

**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MARCH 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 9:50 A.M. by Dr. Jeffers, Chair.

PRESENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Secretary
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D.
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Evelyn A. Orozco. Ph.D.

ABSENT:

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.

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. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board approved the public session minutes of February 5, 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 examinations. The Board returned to open session.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

The following candidate was unanimously approved for a three-year temporary permit for the supervised practice of psychology:

April Waller-Lomax, Psy.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:

Daniel Hermann, Psy.D. Mordechai Zeiger, 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.

Christopher Barker, Ph.D. John Kolligian, Jr., Ph.D.
John T. Miele, Ph.D. Kim R. Arrington, Psy.D.
Leah E. Behl, Ph.D. Pierre J. Albert, Ph.D.
Weili Lu, Ph.D. Mark Yushchak, Psy.D.
Kara Zlotnick, Ph.D. Sharon Hollander, Psy.D.
Rachel Gingold-Greenspan, Ph.D. Gerald A. Fix, Ph.D.
Jennifer D'Ostillo, Psy.D. Robert Matheis, 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.

Erin Tighe-VonZuben, Ph.D.
Holly A. Bailey, Ph.D.
Daniel A. Lee, Psy.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 submission and approval of a paper. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Patricia Vroom, Ph.D. Matthew Guller, Ph.D.
Elizabeth Cardoso, Ph.D. Philip Goldstein, Ph.D.
Pamela Zamel, Ph.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Michael Weissman, Psy.D.

The Board reviewed Dr. Weissman's response with regard to requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Weissman's temporary permit for an additional year, expiring on February 13, 2008. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Jacqueline Calle, Psy.D.

Dr. Calle wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit that expires on March 8, 2007. Dr. Calle stated that she just accrued all of her supervision hours and will not be able to take the E.P.P.P. written examination prior to the expiration of her temporary permit. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Calle's temporary permit for an additional year expiring on March 8, 2008. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Fawn McNeil-Haber, Ph.D.

Dr. McNeil-Haber wrote requesting that the Board accept supervision hours she accrued under the supervision of Patricia Neary-Ludmer, Ph.D. beginning on December 21, 2006 to the present. She neglected to add Dr. Neary-Ludmer as an additional supervisor on her three-year supervised temporary permit. Upon motion made by Dr. Orozco and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to deny Dr. McNeil-Haber's request to accept the 58 supervision hours accrued with Dr. Neary-Ludmer who was not an approved permit supervisor. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Althea Lazzara, Psy.D.

The Board reviewed a six-month progress report from Paul Fulford, Ph.D. which indicated the Dr. Lazzara was performing evaluations and that she has been accepted as an expert witness by the Superior Court of New Jersey in Morris County. Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board directed Executive Director Walker to send a letter to Dr. Fulford inquiring about the type of evaluations Dr. Lazzara performs. Additionally, the Board informed Dr. Fulford that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-9.1 and 13:42-9.2 (a) a licensee but not a permit holder may provide information to the public in print or electronic media. Therefore, he must remove Dr. Lazzara's name from his letterhead since she is not a licensed psychologist and her name can not appear on Psychometric Services stationery. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Vanessa Martiny, Psy.D.

The Board reviewed the internship supervision hours submitted by Paul Van Valin, Ph.D. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to review Dr. Martiny's first six-month written progress report from Richard Arace, Ph.D. before make a final decision on the supervision hours she accrued under the supervision of Lisa Menza, Ph.D. at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Diane Fischer, Ph.D.

Dr. Fischer's licensing application file was brought before the Board for review because Dr. Fischer was issued a Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology (CPQ) on June 1, 2006. It was brought to the Board's attention that an error was made in the Board's Executive Session minutes of April 3, 2006 in which they stated that the Board would no longer accept the CPQ as of June 30, 2006. When in fact, it should have said, May 31, 2006, the last date on which CPQs included an oral exam. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to inform Dr. Fischer that it no longer accepts the CPQ as of May 31, 2006. Additionally, Dr. Fischer was advised that she must have the supervision forms completed to document her hours and that official transcripts must be submitted to the Board office to continue the licensure process. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Judy E. Hall, Ph.D. of the National Register

Dr. Hall submitted and the Board reviewed additional information with regard to the National Register mobility program. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to inform Dr. Hall that it would not recommend changes in the regulations to allow for the recognition of the National Register credentials because of the more stringent requirements of New Jersey law. Additionally, the Board feels that the National Register credentials would be of no benefit to licensees of other states seeking to move to New Jersey. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON 3/5/07-JEFFERS/FRIEDMAN

Angela Clack, Psy.D./Ellen Zupkus, Ph.D., supervisor (present)

Dr. Clack failed the E.P.P.P. written examination on December 18, 2006 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to continue Dr. Clack's temporary permit with no change. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Brooke Zalle-Crawford, Psy.D./Michael Selbst, Ph.D., supervisor (present)

Dr. Zalle-Crawford failed the E.P.P.P. written examination on January 11, 2007 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to continue Dr. Zalle-Crawford's temporary permit with no change. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORMS

Community Treatment Solutions

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Mario Tommasi, Ph.D., #3928.

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. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Community Treatment Solutions continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Dr. Tommasi 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.

Bancroft NeuroHealth

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Jennifer Deluca.

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. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Bancroft NeuroHealth continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Ms. DeLuca 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.

Family Enrichment Program-Atlantic Memorial Hospital

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from T. Rosa Milia. 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. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Family Enrichment Program/Atlantic Memorial Hospital continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Ms. Milia 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.

Jersey City Medical Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from James McCreath, Ph.D.

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. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Jersey City Medical Center continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Dr. McCreath 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.

NewBridge Services, Inc.

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Michelle Borden, LCSW.

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. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that NewBridge Services, Inc. continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Ms. Borden 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.

Trintas Hospital

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Lucille Carr-Kaffashan, Ph.D., #1495.

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. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Trintas Hospital continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Dr. Carr-Kaffashan 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 Hospital at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center (Children's Hospital Assessment & Treatment Team)

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Barbara Caspi, Ph.D., #2699.

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. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Children's Hospital at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Dr. Caspi 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 Hospital at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center (Division of Metro Regional Diagnostic & Treatment Center)

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Peg Foster.

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. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Children's Hospital at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Dr. Caspi 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.

Preferred Behavioral Health of New Jersey, Inc.

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

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. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Preferred Behavioral Health of New Jersey, Inc. continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Mr. Blatt 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.

Youth Development Clinic

The Board reviewed an exemption notice form submitted by Patricia Connors, MD.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, the Board determined that Youth Development Clinic does not meet the criteria for a bona fide non-profit community agency at this time since it receives less than 50% of its funding in the form of public monies and has not publicly and permanently committed itself to accepting, without numerical restriction, clients whose treatment shall be reimbursed either by Medicare or Medicare or other public insurance programs funding. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATION

Assembly, No. 4044—An Act establishing the New Jersey Health Information Technology Commission and provides for Statewide health information technology plan

Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board, after reviewing this proposed legislation, felt that the process appears to be too expensive at a time when the State of New Jersey is experiencing a fiscal crisis. Additionally, the Board is afraid that the legislation will result in creating a situation like the HIPAA, which has proven to be neither a viable nor productive endeavor and which hampers the practice

of psychology.

Senate, No. 2534—An Act requiring licensed health care professional and facilities to bill Medicare beneficiaries within six months of providing health care service

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board, after reviewing this proposed legislation, felt that the proposed legislation would be unnecessary and may actually interfere with payment to providers.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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