

State Board of Psychological Examiners

OPEN MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2003

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 9:40 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.
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Keith D. Cicerone, Ph.D.
Carole M. Harper, MA, RN, Public Member

ABSENT:

Mark Glat, Psy.D., Secretary
Margery B. Manheim, Ph.D.
Jeffrey H. Tindall, Ph.D.

ALSO ATTENDING:

Marilyn Bair, DAG, Counsel to Board
Paul C. Brush, Executive Director
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board voted to approve the minutes of September 9, 2002, 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.

The Board returned to open session.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board determined that the following

candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Lisa Brown, Psy.D.
Richard Leit, Ph.D.
James Cassidy, Psy.D.

FAILED ORAL EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board determined that the following candidate did not qualify for licensure.

Lynn Rothstein, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

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

Natalie Barone, Psy.D.
Pierre Albert, Ph.D.
Brett Holeman, Psy.D.
Allyson Elbogen, Ph.D.
Maha Yones, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

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

Kim A. Weiss Ph.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ann Rasmussen, Psy.D.

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

Dr. Rasmussen stated that she is new to the New Jersey area and is currently in the process of setting up a private practice in order to obtain an appropriate referral to treat for a sufficient amount of time before presenting a work sample to the Board.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to grant Dr. Rasmussen an additional 90 days to submit her work sample. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Patricia A. Connors, Ph.D.

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

Dr. Connors stated that she's employed as a psychologist providing services to inmate requiring mental health services at New Jersey State Prison in Trenton. Dr. Connors further stated since she's working in the transitional care unit, there is fairly constant turnover of men assigned to her caseload. They are mostly transferred to either more intensive or less intensive levels of care within a few weeks, making it extremely

difficult to identify a person to prepare a work sample.

Dr. Connors stated that she has since begun seeing clients outside of the prison population and hopes to select one of these for her work sample.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to grant Dr. Connors an additional 90-days to submit her work sample. The Board further advised Dr. Connors that if she plans to continue working in the prison, she should submit a short term work sample. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Theresa Wright, Ph.D.

Dr. Wright wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expired on January 5, 2002.

Dr. Wright stated that when she had submitted her work sample for the oral exam she assumed that her temporary permit would automatically be extended. Dr. Wright is respectfully requesting that the Board extend her permit until she takes the oral examination.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to extend Dr. Wright's temporary permit until she receives the results of her oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Christopher Michaels, Ph.D.

Dr. Michaels wrote requesting an extension of his three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on March 8, 2003.

Dr. Michaels stated that he has just about completed his supervision requirement and respectfully requests that the Board extend his temporary permit which would allow him to continue working while he takes the written and oral examination.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to grant Dr. Michaels a six-month extension of his permit, expiring on September 8, 2003. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Dena Felsen, Psy.D.

Dr. Felsen wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on March 7, 2003.

Dr. Felsen respectfully requests that the Board extend her permit beyond her April 27, 2003 deadline which would allow her to continue working while she waits to be scheduled for her oral examination.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to extend Dr. Felsen's permit contingent upon her work sample being submitted to the Board office within 90 days. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Beth L. Haessig, Psy.D.

Dr. Haessig wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on March 3, 2003.

Dr. Haessig advised the Board that she has completed her two years of supervision and took the EPPP examination on February 14, 2003.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to extend Dr. Haessig's permit for an additional five months, expiring on August 3, 2003. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Eileen Kennedy-Moore, Ph.D.

Dr. Kennedy-Moore wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on August 19, 2003.

Dr. Kennedy-Moore stated that unanticipated family obligations have prevented her from taking on the required number of clients to meet the supervision requirement. Dr. Kennedy-Moore stated that she must complete an additional 579 supervision hours before taking the EPPP examination.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to extend Dr. Kennedy-Moore's permit for an additional year, expiring on August 19, 2004. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Pierre J. Albert, Ph.D.

Dr. Albert wrote requesting that the Board accept the supervision hours he's accrued since his employment at Youth Consultation Service (YCS) since October 2001.

Dr. Albert also inquired whether, being an exempt employee, he can use such titles as "psychologist employee," "staff psychologist," or "psychological associate" in an exempt setting.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to deny Dr. Albert's request for acceptance of prior supervision hours received at Youth Consultation Service. Dr. Albert neglected to obtain Board approval prior to beginning the supervisory relationship.

Additionally, the Board informed Dr. Albert that he may use the title of "psychologist employee" or "staff psychologist" in the exempt setting only. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Richard Butala

Mr. Butala wrote requesting clarification of the Board's regulation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.1 with respect to the terms "doctoral credit hours," "credit hours," or "credits."

Mr. Butala stated that he was unable to locate a definition of the terms in the regulations and would like to know their meaning, including whether they are referring to semester credit hours or quarter credit hours.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to inform Mr. Butala that the school is responsible for providing a formula for quarter hours. Additionally, the Board voted to inform Mr. Butala of ASPPB's formula and ask him to provide the Board with the school's material. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON MARCH 3, 2003-DR ROY

Vincent D'Elia, Ph.D./Paul Yampolsky, Psy.D., supervisor (present)

Dr. D'Elia took and failed the EPPP computerized examination administered on December 10, 2002.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to extend Dr. D'Elia's permit contingent upon him taking the EPPP examination on or before June 2003. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Pio Andreotti, Psy.D./Dennis Sandroock, Ph.D., supervisor (not present)

Dr. Andreotti took and failed the oral his oral examination administered on October 21, 2002 and is currently

working under supervision on a three-year temporary permit issued on November 26, 2001.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to defer action until Dr. Sandrock can meet with the Board. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS

-Assembly, No. 3170-An Act concerning professional liability reform, patient protection

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board was divided on the \$250,000.00 limit as the bill is written, believing that there may be instances where the limit may be unrealistic. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

I/M/O Carl Lichtman, Ed.D., #1371 (revoked)

Dr. Lichtman wrote requesting reinstatement of his license to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Lichtman's license was suspended pursuant to the Board's Consent Order filed on May 29, 1996.

After review of Dr. Lichtman's written request, the Board, upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, voted to deny Dr. Lichtman's request for reinstatement of his license. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

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

DAG Bair reported that the Court of Appeals affirmed the Board's decision to deny Dr. Toma a license to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey.

APPROVED BY:

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