

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
APRIL 5, 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 at 9:30 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair.

PRESENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.
Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D., Vice Chair
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Jeffrey H. Tindall, Ph.D.
Keith D. Cicerone Ph.D.
Mark Glat, Psy.D., Secretary

ABSENT:

Carole M. Harper, MA, RN., Public Member

ALSO ATTENDING:

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

MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board approved the open session minutes of February 2, 2004 and March 1, 2004, 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 REPORTS

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

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

Robin Jacobs-Lowery, Psy.D.
Loren Firstenberg, Psy.D.

Alison Strasser Winston, Ph.D.
Alicia A. Caputo, Ph.D.
Jackie Jove-Altman, Ph.D.
Ellen Reicher, Ph.D.
Laura E. Rosen, Ph.D.
Tommy Kot, Ph.D.
Deborah Lanfranchi, Psy.D.
Sam Khorrani, Ph.D.
Paula B. Houck, Ph.D.
Caroline L. Alto, Ph.D.
David Kalal, Ph.D.
Janet Konat Oberman, Ph.D.
Deborah Worth, Psy.D.
Marc Girona, Psy.D.

FAILURE OF EXAMINATION

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

Maria G. Martone, Psy.D.
Richard Coco, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

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

Pamela Rothman, Psy.D.
Rachel Gingold, Ph.D.
Hannelore Barbieri, Psy.D.
Jacqueline Calle, Psy.D.
Paul Linder, Ph.D.
Cori McFadden, Psy.D.
Jessica Kornwasser, Psy.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

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

Galia Siegel, Ph.D.
Olive DeKlyen, Ph.D.
Dolores Switaj, PhD.
Jordana Shurka, Psy.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Adele Ackerman Berenz, Ph.D.

Dr. Berenz wrote requesting that her oral examination be scheduled after June 2004.

Dr. Berenz stated that the school district for which she works is currently undergoing the state monitoring phase of special education review and she is unable to identify any dates on which she can be free for the oral examination until after the process is completed on May 18, 2004.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board approved Dr. Bernez's request and instructed te Board office to schedule Dr. Berenz's oral examination after June 1, 2004. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Maha Younes, Ph.D.

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

Dr. Younes stated that she is in the last trimester of her pregnancy and can not complete the preparation process of her work sample and would not be able to submit it at the end of March 2004.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to grant Dr. Younes an additional 90 day extension to submit her work sample which would be due in the Board office on or before June 30, 2004. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Darlene Kane, Budget Office, Division of Consumer Affairs

The Board reviewed its Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Report (1st Half) submitted by Ms. Kane, Budget Office.

Bonnie L. LeBold, Executive Director, NACIQI

Ms. LeBold informed the Board of the notice published in the Federal Register that lists the current members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) and invites nominations for candidates to replace those members whose terms are expiring on September 30, 2004.

Ms. LeBold is requesting that all nominations for appointment to the NACIQI be submitted by June 15, 2004.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to nominate Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Kathleen Torsney, Ph.D.

Dr. Torsney wrote to inform the Board of the difficulty she's encountered when trying to register to take the EPPP written examination.

Dr. Tornsey stated that her difficulty began upon her calling the Board office several times and getting conflicting information each time. During her last call to the Board office she was told that she would receive material from the testing center. Dr. Tornsey stated that if she had been told that when she initially called she would have received the information from the testing center in a timely manner.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of Dr. Tornsey's letter. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Cheryl A. Seufert, Psy.D.

Dr. Seufert wrote requesting that her oral examination be scheduled on either a Tuesday or a Thursday.

Dr. Seufert stated that her schedule does not accommodate a Monday, Wednesday or Friday appointment.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board informed Dr. Seufert that oral examinations are scheduled on Mondays and Fridays; therefore, the Board is unable to comply with her request. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Rimma Danov, Ph.D.

The Board reviewed Dr. Mahalick's response with regard to Dr. Danov's working in his private practice without a temporary permit.

Dr. Mahalick stated that Dr. Danov was working in his private practice as a neuropsychometric technician and research assistant and that her duties involved strictly the administration of neuropsychological tests under his direct supervision.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board voted to deny Dr. Danov's request to accept supervision hours when she was functioning in the capacity of a neuropsychometric technician and research assistant. Additionally, Dr. Mahalick and Dr. Danov were informed that there is no provision in the Board's regulations that allow hours to be accrued while working in that capacity. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Sharon Boyd-Jackson, Ph.D.

Dr. Boyd-Jackson wrote requesting clarification on an ethical issue that relates to the development of a membership directory for the NJ Chapter Association of Black Psychologists, which would include members who are not licensed psychologists.

