

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS  
MAY 3, 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  
Jeffrey H. Tindall, Ph.D. Carole M. Harper, MA., RN, Public Member  
Mark Glat, Psy.D., Secretary

**ABSENT:**

T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member Keith D. Cicerone, Ph.D.

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

Carmen Rodriguez, 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. Leight and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board approved the open session minutes of September 8, 2003 and April 5, 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 examinations.

The Board returned to open session.

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

Nadine Marty, Ed.D.  
Veronica Christopoulos, Psy.D.  
Lynne Havsy, Ph.D.  
Elaine Weinman, Ph.D.  
Jin H. Lee, Psy.D.  
Nicole Safonte-Strumolo, Ph.D.

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

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

Nancy Bloom, Psy.D.  
Patricia Baszczuk, Ph.D.  
Dawn Baird-Taylor, Ph.D.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Kelly Brown Hargadon, Ph.D.**

Dr. Hargadon wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, that expires on May 29, 2004. Dr. Hargadon stated that she is in the process of writing her work sample in preparation for taking the oral examination after her first failure on June 30, 2003.

Upon motion made by Dr. Glat and seconded by Dr. Tindall, the Board voted to extend Dr. Hargadon's permit for one additional year, expiring on May 29, 2005. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **Janet Snyder, Ph.D.**

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

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to grant Dr. Snyder an additional 90 days to submit her work sample. Dr. Snyder's work sample is now due in the Board office on or before June 25, 2004. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **Nicole Safonte-Strumolo, Ph.D.**

Dr. Safonte-Strumolo wrote requesting that the Board accept supervision hours she accrued before the issuance of her three-year temporary permit on April 7, 2004. Dr. Safonte-Strumolo stated that she has been under supervision with Dr. Zupkus since February 2004 at Lipman Hall, an exempt setting.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to accept Dr. Safonte-Strumolo's supervision hours accrued starting in February 2004 before the issuance of her permit provided that the hours are properly documented on the Board's supervision forms. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **Patricia Kamarinos, Psy.D.**

Dr. Kamarinos wrote requesting that the Board accept supervision hours she accrued under the supervision of Carole Salvador, Psy.D. before she was approved by the Board as an additional supervisor on her three-year temporary permit. Dr. Kamarinos stated that she had failed to add an additional supervisor to her permit and didn't realize it until she placed a call to the Board office.

Upon motion made by Dr. Glat and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted accept the supervision hours accrued under Dr. Salvador's supervision, provided that the hours are properly documented on the Board's supervision forms. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **Danae Perez-Cahill, Ph.D.**

Dr. Perez-Cahill was issued a one-year temporary permit on May 7, 2004 and is requesting that she be permitted to exceed the 20 client-contact hour limit. Dr. Perez-Cahill stated that she would be responsible for completing a maximum of 32 client-contact hours per week in her position at Specialized Therapy Associates.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to deny Dr. Perez-Cahill's request pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-3.6 (e) which states that a one-year and three-year temporary holder shall limit his/her client-contact hours to no more than 20 client or group contact hours in any one week. Dr. Perez-Cahill was further informed that this does not prohibit her from doing administrative work or working additional hours in an exempt setting. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Alan M. Levinson, Psy.D.**

Dr. Levinson wrote requesting a three-year temporary permit, supervised, and that the Board accept supervision hours he accrued at his full time State facility job before he was issued the temporary permit.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board voted to approved the issuance of a three-year temporary permit under the supervision of Dr. Barry Kardos, Ph.D. However, the Board denied Dr. Levinson's request for acceptance of supervision hours accrued without a temporary permit since the grace period ended on December 31, 2002. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Karen A. Saporito, Ph.D.**

Dr. Saporito wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Saporito stated that she has been unable to complete the work sample because of caring for an ill parent.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to grant Dr. Saporito an additional 90 days to submit her work sample. Dr. Saporito's work sample is now due in the Board office on or before April 12, 2004. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Shalonda Kelly, Ph.D.**

Dr. Kelly wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit which expires on May 22, 2004. A review of Dr. Kelly's file indicated that she has yet to take the EPPP written examination.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to extend Dr. Kelly's temporary permit for one additional year, expiring on June 3, 2005, contingent upon her taking the EPPP written examination on or before December 30, 2004. The Board further informed Dr. Kelly that if she does not take the written exam by December 2004, her permit will become null and void. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Kimberly D. Sutton, Esq.**

Ms. Sutton wrote requesting clarification on splitting of fees by licensed psychologists.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to inform Ms. Sutton that N.J.A.C. 13:42-10.17 prohibits the splitting of fees by a licensee under any circumstances. A licensee can contract on an hourly rate for the use of office space. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Howard Adelman, Ph.D., #1498**

The Board reviewed Dr. Adelman's response with regard to the biofeedback technicians working for him.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board requested that Dr. Adelman submit proof to the Board that his biofeedback technicians have satisfied their continuing education requirement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.1 (f)1. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Maria Sikoutris, Ed.S.**

Dr. Sikoutris wrote requesting clarification of the Board's supervision regulations regarding the billing of insurance companies for services provided by a candidate under supervision. Dr. Sikoutris is not a licensed psychologist

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to inform Dr. Sikoutris that she can be supervised by a licensed psychologist who has held his/or license for two or more years; however, the Board requires its licensees to adhere to Board rules and regulations. Additionally, the Board informed Dr. Sikoutris that

since she is not licensed as a psychologist, all forms must be co-signed by the licensed psychologists and herself. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Norman Polansky, Ph.D., #1919**

Dr. Polansky wrote requesting clarification of what is adequate training in order to offer biofeedback services.

