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jane L. Shapiro, Ph.D.

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

Dr. Shapiro stated that while she is licensed in New York State, she has not actively practiced clinical work in several years since the birth of her third child. Dr. Shapiro further stated that since the issuance of her one-year temporary permit, she has just begun to provide clinical services.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to grant Dr. Shapiro an additional 90 days to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Joy L. Huston, Ph.D.

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

Dr. Huston stated she has not been able to prepare her work sample for submission because she has been experiencing several personal issues that have been very stressful on her and her family. Dr. Huston further stated that she had to reduce her client load at work because she found it difficult to complete her work sample. Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to grant Dr. Huston an additional 90 days to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Rimma Danov, Ph.D.

Dr. Danov wrote requesting that the Board accept post-doctoral hours he has accrued before the issuance of his temporary permit on February 2, 2004.

Dr. Danov stated that he applied for licensure over three months ago to request that the Board back date the effective date of his permit to reflect a February 2, 2004 issue date.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to write to Dr. Mahalick requesting an explanation as to why Dr. Danov was working in his private practice without a temporary permit. The Board voted to take no action on this matter until the response is received and reviewed at its next agenda meeting on April 5, 2004. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Christopher Michaels, Ph.D.

Dr. Michaels wrote requesting an extension of his three-year temporary permit which expires on March 8, 2004.

Dr. Michaels stated that he just received notification of successfully passing the written examination and requests that his permit be extended until he completes the oral examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to extend Dr. Michaels temporary permit for an additional year expiring on March 8, 2005. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Sarah I. Rubin, Psy.D.

Dr. Rubin wrote requesting additional time to submit her work sample for the oral examination.

Dr. Rubin stated that due to some complications with her pregnancy, she has not been able to complete the preparation of her work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board vote to grant Dr. Rubin additional time to submit her work sample. Dr. Rubin was advised that it must be in the Board office on or before May 1, 2004. Voting in favor of motion: all.

LaTeisha Mason Callender, Ph.D.

Dr. Callender wrote requesting that the Board accept post-doctoral hours she accrued before the issuance of her temporary permit on November 17, 2003.

Dr. Callender stated that she has been accumulating post-doctoral supervision hours since October 2002 and was not aware that she needed to have a permit before accruing hours.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to accept Dr. Callender's supervision hours accrued before the issuance of her temporary permit. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Bart C. Rossi, Ph.D., #1170

Dr. Rossi wrote requesting a list of all newly licensed psychologists in the State of New Jersey for the purpose of seeking to fill open positions at his organization and other rehabilitation centers and/or long-term care facilities.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to inform Dr. Rossi that he could obtain the names of licensed psychologists from the Board's website. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Curtis Waechtler, Ph.D.

Dr. Waechtler wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit his work sample for the oral

examination.

Dr. Waechtler stated that he is still working with the client and needs additional time to complete the sessions and write his work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to grant Dr. Waechtler an additional 30 days to submit his work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

ASPPB's Midwinter Meeting

ASPPB's 19th Midwinter Meeting and Third International Congress will be held in Montreal, Quebec Canada on April 21-24, 2004.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board approved the attendance of Dr. Roy, Dr. Tindall and Carmen Rodriguez, DAG. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Review of Legislative Bill

-Assembly No. 1913-An Act concerning the regulation of health care professionals and certain professional licensing boards and revising parts of statutory law

After review of this bill, the Board expressed its concerns about the negative impact this legislation may have on the regulatory process and oversight of licensed professions in this State. The consumer protection afforded by the current regulatory process is more efficient than proposed by A1913. The Bill seems to lean more towards protecting the licensee rather than the consumer as evidenced by the composition of the proposed study commission. This study commission is skewed toward professional associations rather than the Board and eliminates internal checks and balances.

The Bill makes no provisions for members of the State Medical Board to participate in voting on this matter. The institutional knowledge of the boards affected by this legislation will be compromised at best and eliminated at worst. The proposed three-year term limits for Board members will create inconsistent transmission of data and a lack of continuity for board members.

The clause that requires boards to investigate complaints within "30 days in order to determine whether to initiate disciplinary action" against a licensee is an unrealistic and unmanageable task given current board staff levels. This bill encourages rapid transmission of data from the boards to the administrative courts for final determination. However, this is going to increase costs and create a bottleneck in the Office of Administrative Law. It already takes, on average, two to three years for cases to be scheduled in the OAL. Since cases will be heard by someone who has no expertise in the field, this legislation will actually slow the complaint process not accelerate it. This proposed rapid transfer of complaints would not be cost efficient and would cause boards to incur higher expenses at a time when money is not available. The authors of this legislation have not established a clear need for an affirmative vote on bill A1913.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Regulation Committee

Dr. Patterson reported that the Committee will be meeting on Monday, March 22, 2003 at 9:30 A.M.

Oral Exam Committee

Dr. Jeffers requested that Executive Director Clark give Ms. Lunz a call to follow up on her progress.

Newsletter Committee

Executive Director Clark informed the Board that the newsletter has been typed by Board staff and will be given to the Print Production Department.

APPROVED BY:

Date: Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D.
Chair
