

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS**  
**OPEN MINUTES**  
**December 2, 2002**

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 9:47 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair.

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.  
Jeffry H. Tindall, Ph.D.

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

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

**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:**

**TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS**

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

Annette Santiago, Ph.D.  
Angela Clarke, Ph.D.  
James Walker, Jr., Ed.D.  
Jamie Pollack, Psy.D.  
Jarrod Spencer, Psy.D.  
Alfredo Loew, Ph.D.  
Jocelyn Fierstien, Psy.D.  
Gia LaRuffa, Ph.D.

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

The following candidates were issued one-year temporary permits for the unsupervised practice of psychology:

Patricia Connors, Ph.D.  
Ann Rasmussen, Psy.D.  
William Ernst, Psy.D.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Sandra Lee, Ph.D., #2509**

Dr. Lee, New Jersey Psychological Association President, wrote the Board requesting that it make a formal, written statement that defines consultations on psychotropic medications with physicians and patients as within the scope of psychological practice.

Dr. Lee stated that several states, California, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Washington DC, Missouri and Pennsylvania has taken formal positions that define such activity as within the scope of psychological practice.

Upon motion made by Dr. Manheim and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to inform Dr. Lee that her letter was reviewed and discussed; however, the Board at this time declines to make a formal statement on this issue since it is not in the Board's regulations and not in the Board's scope of practice. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **Robert J. Fogg, Esq.**

Mr. Fogg wrote on behalf of his clients, Bancroft NeuroHealth, which provides a wide range of residential, educational, and vocational programs for the developmentally disabled or neurologically-impaired at its main campus in Haddonfield, NJ. The New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities has noted that one of the job titles used within the Haddonfield campus included the term "psychologist, although the person holding the title was not licensed."

As a result of this issue being raised, Bancroft has removed the term "psychologist" from the effected title as part of its plan of correction filed with the Division. Mr. Fogg is requesting that the Board review the job description for the position and confirm that the assigned duties and responsibilities of a Behavior Analyst do not violate the Board rules pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42.1.1.

Upon motion made by Dr. Manhiem and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to inform Mr. Fogg that in reviewing the job description, it appears that it may be the practice of psychology and may require a license. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **April Weitz, Ph.D.**

Dr. Weitz wrote to further add clarification to her request for an exemption to the one-year requirement for the submittal of a current work sample.

Dr. Weitz submitted a timberline analysis for the Board's review indicating the delay the Board was experiencing due to the transition of the EPPP from pen and paper to a computerized version. Additionally, the receipt of the results of the EPPP for those candidates who took the first administration of the computerized exam did not receive their results for approximately nine weeks. Dr. Weitz stated that this contributed to her work sample, as far as the Board was concerned, to be more than one-year old.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board voted to inform Dr. Weitz, that due to all of the extenuating circumstances which caused delays in the process of converting to the computer version of the

examination, her work sample would be deemed acceptable for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

### **-Senate, No. 1977-An Act concerning certain testimony in regard to medical malpractice**

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Manheim, the Board was in support of this bill in that the named health care provider should be licensed. Additionally, the Board believes it is up to the court to establish if the expert has conformed to accepted medical standards.

### **-Assembly, No. 2880-An Act concerning procedure and liability in claims for medical malpractice**

Upon motion made by Dr. Cicerone and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board could not support this bill because it doesn't know if it violates due process and whether it improves existing procedures.

### **-Assembly, No. 1005-An Act concerning the scope of practice of a psychologist**

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board was in opposition of this bill in that it's not in the best interest of the public to restrict the Board's ability to broaden its scope of practice.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mark Glat, Psy.D., Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Date: Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D.

Chair