

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS  
NOVEMBER 1, 2004  
OPEN MINUTES**

The public 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 9:45 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair.

**PRESENT:**

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair  
Mark Glat, Psy.D., Vice Chair  
Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D.  
Carole M. Harper, MA., RN, Public Member  
Keith D. Cicerone, Ph.D.  
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member

**ABSENT:**

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

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board  
Elaine L. DeMars, Managing Executive Director  
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant  
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

**MINUTES:**

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board approved the open session minutes of September 13, 2004 and October 4, 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 approved for a three-year temporary permit for the supervised practice of psychology:

Craig Springer, Ph.D.  
Peter DeNigris, Psy.D.  
Sue Schonberg, Ph.D.

Jason Fleming, Psy.D.  
Carl Ziesing, Ph.D.  
Wendy Tineo, Ph.D.

Debra L. Roquet, Psy.D.  
Providencia Benitez, Psy.D.  
Carly Orstein, Psy.D.  
Nancy Spitzack, Psy.D.  
Frank Von Zuben, 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:

Robert Morrison, Psy.D.  
Isaura Gonzalez-Matos, Psy.D.

#### LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board determined that the following candidates have satisfied the requirements for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Melissa B. Vaccari, Ph.D.  
Adele Ackerman Berenz, Ph.D.  
Deborah Liner, Ph.D.

#### FAILURE OF EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board determined that the following candidates did not meet the requirements for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Diane K. Squadron, Psy.D.  
Scott Smith, Ph.D.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Shalonda Kelly, Ph.D.

Dr. Kelly wrote requesting an extension of the December 31, 2004 deadline to sit for the E.P.P.P written examination. Dr. Kelly informed the Board that due to the requirements for tenure, she will not be able to take the written examination by the end of the calendar year. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to grant Dr. Kelly an extension until March 31, 2005 to take the E.P.P.P. written exam. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Burton C. Schucker, Ph.D., #981

Ms. Schucker wrote to advise the Board of the death of her husband. Ms. Schucker requested a refund a prorated portion of the renewal fee. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to approve a prorated refund of the license renewal fee as requested. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Barbara A. Van Horne, MBA,, Ph.D. (NAME OF ORGANIZATION)

Dr. Van Horne wrote to inform all psychology licensing boards that the ASPPB Board of Directors, in 2002, recommended that the boards that allow candidates to sit for the E.P.P.P. only upon completion of all requirements for licensure consider a change to allow candidates for doctoral level licensure to be admitted to the E.P.P.P. following completion of all educational requirements for the doctoral degree.

Bonnie L. LeBold, Executive Director, NACIQI

The Board was provided with details of the December 13, 2004 National Advisory Committee on Institutional

Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) meeting. The Board accepted the announcement as informational.

Donald Bernstein, Ph.D., #105, N.J.P.A.

Dr. Bernstein wrote informing the Board of the recent increase in audits by insurers and managed care companies asking licensees to send copies of their complete medical records of named patients.

Dr. Bernstein states that such requests began several years ago and recounted an opinion of the Board's former deputy attorney general that: (1) All requests for audits require a separate signed authorization specifying that the record was being released for purposes of quality assurance. (2) The released record be "blinded" so that there would be no way in which the auditor could know the identity of the person whose records was being audited.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to send a letter to the appropriate insurance companies informing them that it has been brought to the attention of the Board that they may be in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:42-11, the Act Concerning the Disclosure of Patient Information by Psychologists, in that they are asking psychologists for named records to conduct an audit. The Board will request that each forward a response to the notice. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

I/M/O Michael J. Kahn, Ph.D., #2081

The Board reviewed a supervision status report submitted by Dr. Hubschmitt outlining his supervision progress with Dr. Kahn. Dr. Hubschmitt stated that Dr. Kahn has met the goals of his supervision; therefore, Dr. Hubschmitt has terminated his supervisory relationship with Dr. Kahn, effective September 27, 2004.

Upon motion made by Dr. Glat and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to inform Dr. Kahn that his supervision probationary period, pursuant to the Consent Order filed on June 16, 2003 has been satisfied. Voting in favor the motion: all.

## ASPPB's 44th Annual Meeting

ASPPB's 44th Annual Meeting of Delegates was held in Atlanta, Georgia on October 20-23, 2004. Dr. Roy, Dr. Jeffers and Dr. Tindall were in attendance.

Dr. Roy reported that the administration of the oral examination was a highlighted topic of the meeting. ASPPB reported that a number of boards have discontinued the oral examination and surveyed those boards that currently administer the oral examination to determine if there was consideration of the elimination of the oral examination requirement for licensure.

ASPPB is currently working to develop an on-line application for the E.P.P.P. examination. Dr. Roy reported that the topic for the Annual Meeting was "Promoting Wellness within the Profession of Psychology" and included a discussion focused on psychologists who have substance abuse issues and the development of training for supervisors.

The 20th Midyear Meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon, on April 7-10, 2005.

## AGENDA MEETING DATES FOR "2005"

Monday, January 3, 2005

Monday, July 11, 2005

Monday, February 7, 2005

Monday, August 8, 2005

Monday, March 7, 2005

Monday, September 12, 2005

Monday, April 4, 2005  
Monday, October 3, 2005  
Monday, May 2, 2005  
Monday, November 7, 2005  
Monday, June 6, 2005  
Monday, December 5, 2005

## REVIEW OF LEGISLATION

Senate, No. 1930—An Act revising procedures for suspension or revocation of licenses for overdue child support

Upon motion made by Dr. Glat and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board, after reviewing this bill, had no comments. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Assembly, No. 2319—Requires certain persons to report suspected abuse

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board, after reviewing this bill, voted to support the concept; however, clarification is needed with regards to the interpretation of anyone with a physical handicap to be a "vulnerable adult." Furthermore, the Board expressed concern for the consequences of such reports. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter Committee

Ms. Harper reported that the newsletter has been mailed to all licensed psychologists and applicants for licensure.

Regulation Committee

The Board discussed the composition and agenda of the Regulation Committee. Dr. Patterson reported that draft language for custody evaluation will be presented to the Board by Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carole M. Harper, MA., RN  
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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

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