

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MAY 7, 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 10:10 A.M. by Dr. Jeffers, Chair.

PRESENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Vice Chair
Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Secretary
Evelyn A. Orozco, Ph.D.
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D.

ABSENT:

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

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. Orozco and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board approved the public session minutes of April 2, 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 candidates were unanimously approved for a three-year temporary permit for the supervised practice of psychology:

Nicole Paolillo, Psy.D. Julia Kireev, Psy.D.
Michele Koschin, Psy.D. Denise Horton, Ph.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:

Jennifer Lambert, Psy.D.
Brett Biller, Psy.D.
Robert Villanella, Ph.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jessica Woods, Ph.D.

Dr. Woods wrote requesting an extension of her one-year unsupervised temporary permit that expired on April 24, 2007. Dr. Woods stated that in her current role as Clinical Director of MR/DD services, she has not had the opportunity to complete the type of evaluation requested by the Board. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Woods one-year permit for an additional year, expiring on April 24, 2008. In response to Dr. Woods' inquiry, the Board suggested that she find a place to volunteer in an effort to obtain a case for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Daniel Hermann, Psy.D.

Dr. Hermann wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit his work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Hermann stated that family and work responsibilities have prevented him from giving full attention to completing his work sample for submission. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to grant Dr. Hermann an additional 90 days to submit his work sample to the Board office. The work sample is now due in the Board office on or before July 23, 2007. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Elaine Weinman, Ph.D.

Dr. Weinman wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit that expired on April 6, 2007. Dr. Weinman stated that she has just completed her supervision hours and is ready to take the E.P.P.P. written examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Weinman's temporary permit for an additional year contingent upon her taking the E.P.P.P. on or before September 30, 2007. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

John E. Macri, Ph.D.

Dr. Macri wrote requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit that expired on April 26, 2007. Dr. Macri stated that he is near completion of accruing his supervision hours which would make him eligible to take the E.P.P.P. written examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Macri's temporary permit for an additional year which will now expire on April 26, 2008. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Carole M. Beyer, Ed.D.

Dr. Beyer wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit that expired on April 26, 2007. Dr. Beyer stated that she has about approximately 150 hours remaining to accrue in order to be eligible to take the E.P.P.P. written examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Beyer's temporary permit for an additional year. The permit will now expire on April 26, 2008. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Rita D. Posner, Ph.D.

Dr. Posner wrote to request a second extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Posner stated that additional medical reasons have prevented her from adhering to the Board's previous deadline date of April 15, 2007. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to grant Dr. Posner an additional 90 days to submit her work sample to the Board office. The work sample is now due in the Board office on or before July 15, 2007. The Board also advised Dr. Posner that since her initial application made in 1995, no further extensions will be granted. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Jin Lee, Psy.D.

Dr. Lee wrote requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit that expired on April 7, 2007. Dr. Lee stated that he has not accrued all of his supervision hours to take the E.P.P.P. written examination. Additionally, Dr. Lee stated that the extension would afford him the opportunity to seek part-time work in a private practice. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Lee's temporary permit for an additional year. The permit will now expire on April 7, 2008. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Katherine Perez-Rivera, Ph.D., #4352

Dr. Perez-Rivera wrote inquiring whether the use of the title "clinical pediatric licensed psychologist" is permissible. Dr. Perez-Rivera stated that the use of the title accurately reflects her background and the type of work she does. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to inform Dr. Perez-Rivera, that it only approves of the use of the title "practicing psychologist" and is silent on the use any other titles. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Dorothy Horton, Psy.D.

Dr. Horton wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit which expired on April 25, 2007. Dr. Horton stated that she is scheduled to take the E.P.P.P. written examination on April 30, 2007. Board staff reported that Dr. Horton did not receive a passing score on the exam and has been scheduled for a permit conference on Monday, June 4, 2007. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Horton's temporary permit until the June 4, 2007 agenda meeting. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Jin Lee, Psy.D.