Dr. Boyd-Jackson stated that the organization has members who are not licensed psychologists. The directory would be indexed and clearly labeled to include licensed psychologists, non-licensed doctoral level professionals, non-licensed masters level professionals, certified school psychologists, student members and associates of the organization.

Dr. Boyd-Jackson stated that she needs clarification as to whether or not such a directory with members clearly labeled would be considered unethical or misrepresenting them in any way. Dr. Boyd-Jackson asked if it would be better to develop two directories, one for the general public and one for members only.

Upon motion made by Dr. Glat and seconded by Dr. Tindall, the Board voted to refer Dr. Boyd-Jackson to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-5 which states that no person who is not licensed under this act shall represent himself to be a licensed practicing psychologist, use a title or description including the term "psychology" or any of its derivatives, such as "psychologist" or "psychological" or modifiers such as "practicing" or "certified" in a manner which would imply that the individual is licensed under this act, or offer to practice psychology as defined in the act. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Michael W. Miller, Psy.D., #1647

Dr. Miller wrote requesting guidance regarding confidentiality for a spouse as an adjunct to individual therapy.

After review of the information provided by Dr. Miller, upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to inform Dr. Miller that it would be a breach of confidentiality for him to provide information about contents of a session without a release from each party in the divorce. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Alan Levinson, Psy.D.

Dr. Levinson wrote requesting that his three-year temporary permit, supervised, be reinstated and/or extended so that he can resume the licensure process in the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Levinson's three-year temporary permit was issued on September 13, 2000. Dr. Levinson terminated his supervisory relationship with Mr. Cohen in June 2001 and never requested that the Board office put his permit on hold; therefore, it expired on September 13, 2003.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to inform Dr. Levinson that he must reapply for a three-year temporary permit. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Shalonda Kelly, Ph.D.

Dr. Kelly wrote requesting a one-year extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, which expires on April 22, 2004.

Dr. Kelly stated that she is a full time, tenure-track assistant professor in clinical psychology and is preparing to apply for tenure early in the fall. Dr. Kelly stated that the tenure process is very demanding of her time.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to extend Dr. Kelly's temporary permit for an additional 30 days contingent upon the Board's receiving documentation of her post-doctoral hours by April 26, 2004. Additionally, the Board requested that Dr. Kelly submit a written plan as to when she will be taking the written examination and submit information on how many clients she is currently seeing and where she is seeing them. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Steven Peluso, Esq.

Mr. Peluso, attorney for the Professional Examination Service, wrote to inform the Board of an amendment to the Contract for use of the EPPP, which requires member boards to cover the cost of administering the EPPP to candidates with disabilities.

Mr. Peluso stated that as a result of a policy change, an additional change to the contract is required. The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) has revised the payment policy regarding the ADA/Canadian Human Rights Act accommodations. The policy change would take effect in March 2004.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Patterson, after review of the amendment change, the Board voted to accept the cost associated with the change. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

I/M/O Michael J. Kahn, Ph.D., #2081

The Board reviewed a supervision status report submitted by David Hubschmitt, Ph.D. outlining his supervision progress with Dr. Kahn.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board determined that the report seems adequate. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

I/M/O Andrew Cangelosi, Ph.D., #3116

The Board reviewed a supervision status report submitted by Elaine Belz, PhD. outlining her supervision progress with Dr. Cangelosi.

Dr. Belz is recommending that Dr. Cangelosi's license to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey be fully reinstated and advised that he no longer be required to participate in mandatory supervision.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board requested that the Board office schedule Dr. Cangelosi to appear before the full Board along with his supervisor, Dr. Belz, to discuss his request for reinstatement. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

John Rathauer, Ph.D., #1394

Thomas Johnson, Ed.D. submitted his eleventh report and 6th quarterly report on the supervision of Dr. Rathauer as required pursuant to the Consent Order filed on July 23, 2001.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Regulation Committee

Dr. Patterson reported that the committee members met on March 22, 2004 and that the meeting was a success. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2004.

Oral Examination Committee

Dr. Jeffers reported that Dr. Lunz submitted three (3) sample vignettes for the Board to review.

Re-Adoption of N.J.A.C. 13:42

The Board's regulations for readoption with amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:42 were published in the New Jersey Register on April 5, 2004.

TEMPORARY PERMIT CONFERENCE HELD ON 4/5/04-DR. JEFFERS

Alan F. Dubro, Ph.D.

Dr. Dubro failed his oral examination administered on November 17, 2003 and is currently working under a one-year temporary permit, unsupervised, issued on December 3, 2002.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to extend Dr. Dubro's one-year temporary permit for an additional 30 days and limit his client-contact hours to no more than 20 in any one week. Dr. Dubro was further advised that he must obtain a Board approved supervisor in order to continue to work in New Jersey after the 30 day extension. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Glat, Psy.D., Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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