Upon motion made by Dr. Glat and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to inform Dr. Polansky that it issues a general license in psychology with the understanding that a licensee works within his or her area of expertise. The Board does not set standards for the various areas of psychology. However, the Board informed Dr. Polansky that he may want to contact Biofeedback Certification Institute of America (BCIA) for additional information on their certification standards for supervisors and technicians. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Bart Rossi, Ph.D., #1170**

Dr. Rossi wrote regarding a Request for Proposal (RFP) for "Parole Board Psychological Examiners." Dr. Rossi stated that Parole Board allows for individuals who are not licensed psychologists to provide almost 90% of the evaluation.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to inform Dr. Rossi that it understands his concerns; however, it does not have jurisdiction in how the Parole Board writes its RFP. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Bart Rossi, Ph.D., #1170**

Dr. Rossi wrote expressing concern with regard to the Board's regulation, N.J.A.C. 13:42- 3.6 (e) candidates who are issued a one-year temporary permit, unsupervised, in New Jersey are limited to 20 contact hours a week. Dr. Rossi expressed that this regulation appears absurd since out-of-state candidates apply for this type of permit and would now have a limited practice.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to inform Dr. Rossi that it is not familiar with other Boards' licensure requirements for psychologists. Therefore, the Board limits an out -of- state psychologist to 20 client-contact hours per week. Additionally, this does not prohibit them from doing administrative work or work in an exempt session. Dr. Rossi was informed that his recommendation to rescind this regulation is being forwarded to the regulations committee for consideration. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Dennis A. Cipriano, Esq.**

Mr. Cipriano wrote requesting clarification of N.J.A.C. 13:42-10.16, restrictive covenants, which states that a "licensee shall not enter into any business agreement that interferes with or restricts ability of a client to see or continue to see his/her therapist of choice."

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to inform Mr. Cipriano that it feels that the regulation speaks for itself and it cannot give legal advice. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Russell Holstein, Ph.D., #941**

Dr. Holstein wrote regarding his concerns with ERISA preemption of the Peer Review Law and HIPAA privacy regulations.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to thank Dr. Holstein for his letter and express appreciation for his concerns relative to ERISA and HIPAA and the implication posed relative to the release of information to third party payers. However, Dr. Holstein was advised that at this time the Board cannot give him a response but will take this issue under advisement. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **Sherry Kramer, Ph.D.**

Pamela Mandel, Esq., attorney for Dr. Kramer, wrote requesting that the Board accept the supervision hours accrued by Dr. Kramer in the State of Colorado as meeting the supervision requirement in the State of New Jersey.

A review of the documents indicated that Dr. Kramer is lacking 140 hours of the required 400 hours of supervision.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Tindall, the Board voted to deny Dr. Kramer's request for a waiver of the supervision requirement. The Board directed Dr. Kramer to apply for a three-year temporary permit to accrue the remaining hours of supervision. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORMS**

### **Trinitas Hospital**

The Board reviewed an exemption notice form from Rodger Goddard, 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 and upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board determined that Trinitas Hospital is considered an exempt facility. Dr. Goddard was so advised that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm to the Board annually in January of its continuing exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **Bancroft NeuroHealth**

The Board reviewed an exemption notice form from Terry Page, 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 and upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board determined that exempt status is granted for the Lindens and Children's Services. The Board further will inform Dr. Page that certain other Bancroft NeuroHealth programs are excluded from the exemption. Those programs are Bancroft Brain Injury Services, Adult residential programs, and Adult vocational programs. Dr. Page was so advised that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm to the Board annually in January of its continuing exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **TEMPORARY PERMIT CONFERENCE HELD ON MAY 3, 2004—Dr. Roy**

### **Richard Coco, Ph.D.**

Dr. Coco took and failed his oral examination administered on March 8, 2004 and is currently working under a three-year temporary permit, issued on March 5, 2002.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to continue Dr. Coco's temporary permit with no change in status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

### **I/M/O Kenneth J. Cochrane, Ph.D., (UL)**

A Consent Order was filed with Dr. Cochrane on October 15, 2001 for the unlicensed practice of psychology in New Jersey.

Dr. Cochrane is requesting that he be permitted to continue the licensure process in New Jersey since he has

satisfied all terms of the Consent Order.

Upon motion made by Dr. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that Dr. Cochrane has acted in accordance with the Consent Order and is now permitted to submit his work sample for the oral examination.

Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**I/M/O Michael Abrams, Ph.D., #2564**

Dr. Abrams wrote stating that his two year probationary period is almost ending and wants to know if anything else is required of him.

Upon motion made by Dr. Glat and seconded by Dr. Tindall, the Board voted to inform Dr. Abrams that his suspension period ends on June 30, 2004 and that his last written progress report should be submitted at that time.

Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Glat, Psy.D.  
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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

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