

State Board of Psychological Examiners

OPEN MINUTES

JUNE 2, 2003

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 A. Leight, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Jeffry H. Tindall, Ph.D.
Carole M. Harper, MA., RN, Public Member

ABSENT:

Margery B. Manheim, Ph.D.
Keith D. Cicerone, Ph.D.
Mark Glat, Psy.D., Secretary

ALSO ATTENDING:

Marilyn Bair, DAG, Counsel to Board
Carol Y. Clark, Executive Director
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to approve the minutes of January 6, 2003, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion. all.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

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

Patresh Kasabwala, Psy.D.
Thomas Shea, Psy.D.
Luke Roan, Psy.D.
Elizabeth Frenkel, Ph.D.
Tracy Colsen, 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:

Rose Marino, Ph.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sharon DiGiacopa Sutter, Ph.D.

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

Dr. Sutter stated that she recently gave birth to her first child and the responsibilities of motherhood have been very time consuming for her.

The Board unanimously voted to grant Dr. Sutter a three-month extension of time to submit her work sample for the oral examination. .

Linda Kost, Psy.D.

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

Dr. Kost stated that because of recent increased job demands combined with some recent health problems, she has not been able to devote sufficient time to the preparation of her work sample.

The Board unanimously voted to grant Dr. Kost an additional two-months to submit her work sample for the oral examination.

Joseph Fischer, Psy.D.

Dr. Fischer responded to the Board's correspondence inquiring about his intention to submit a work sample to take the oral examination.

Dr. Fischer stated that it is his intention to submit a work sample and to obtain licensure in New Jersey. Dr. Fischer is requesting that the Board grant him additional time to submit his work sample.

The Board unanimously voted to grant Dr. Fischer an additional 90 days to submit his work sample to the Board. He should submit it by November 4, 2003.

Shari Becker, Ph.D.

Dr. Becker wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit which expires on July 21, 2003.

Dr. Becker stated that due to child care responsibilities, she has not been able to accrue the remaining supervision hours to be eligible to take the E.P.P.P. written examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to extend Dr. Becker's temporary permit for an additional six months, to expire on January 21, 2004. Additionally, the Board voted to inform Dr. Becker that she is expected to take the written examination and submit her work sample for the oral exam before the expiration of her permit. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Frederick Kurz, Ph.D., #1839

Dr. Kurz indicated on his license renewal application form that another state board had taken action since his last renewal with New Jersey.

Dr. Kurz stated that during the biennial period, 12/1/99 to 11/30/01, he completed 59 hours of APA approved continuing education credits. When he submitted the renewal application to Pennsylvania he attested that he had completed at least 30 hours with at least three credits in ethical issues. Both facts were accurate and he submitted documentation of 63 APA approved continuing education credits, with ten credits in ethics.

Pennsylvania allows that a maximum of 15 hours be attained through home study. Through a miscalculation, Dr. Kurz stated that he exceeded the home study credits.

The Board unanimously voted to request that Dr. Kurz submit a copy of the reprimand issued by the Pennsylvania State Board.

Avrene L. Brandt, Ph.D.

Dr. Brandt indicated on her license renewal application form that another state board had taken action since her last renewal with New Jersey.

Dr. Brandt stated that from February 2000 through August 2001, she experienced a number of marital and medical difficulties, resulting in two changes in her residence. During that time period, Dr. Brandt stated that she neglected to inform the Pennsylvania State Board of her change of address.

The Board unanimously, after reviewing the Order, "Adopting Hearing Examiner's Proposed Adjudication and Order", voted not to take any action based on the information provided by Dr. Brandt.

Anya Luchow, Ph.D.

Dr. Luchow responded to the Board's correspondence inquiring about her intention to submit a work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Luchow took and failed the oral examination on April 28, 1997 and to date, has not submitted a new work sample for re-examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to inform Dr. Luchow that she has 90 days to submit a new work sample on a case, that is still in progress or that has been terminated no more than one-year prior to its submission. Should she fail to do this, her file will be placed on inactive status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Paul Vicino, Ph.D.

Dr. Vicino responded to the Board's correspondence inquiring about his intention to submit a work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Vicino took and failed the oral examination on June 8, 1987 and to date, has not submitted a new work sample for re-examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to inform Dr. Vicino that he has 90 days to submit a new work sample, that is still in progress or that has been terminated no more than one-year prior to its submission. Should he fail to do this, his file will be placed on inactive status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Laura S. Rogers, Ed.D.

Dr. Rogers responded to the Board's correspondence inquiring about her intention to submit a work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Rogers inquired whether a follow-up study on a completed project at AT &T would be a continuation of a case to meet the Board's requirement of a current work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to inform Dr. Rogers that it would accept a follow-up study as a continuation of the project. However, she must obtain a temporary permit with a board approved supervisor if she is not an employee of AT&T.

Additionally, the Board voted to issue Dr. Rogers a one-year temporary permit, supervised, contingent upon her submitting the work sample in the Board office within six months from the issuance of the permit. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

John A. Salerno, Ph.D.

Dr. Salerno wrote requesting that his oral examination be rescheduled in late July 2003 or thereafter since he and his wife are relocating.

The Board voted unanimously to inform Dr. Salerno that his oral examination would be rescheduled. However, Dr. Salerno must contact the Board office on or before July 1, 2003 to discuss the rescheduling. Dr. Salerno was further informed that if the current work sample exceeds the one-year limit, a new work sample will be required. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Michelle Jasper Brody, Psy.D.

Dr. Brody wrote requesting approval of Neil Bergman, Ph.D. as an additional permit supervisor on her three-year temporary permit, as well as retroactive approval of supervision hours accrued from an unapproved supervisor.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Tindall, the Board voted to accept the supervision hours Dr. Brody accrued from the unapproved supervisor. Additionally, the Board also voted to approve Dr. Bergman as an additional supervisor on her three-year temporary permit. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community

The Board reviewed an exemption notice form from Paul Potito at the New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community.

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. Tindall and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board determined that the New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community did not meet the criteria for a bona fide non-profit community agency at this time. A review of the form indicates that it falls short of the funding by 10%. The Board is requesting clarification on the term "restricted funds" and what is their source of funding. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

New Jersey Psychological Associations

Lorryn Wahler, Executive Director, Donald Bernstein, Ph.D., Director of Professional Affairs, Robert McGrath, Ph.D., Trainer in Psychopharmacology for FDU from NJPA requested to meet with the Board to discuss the issue of scope of practice relative to talking with patients about their psychotropic medication as prescribed by a physician.

Dr. Jeffers read the Board's policy statement aloud during the meeting. Dr. Jeffers further informed NJPA that the Peer Review Law takes precedence over HIPPA, except ERISA. ERISA is covered by HIPPA but not under state laws.

APPROVED BY:

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