

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MAY 2, 2005
PUBLIC AGENDA MEETING 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 9:54 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D., Board Chair.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

T Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member

ALSO ATTENDING:

Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board
Elaine L. DeMars, Managing Executive Director
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board approved the public session minutes of February 7, 2005 and March 7, 2005, 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 REPORTS:

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

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

Ma'ayan Greenbaum, Psy.D.
Luba Rafalson, Ph.D.
Kerri Elderman, Psy.D.
Christopher Metz, Ph.D.
Karen Way, Ph.D.
Heidi Keller, Psy.D.
Kevin Brennan, Psy.D.

Amy Herzog-Rosen, Psy.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

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

Andrea Braverman, Psy.D.

Debra Gill, Ph.D.

Sharona Benoff, Psy.D.

Marizita Seher, Ph.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Donna L. Ricca, PsyD.

Dr. Ricca wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination, stating that due to personal circumstances and difficulty in obtaining a suitable case, she has not been able to meet the requirement. Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board voted to grant Dr. Ricca an additional 90 days to submit her work sample. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Wanda Edwards, Psy.D.

Dr. Edwards wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination, stating that the need to address crisis situations of several patients has prevented her from meeting the requirement. Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board voted to grant Dr. Edwards an additional 90 days to submit her work sample. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Nancy Hamilton, Psy.D.

Dr. Hamilton wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit that expires on May 22, 2005. Dr. Hamilton stated that she plans to submit her work sample to the Board office on or before June 9, 2005. Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to extend Dr. Hamilton's permit for an additional year, expiring on June 22, 2006. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Judith Dimant Lentz, Ph.D.

Dr. Lentz wrote requesting another extension of time to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Lentz explained that due to a medical condition she was unable to continue the work sample preparation. Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board voted to grant Dr. Lentz an additional 60 days to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

James P. Mahan, Psy.D.

Dr. Mahan wrote requesting an extension of his three-year temporary that expires on May 9, 2005. Dr. Mahan stated that he is currently waiting to be rescheduled to take the written examination. Dr. Mahan also provided information regarding his current supervision. Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board voted to extend Dr. Mahan's temporary permit for an additional year, expiring on May 9, 2006. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Henry Meyerson, Ph.D.

Dr. Meyerson wrote requesting approval for a restricted license to allow him to perform Social Security disability evaluations pending his submission of a full clinical work sample. Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board voted to inform Dr. Meyerson that he should be encouraged to pursue

licensure and present a brief psychosocial evaluation representative of the type of work he will be doing in the State of New Jersey. Additionally, the Board informed Dr. Meyerson that this work sample must be thorough enough to demonstrate clinical competence. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Lori Sweetwood, Psy.D., #3370

Dr. Sweetwood wrote requesting guidance from the Board regarding patient confidentiality requirements. Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board voted to refer Dr. Sweetwood to N.J.A.C. 13:42-8.5 for the confidentiality requirements. The Board will caution Dr. Sweetwood that it cannot authorize anyone to break confidentiality. She must make her own professional decision. Therefore, the Board suggested that Dr. Sweetwood consult with her attorney. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Phyllis Bolling, Ph.D., #3420

Dr. Bolling wrote requesting the Board's guidance for the distribution of the New Jersey Chapter Association of Black Psychologists' membership directory. Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board voted to refer Dr. Bolling to the advertising requirements at N.J.A.C. 13:42-9.2 and inform her that it would be appropriate to maintain a separate directory of licensed professionals for distribution to the public. A separate directory for distribution to association members could include unlicensed members. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Donald M. Bernstein, Ph.D., #105

In his letter, Donald Bernstein, Ph.D., Director of Professional Affairs, New Jersey Psychological Association detailed his concern regarding N.J.S.A. 45:14B-8 which recognizes the performance of work of a psychological nature by qualified members of other professions. He questions the training and ability of non-psychologists to perform such work and opines that it may be a violation of the law.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to inform Dr. Bernstein that the Board interpretation of the law allows for a broad definition of the term "work of a psychological nature." It would be impossible for the Board to regulate other mental health professionals. Issues involving psychologists would have to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine a licensee's training to provide specific evaluations. Voting in favor of the motion. all. .

Monica J. Indart, Psy.D.

Dr. Indart wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit that expired on April 26, 2005. Dr. Indart apologized for the delay in submitting the request and stated that the extension would allow her to complete the supervision requirement and to complete the E.P.P.P. examination. Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to extend Dr. Indart's permit for an additional year, expiring on April 26, 2006. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Joel F. McClough, Ph.D.

Joel McClough, Ph.D., Director of 9-11 Bereavement/Families Forward Program, New York University School of Medicine requested Board approval of a research project which is designed to offer services in New Jersey to the widows and children, those working in the World Trade Center and of uniformed personnel who died in the line of duty on 9-11-2001. . Dr. McClough states that the psychologists involved in the project are licensed in New York.

Following a detailed review of the request, the Board agrees that as long as the project falls within the auspices of a New Jersey institution of higher education, the individuals connected with the institution are exempt from licensure. The Board will, however, seek clarification of the informed consent forms to be utilized.

REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON MAY 2, 2005--DR, ROY

Danae Perez-Cahill, Ph.D.

Dr. Perez-Cahill took and failed her oral examination administered on November 8, 2004 and is currently working under a one-year temporary permit, unsupervised, issued on May 7, 2004. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to extend Dr. Perez-Cahill's one-year temporary permit (previously unsupervised), with supervision, contingent upon receipt of her work sample in the Board office on or before June 30, 2005. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

John McGinley, Ph.D./David Mahalick, Ph.D., supervisor (present)

Dr. McGinley took and failed his oral examination administered on November 11, 2004 and is currently working under a three-year temporary permit, supervised, issued on August 27, 2002. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to extend Dr. McGinley's temporary permit for an additional year expiring on August 27, 2006, contingent upon the submission of his work sample in the Board office on or before August 27, 2005. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Report on ASPPB's 20th Midyear Meeting in Portland, Oregon on April 7-10, 2005—Dr. Roy Dr. Kenneth Roy provided a report on his attendance of the ASPPB's meeting in Portland, Oregon on April 7 -10, as member-at-large. Of interest were discussions on the pre-licensure character and fitness evaluation methods used by various states. While New Jersey is one of the few states to require a criminal history background check, other states require the applicant's response to personal/financial questions.

ASPPB's Certificate of Professional Qualifications (CPQ) will eliminate the requirement for the oral examination effective June 2006, since the majority of jurisdictions do not require the oral exam. CPQ does allow for a jurisprudence exam which is required by a number of states.

The efforts to recognize the credentials of Mexico-licensed psychologists was discussed. It appears that there may be a basis to accept Mexico's Ph.D./Masters programs as equivalent to U.S. programs.

Dr. Roy reported that ASPPB guidelines on psychopharmacology are being drafted. Reference was made to an article in The National Psychologist, and information on qualifying degree, certificate and continuing education programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole M. Harper, MA., RN
Secretary

APPROVED:

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