Dr. Lee wrote requesting that the Board retroactively accept post-doctoral supervision hours accrued in an exempt setting prior to Board approval of his supervisor. Dr. Lee stated that he began receiving supervision from Dr. Modiano on November 8, 2005 until April 16, 2007. Dr. Lee further stated that he assumed that Dr. Modiano was approved by the Board since she had submitted the required forms to the Board office. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to accept the supervision hours accrued from November 8, 2005 until April 16, 2007 under the supervision of Dr. Modiano. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Brandy Dunn, Psy.D.

Dr. Dunn's licensing file was brought before the Board because during a review of the pre-doctoral supervision forms, an office staff member noticed that internship supervisor has not been licensed in the State of New York for two (2) years when the supervision began. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to deny the acceptance of Dr. Dunn's pre-doctoral hours pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-4.2 which states that supervision of experience for licensure purposes, including experience in exempt settings, shall be rendered by: 1- A psychologist licensed in New Jersey for at least two years; or 2- For supervised experience obtained in another state a psychologist licensed in the state for at least two years and who is eligible for licensure in New Jersey. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)

Ms. Wahler and Dr. Helfmann wrote requesting to meet with the full Board at its next scheduled agenda meeting on June 4, 2007 to discuss a few issues that are of utmost importance to their members. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board directed Executive Director Walker to request an agenda, in advance of the Board meeting with further explanations of the problems they wish to discuss with the Board, along with examples of the problems, in an effort to determine the amount of time that will need to be allotted for them at the July 2, 2007 agenda meeting. Additionally, the Board stated that should they wish to further discuss the Physician Report on Psychiatric Condition form used by the Motor Vehicle Commission, they should add it as one of their agenda items. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Katherine Perez-Rivera, Ph.D., #4352

Dr. Perez-Rivera wrote inquiring if she could hire a non-licensed mental health professional for her private practice. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to inform Dr. Perez-Rivera that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.1 (a) 1 and 2 a licensee practicing independently may employ or otherwise remunerate the following individuals to render professional services only in circumstances where quality control of the employed practitioner's professional practice can be and is lawfully supervised and evaluated by the licensee. 1) Other licensed practitioners to render services within the scope of practice of each employees' license; and 2) Practitioners who are authorized to practice psychology under an exemption from licensure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.3. Therefore, the Board denied Dr. Perez-Rivera's request since hiring an unlicensed person would be considered the aiding and abetting of the practice of psychology. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)

Ms. Wahler, Executive Director of NJPA extended an invitation to Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Vice Chair of the Board of Psychological Examiners and President of ASPPP's Board of Directors to participate on NJPA's Presidential Task Force to review the APA recommendations on Education and Training Leading to Licensure in Psychology. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to approved Dr. Roy's attendance at NJPA's Task Force Meeting. Voting in favor of the motion: all

I/M/O Colleen Peru, Ph.D., #3181

Dr. Goodman wrote informing the Board of Dr. Peru's progress and that she has conformed with all terms of the Consent Order. The Board agreed that she has satisfied the requirements of the Consent Order.

New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (NJ-AFCC)

Mr. Sobel, President, of NJ-AFCC wrote requesting to continue its dialogue with the Board with regard to the discussing strategy options and perhaps any recommendation by the Board to prevent any abuse with handling of the complaint process that might interfere with their mutual goals. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board directed Executive Director Walker to request an agenda, in advance of a meeting, with further explanations of their request. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORM

Youth Development Clinic

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Patricia Connors, MD.

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. Orozco and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board determined that Youth Development Clinic continues to meet the requirements of an exempt facility. Dr. Connors 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.

REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON MAY 7, 2007--JEFFERS/FRIEDMAN

Holly Bailey, Ph.D./Michael Sakowitz, Ph.D., supervisors (present)

Dr. Bailey failed her oral examination taken on February 23, 2007 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to continue Dr. Bailey's temporary permit with no changes. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Jeffrey Adams, Psy.D./Frank Epifanio, Ph.D., supervisor (present)

Dr. Adams failed his oral examination taken on January 29, 2007 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Adams's temporary permit for an additional year

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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