

# State Board of Psychological Examiners

June 3, 2002

## Minutes

The general meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at the Board office, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 9:50 A.M. by Kenneth Roy, Ed.D., Chair.

### **PRESENT:**

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Chair  
Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Margery B. Manheim, Ph.D.  
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member (arrived 10:20 A.M.)  
Keith Cicerone, Ph.D. (left 12:30 P.M.)  
Debra Eckert-Casha, Esq., Public Member  
Mark Glat, Psy.D. (arrived 9:55 A.M.)  
Carole M. Harper, MA, RN, Public Member

### **ABSENT:**

Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D.  
Jeffrey H. Tindall, Ph.D.

### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

Paul C. Brush, Executive Director  
Kathy Rohr, DAG, Counsel to Board  
Marilyn Bair, DAG  
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant  
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

### **MINUTES:**

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Manheim, the Board voted to approve the open session minutes of March 4, 2002, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to go into closed for discussion of the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

The Board returned to open session.

### **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

### **LICENSED BY EXAMINATION**

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

Stuart Isralowitz, Ph.D.

Daniel Davenport, Psy.D.  
Carol Freund, Ph.D.  
Debora Klener, Ph.D.

## **FAILED ORAL EXAMINATION**

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

**Barbara Rumin, 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:

Andriana Dunn, Ph.D.  
Monica Indart, Psy.D.  
Nancy Bloom, Psy.D.  
JoAnne Gonzalez-Serrat, Psy.D.  
Jennifer Bowe, Psy.D.  
Michael Sherman, Ph.D.  
James Mahan, Psy.D.  
Nancy Hamilton, Psy.D.

## **TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR**

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

**Lynn Rothstein, Psy.D.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Cynthia Steiger Hussey, Psy.D.**

Dr. Hussey wrote requesting that her oral examination be rescheduled sometime between mid-July and late August 2002.

Dr. Hussey was scheduled to take her oral examination in March 2002 and the examination was canceled because of a scheduling conflict in the Board office. Dr. Hussey has since become pregnant and is experiencing fatigue and nausea and feels that this will interfere with her performance during the oral exam.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Manheim, the Board voted to grant Dr. Hussey's request for a postponement of her oral examination until mid-July and late August 2002. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Victoria Miller, Ph.D.**

Dr. Miller wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on May 17, 2002.

Dr. Miller stated that she has not submitted her work sample for the oral examination because she had expected to move out of state, a move which ultimately did not materialize. Therefore, she is now seeking to complete the licensure process in New Jersey,

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Manheim, the Board voted to extend Dr. Miller's temporary permit until receipt of her oral exam results, contingent upon submission of her work sample on or before September 1,

2002. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Elizabeth Vergoz-Rekis, Ph.D.**

Dr. Vergoz-Rekis wrote requesting the issuance of a three-year temporary permit, supervised, since she is now licensed in the State of New York and has taken and passed the EPPP examination.

Dr. Vergoz-Rekis stated that she has yet to take the oral examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Manheim, the Board voted to grant Dr. Vergoz-Rekis a one-year temporary permit, supervised. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Gregory Lomuti, Ph.D.**

Dr. Lomuti wrote requesting modification of the restriction placed on his three-year temporary permit, supervised.

Dr. Lomuti's caseload was decreased to five (5) client hours per week since failing the April 18, 2001 EPPP written examination. Dr. Lomuti is requesting that the Board increase his caseload to twenty (20) client hours per week since he has now pass the October 17, 2001 EPPP written examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Glat and seconded by Dr. Manheim, the Board voted to grant Dr. Lomuti's request to increase his caseload to twenty (20) client hours per week. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Pierre Albert, Ph.D.**

Dr. Albert wrote requesting that his three-year temporary permit, supervised, which expired on May 30, 2002, be extended.

A review of Dr. Albert's licensing file indicted that he has not submitted verification of any supervision hours since the issuance of his temporary permit, on October 25, 1993.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Manheim, the Board voted to extend Dr. Albert's permit until July 8, 2002 at which time he must submit verification of his supervised hours for the Board's review. Additionally, Dr. Albert was so advised that if the supervised hours were not submitted by the due date, his permit would become null and void. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

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

Dr. Holstein wrote to inform the Board of an Outpatient Treatment Progress Report form he received from United Behavioral Health requesting information on one of his patients that does not comply with the New Jersey Peer Review Law.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board reviewed the form and directed Executive Director Brush to forward its standard letter to United Behavioral Health stating that the requested information seems to be inappropriate, i.e., prior treatment, GAF, risk assessment. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**OPEN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

**I/M/O Peter Rutan, Ed.D., #1660**

Administrative Action Consent Order was filed with the Board of Psychological Examiners on May 21, 2002.

**I/M/O Paul J. Forti, Ph.D., #3071**

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### **I/M/O Andrew Lester, Ph.D., #1395**

Jeffrey Allen, Ph.D. wrote to provide the Board with his first monthly report of his supervision of Dr. Lester.

Dr. Allen reported that Dr. Lester's initial session was held on April 27, 2002 at his office.

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

Dr. Abrams has reported that since his license to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey has been reinstated as of April 27, 2002, he has not yet begun any direct client contact.

### **I/M/O John Rathouser, Ph.D., #1394**

Thomas Johnson, Ed.D. submitted his fifth report to the Board on his supervision of Dr. Rathouser. Dr. Johnson is still recommending that weekly contact hour restrictions on Dr. Rathouser's caseload be lifted and that the supervision requirements be decreased to one supervision hour per week.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to inform Dr. Johnson that the Board is still waiting to receive the report from Dr. Lewis Gantwerk. Therefore, the Board is tabling its recommendation pending receipt of Dr. Gantwerk's report. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS 2002-2003**

Pursuant to 45:14B-13, the Board held election of officers.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Manheim, Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D. was elected by acclamation to serve as Chair. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Upon motion made by Dr. Manheim and seconded by Dr. Patterson, Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D. was elected by acclamation to serve as Vice Chair. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Ms. Eckert-Casha, Mark Glat, Psy.D. was elected by acclamation to serve as Secretary. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORMS**

### **Christian Health Care Center**

The Board reviewed an exemption notice form from Joanne Reilly at Christian Health Care Center.

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 and seconded, the Board determined that Christian Health Care Center is considered an exempt facility. Ms. Reilly 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.

### **New Jersey Center for the Healing Arts**

The Board reviewed an exemption notice form from Carol Veizer at the New Jersey Center for the Healing Arts.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the exemption notice form, upon motion made and seconded, the Board determined that New Jersey Center for the Healing Arts did not meet the criteria for a bona fide non-profit community agency at this time. A review of the form indicates that it does not qualify unless Ms. Veizer can certify that they accept Medicare & Medicaid without any restrictions. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Regulation Committee

DAG Rohr informed the Board that Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson has returned from her maternity leave and suggests that the Chair speak with her to express its concerns with regards to moving the regulations ahead.

## Judicial Committee

Ms. Eckert-Casha reported that she has not heard anything from her contact person. Ms. Eckert-Casha stated that she would call her contact person again and suggest a time in the fall of 2002 and perhaps the Board could plan something for a later date.

## Newsletter Committee

The Chair suggested that the committee discuss the next publication of the Board's newsletter to included the following topics:

Exempt settings issues, supervision issues, message from the Chair, ethics, telepractice issues, introduction of Marilyn Bair, DAG.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Glat, Psy.D., Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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