

# State Board of Psychological Examiners

July 9, 2001

## Public Session Minutes

The general public meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at the Board office, 124 Halsey Street, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 A.M. by Kenneth Roy, Ed.D., Chair.

### **PRESENT:**

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Chair  
Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D., Secretary  
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member  
Carole Harper, RN, Public Member  
Mark Glat, Psy.D.

### **ABSENT:**

Margery B. Manheim, Ph.D.  
Debra Eckert-Casha, Esq., Public Member  
Keith D. Cicerone, Ph.D.  
Jeffrey H. Tindall, Ph.D.

### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

Kathy Rohr, S.D.A.G., Counsel to Board  
Paul C. Brush, Executive Director  
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant  
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

### **MINUTES:**

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to approved the open session minutes of June 4, 2001, 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 session for discussion of the oral examinations. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

The Board returned to open session.

### **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

### **LICENSED BY ORAL EXAMINATION**

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

Nancy Ruddy, Ph.D.  
Nancie Senet, Ph.D.  
Jaclyn Friedman-Lombardo, Ph.D.

Linda Tamm, Psy.D.  
Debra Couturier-Fagan, Ph.D.  
Barbara Dawson, Psy.D.  
Anne Rybowski, Ph.D.  
Joseph Bencivenne, Ph.D.  
Josephine Hines, Ph.D.  
Mario Tommasi, Ph.D.  
Nancy Distel, Ph.D.  
Douglas Stewart, Psy.D.

### **FAILED ORAL EXAMINATION**

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

Robert A. Block, Ph.D.

### **TEMPORARY PERMIT@NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS**

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

Judith Green, Psy.D.  
Kelly Hargadon, Ph.D.  
Suzannah Espinosa, Ph.D.  
Carol Christofilis, Psy.D.  
Molly Palmer, Psy.D.  
Carole Lester, Psy.D.  
Barbara Velazquez, Ph.D.  
Calvin Starcher, Ph.D.  
Sean Wasielewski, 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:

Judy Washington, Ph.D.  
Caryn Kennelly, Psy.D.  
Amy Brams, Ph.D.  
John McGovern  
Debora Klener, Ph.D.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **Nancy Sidhu, Ph.D.**

Dr. Sidhu wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Sidhu stated that she decided to work in an alternate setting under the supervision of a licensed psychologist in addition to the terms she outlined to the Board in her plan for her one-year temporary permit, unsupervised.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to grant Dr. Sidhu an additional 90 days to submit her work sample to the Board office for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

#### **Elvira Anselmi, Ph.D.**

Dr. Anselmi was issued her psychology license on February 5, 2001 and paid \$265.00 [second year license fee] with

the license expiring on June 30, 2001.

Dr. Anselmi later received a license renewal application form in the mail for the period of July 1, 2001 until June 30, 2003 requesting \$300.00 , which she paid.

Dr. Anselmi is requesting a refund of the \$265.00 stating that she has not seen patients since she was issued her license and has no intentions of doing so until July 2001.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to deny Dr. Anselmi's request for a refund of \$265.00.

**Roxanne Croft, Ph.D., #1545**

Dr. Croft returned her psychology license renewal application form to Trenton NJ for processing and it was returned to the Board office because Dr. Croft noted on the ADA application form that she has a medical condition which would impair or limit her ability to practice psychology.

The Board reviewed Dr. Croft's explanation/documentation with regards to her current medical condition.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to send Dr. Croft a letter acknowledging receipt of her written statement regarding her medical condition and inform her that the statement will be kept in her licensing file and no further Board action is required. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Phyllis Reba, Psy.D.**

Dr. Reba returned her psychology license renewal application form to Trenton NJ for processing and it was returned to the Board office because Dr. Reba noted on the ADA application form that she has a medical condition which she believes would impair her competence as a psychologist.

The Board reviewed Dr. Reba's explanation/documentation with regards to her current medical condition.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to send Dr. Reba a letter acknowledging receipt of her written statement regarding her medical condition and inform her that the statement will be kept in her licensing file and no further Board action is required. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Barbara Kovach, Ph.D.**

Dr. Kovach wrote asking for the return of her three-year temporary permit, supervised. Dr. Kovach was asked to return her permit to the Board office after her recent second failure of the oral examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to sustain its decision not to reissue Dr. Kovach a three-year temporary permit, supervised. Furthermore, the Board voted to inform Dr. Kovach that she can work in an exempt setting, under the direct supervision of a licensed psychologist, and she must inform the Board office immediately of the licensed psychologist who will provide her with direct supervision. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Mark S. Herr, Director, DCA**

Director Herr prepared a letter to be mailed to all licensed psychologists advising them that the expiration date of all Psychologist licenses with a June 30, 2001 expiration date will be extended until **August 31, 2001.**

**Arnold A. Lazarus, Ph.D., #923**

Dr. Lazarus wrote regarding the Board's proposed regulation to add "bartering" to its list of proscriptions.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to advise Dr. Lazarus that when

formally proposed, the regulation will be published in the New Jersey Register and comments can then be sent to the Board office. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Jeffrey H. Axelbank, Psy.D., #3252**

Dr. Axelbank wrote to inform the Board that MHN, a third party payor, has notified him of a request for an Independent Professional Review, under the New Jersey Peer Review Law. Dr. Axelbank is requesting that the Board designate an IPRC to review the reference case.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board directed Executive Director Brush to assign two new reviewers to review this case. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**New Jersey Psychological Association**

NJPA will be conducting a workshop at the Woodbridge Hilton in Iselin NJ on Friday, September 14, 2001. The topic of the workshop is Legal & Ethical Risks and Risk Management in Professional Psychological Practice.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board approved the attendance of Kathy Rohr, S.D.A.G to attend the workshop. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards**

ASPPB will be hosting its 41st Annual Meeting in Quebec City, Canada on October 10- 14, 2001.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board approved the attendance of Executive Director Brush, Kathy Rohr, S.D.A.G, Kenneth Roy, Ed.D., Chair and Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D., Vice Chair. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORMS FROM NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY AGENCIES**

**Peter Ho Memorial Clinic/St Michael's Medical Center**

The Board reviewed an exemption notice form from Michel Graham Anderson at the Peter Ho Memorial Clinic/St. Michael's Medical 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 by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board determined that the Peter Ho Memorial Clinic, only, is considered an exempt facility. Ms. Graham-Anderson 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.

**Genesis Counseling Servicem, Inc.**

The Board reviewed the additional information submitted by Gabriel Guerrieri of Genesis Counseling Service.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3, after review of the additional information provided in the exemption notice form, upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board determined that Genesis Counseling Service, Inc. is considered an exempt facility. Mr. Guerrieri 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.

**DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

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

Dr. Forti submitted a letter to the Board dated December 17, 2000 which was received in the Board office on June 13,

2001 stating that he will not need to continue his current position as a licensed psychologist and he will be formally resigning from the practice of psychology in New Jersey, effective immediately. The Board found the letter informational since Dr. Forti's license was revoked by Consent Order in May 2001.

I/M/O Andrew Cangelosi, Ph.D., #3118

Thomas Johnson, Ed.D. submitted his fifth monthly report on his supervision of Dr. Cangelosi as per the requirements of the Reinstatement Order filed by the Board.

APPROVED BY:

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.  
Chair

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Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D.  
Secretary

*Modified March 2002*