

# State Board of Psychological Examiners

March 12, 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 9:40 A.M. by Kenneth Roy, Ed.D., Chair.

The Chairperson read the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. There not being a quorum, the members met as a **Committee of the Board**.

### **PRESENT:**

Kenneth G. Roy Ed.D., Chair  
Jeffrey H. Tindall, Ph.D.  
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member  
Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D.

### **ABSENT:**

Margery B. Manheim, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Keith Cicerone, Ph.D.  
Debra Eckert-Casha, Esq., Public Member  
Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D.

### **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

### **CREENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

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

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Committee recommended that the following candidates be issued three-year temporary permits for the **supervised** practice of psychology.

Constance Brown, Psy.D.  
Paola Conte, Ph.D

#### **TEMPORARY PERMIT NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR**

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Committee recommended that the following candidates be issued one-year temporary permits for the **unsupervised** practice of psychology.

Douglas Seiden, Ph.D.  
Carol Marcus, Ph.D.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Robyn J. Resh, Ph.D.**

Dr. Resh wrote requesting a second extension of the 45-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination.

Dr. Resh stated that due to the start of her new job and the work responsibilities, she has not been able to devote ample time to the completion of her work sample paper.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Committee recommended that Dr. Resh be given a second extension to May 1, 2001 to submit her work sample for the oral examination.

**Lori Katzman, Psy.D.**

Dr. Katzman wrote requesting that her oral examination be scheduled as soon as possible since she is currently pregnant with twins and is due in May 2001.

Dr. Katzman stated that her OB-GYN has stopped her from working and strongly encouraged her to completed any work-related activities quickly.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Committee recommended that Board staff accommodate Dr. Katzman by scheduling her oral examination as soon as possible.

**Jessica G. Pesantez, Psy.D.**

Dr. Pesantez wrote inquiring about the limitations of psychological activities for permit holders in the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Pesantez stated that while she is continuing to work towards completing her post-doctoral supervised hours, she is planning to open and direct a child care/learning center in Bayonne, NJ. Dr. Pesantez is inquiring specifically, can she present monthly workshops on important parent issues such as discipline; can she facilitate bi-monthly psychoeducational parent training groups and can she facilitate psychoeducational groups for children with such topics as anger management or social skills training.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Committee recommended that Dr. Pesantez could present monthly workshops on important parent issues such as discipline as long as she does not hold herself out as a licensed psychologist. Additionally, the Committee recommended that Dr. Pesantez could not facilitate bi-monthly psychoeducational parent training groups nor could she facilitate psychoeducational groups for children with such topics as anger management or social skills training.

**Gerard A. Machado, Psy.D., #2456**

Dr. Machado wrote inquiring about who can administer psychological tests. Dr. Machado stated that information has come to his attention and he noticed in the report that the written evaluator, Geraldine Kerr, Ed.S. is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, who works for the Warren County Center.

Dr. Machado stated that Ms. Kerr described her assessment procedures to include psychological testing, MMPI and MMPI-A. Dr. Machado stated that he believed that psychological testing was not within the purview of the marriage and family license, especially individual testing.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Committee recommended that Executive Director Brush forward this inquiry to the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners

**REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2001 Tindall/Roy**

**Michele Martin, Ph.D./Joel Friedman, Ph.D., supervisor [present]**

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Committee recommended that Dr. Martins three-year temporary permit, supervised, be continued, expiring July 30, 2002 with no change in her caseload. Additionally,

the Committee recommended that Dr. Martin take the April 18, 2001 written examination.

**Meredith Meade, Psy.D./Jonathan Willard-Mack, Psy.D., supervisor [present]**

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Committee recommended that Dr. Meades three-year temporary permit, supervised, be continued, expiring on August 17, 2002 with no change in her caseload. Additionally, the Committee recommended that Dr. Meade take the April 18, 2001 written examination.

**Amber Samaroo, Ph.D./Ange Puig, Ph.D., supervisor [present]**

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Committee recommended that Dr. Samaroos three-year temporary permit, supervised, be continued, expiring on March 24, 2002 with no change in her caseload. Additionally, the Committee recommended that Dr. Samaroo take the April 18, 2001 written examination.

**Vivian Bush, Ph.D./Richard Sparacio, Ed.D., supervisor [present]**

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Committee recommended that Dr. Bushs three-year temporary permit, supervised, be continued, expiring on November 10, 2002 with no change in her caseload. Additionally, the Committee recommended that Dr. Bush take the April 18, 2001 written examination.

**REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORMS FOR NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY AGENCIES**

**Hackensack University Medical Center**

The Board reviewed the exemption notice form from Robert Garrett.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3, after review of the information provided in the exemption notice form, upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Committee determined that Hackensack University Medical Center did not meet the criteria for a bona fide non-profit community agency at this time in that the form did not provide enough information for the committee to determine its status at the time of review. The Committee recommended that Hackensack University Medical Center submit additional information concerning public funding for the Boards review. The Committee further stated that the Board does not exempt the entire hospital, only that department or division providing psychological services.

**Jersey City Medical Center**

The Board reviewed the exemption notice form 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 exemption notice form, upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Committee determined that Jersey City Medical Center did not meet the criteria for a bona fide non-profit community agency at this time in that the form did not provide enough information for the committee to determine its status at the time of review. The Committee recommended that Jersey City Medical Center submit additional information concerning public funding for the Boards review. The Committee further stated that the Board does not exempt an entire hospital, only that department or division providing psychological services.

**REVIEW OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

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

The State Board of Psychological Examiners filed an Administrative Action Order Granting Motion to Amend Complaint in the matter of Dr. Forti on February 7, 2001.

**I/M/O Andrew Cangelosi, Ph.D., #3118**

Thomas Johnson, Ed.D. and Patricia Steckler, Ph.D. submitted their quarterly reports to the Board pursuant to the filed

Consent Order. The Committee acknowledged receipt of the reports in a timely manner.

## **REGULATORY MATTERS**

### Proposed Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:42-6.1 Board Fees

With advice and consent, the Committee members authorized Kenneth Roy, Ed.D., Chair, to adopt the fee proposal as published in the January 16, 2001 New Jersey Register decreasing its initial license fee/biennial license renewal fee from \$530.00 to \$300.00 [second year from \$265.00 to \$150.00] and its temporary permit fee from \$190.00 to \$110.00.

### Proposed Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.3 Nonprofit bona fide community organization and 13:42

Danielle Swenson, Regulatory Analyst, submitted to the Board for its review a draft of the Regulation Committees recommendations from its meeting that was held on January 31, 2001. The Committee approved the proposed amendments as drafted and recommended that they be published as a formal rule proposal.

## **REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

Senate, No. 2176An Act concerning certain licensed health care practitioners

The Committee recommended support of this bill but stated that it does not foresee much impact on licensed psychologists. The Committee was in favor of all the provisions of this bill with the exception of #3 which would burden the Board with information before the crime and/or violation becomes a conviction.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully yours,

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Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D.

**Secretary**

APPROVED BY:

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Date: Kenneth G. Roy

**Chair**

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