

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey in the Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, on Monday, February 1, 2010. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was called to order at 9:50 A.M.

**PRESENT:**

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair  
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Alan M. Groveman, Ph.D., Secretary  
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.  
Daniel N. Watter, Ed.D.

**ABSENT:**

T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board  
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to approve the public session minutes of November 2, 2009 and December 7, 2009, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all*

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

*Upon unanimous vote of all members present, the Board went into closed session for discussion of the oral examination. The Board returned to open session.*

## **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

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

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

*Paul Groenewal, Psy.D.*

*Eunja Talbot, Psy.D.*

*Johanna Morrow, Psy.D.*

*Paulette Couf, Psy.D.*

*Judith Hayles, Ph.D.*

*Clint Stankiewicz, Psy.D.*

### **LICENSED BY EXAMINATION**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

*Andrew Merling, Ph.D.*

*Christine Ferri, Ph.D.*

*Skye Wilson, Ph.D.*

*Mohamed Rahaman, Psy.D.*

*Shannon Price, Psy.D.*

*Meghan Feehan, Psy.D.*

*Daphne Anshel, Ph.D.*

*Christopher Wainman, Ph.D.*

*Michael Silverstein, Ph.D.*

*Jennifer Bahadurian, Ph.D.*

*Dara Querimit, Ph.D.*

*Nydia Monagas, Psy.D.*

### **DEFERRAL OF EXAMINATION**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination for the following candidate pending submission and approval of a paper outlining the information a psychologist can share with*

*third-party payors (insurance company) under the Act Concerning the Disclosure of Patient Information by Psychologists (a.k.a. New Jersey Peer Review Law).*

*Louis DeStefano, Ph.D.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### Rachel Hendel, Psy.D., TP #073-771

Dr. Hendel wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond its February 2, 2010 expiration date.

Dr. Hendel stated that she has accumulated the required supervision hours to take the E.P.P.P. written examination in the State of New Jersey; however, she has decided to apply for licensure in the State of Pennsylvania and take the E.P.P.P. written examination there.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to extend Dr. Hendel's temporary permit for an additional three months contingent upon her taking the E.P.P.P. written examination on or before April 30, 2010. Dr. Hendel was advised that her permit will now expire on May 2, 2010. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

### Daphne Anshel, Ph.D., TP #081-A396

Dr. Anshel wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond its December 24, 2009 expiration date.

Dr. Anshel is requesting the extension in order to provide continued care to her patients until the results of her oral examination are rendered by the Board.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Anshel's temporary permit until the results of her oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

### Penina Petchers, Psy.D., TP #073-775

Dr. Petchers wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond its February 16, 2010 expiration date.

Dr. Petchers stated that she has completed the required supervision hours and is currently preparing to take the E.P.P.P. written examination. She requested an extension to allow her to prepare for the written exam and prepare for the oral exam. .

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to*

*extend Dr. Petchers temporary permit for an additional year contingent upon her taking the E.P.P.P. written examination on or before June 30, 2010. Dr. Petchers was advised that her permit will now expire on February 1, 2011. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Patrice McGreevey, Psy.D., TP #063-748

Dr. McGreevey wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit that expired on December 4, 2009.

Dr. McGreevey stated that she completed her post-doctoral hours and received authorization to take the E.P.P.P. written examination. Dr. McGreevey is requesting the extension in order to continue seeing her patients.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted that before making a final decision on Dr. McGreevey's reinstatement request, Dr. McGreevey must inform the Board as to what she has been doing from December 4, 2009 to the present. Additionally, the Board requested information on what arrangement Dr. McGreevey's supervisor, Doreen Sperber-Weiss, Ph.D., made concerning the transfer of Dr. McGreevey's caseload because of the expiration of the temporary permit on December 4, 2009.*

Ely Weinschneider, Psy.D., TP #091-A399

Dr. Weinschneider wrote requesting an extension of his one-year unsupervised temporary permit beyond its January 26, 2010 expiration date.

Dr. Weinschneider stated that the extension would allow him to continue to practice while preparing his work sample for submission for the oral examination.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to extend Dr. Weinschneider's temporary permit for an additional six months. Dr. Weinschneider was advised that his permit will now expire on July 26, 2010. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Dennis G. Shulman, Ph.D., #1699

Dr. Shulman wrote to express his deep appreciation for being appointed as a member to the State Board of Psychological Examiners.

Dr. Shulman stated that additional responsibilities at his synagogue would interfere with his attending the Board's monthly meetings. Therefore, it is with regret that he is offering his resignation at this time.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to regretfully accept Dr. Shulman's resignation. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

H. Augustus Taylor, Ph.D., #1184

Dr. Taylor wrote inquiring whether all SHBP plans are exempt from Peer Review, or only some of them. If the latter, how are we to know which is which? Additionally, he inquired if there are any New Jersey guidelines or constraints regarding confidentiality when Peer Review does not apply, assuming the patient is willing to sign an appropriate release.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to inform Dr. Taylor that it does not have the authority to answer the question whether “all SHBP plans are exempt from Peer Review.” However, the Board may ask the Attorney General for an opinion. With respect to Board regulations regarding confidentiality, Board regulations for guidance include, but are not limited to N.J.A.C. 13:42-8.3. You should consult your own attorney for guidance on specific cases. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Khmrly Howard, Ph.D.

Dr. Howard wrote requesting permission from the Board to take two courses in the masters program online at the University of Phoenix in order to make up deficiencies in the requirements for licensure.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to permit Dr. Howard to take the two courses outlined in her letter online at the University of Phoenix. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON 2/1/10–GROVEMAN/ROY**

Marcel M. Tabone, Psy.D./Mariann Pokalo, Ph.D., supervisor (Present)

Dr. Tabone failed the E.P.P.P. written examination administered on December 29, 2009 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit that will expire on October 23, 2010.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to continue Dr. Tabone’s permit with no changes or reduction in caseload. Dr. Tabone was advised that his permit will expire on October 23, 2010.*

Karen Cocco, Ph.D./Elio Arrechea, Ph.D. & Roseann Pizzi, Psy.D., supervisors (Present)

Dr. Cocco failed the E.P.P.P. written examination administered on December 7, 2009 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit that will expire on August 6, 2012.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to continue Dr. Cocco's permit with no changes or reduction in caseload. However, the Board did suggest that Dr. Cocco request the Feedback by Role report for this examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**REVIEW OF EXEMPTION FORMS (RENEWAL)**

NewBridge Services, Inc.

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Michelle Borden, LCSW.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that **NewBridge Services, Inc.** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Borden will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Jersey City Medical Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from James Martin.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that **Jersey City Medical Center** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Mr. Martin will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Deborah L. Hartel.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion*

*made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that **St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Hartel will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

#### Youth Consultation Service, Inc. (YCS)

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Gerald Costa, Ph.D., #3095.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that **Youth Consultation Service, Inc.** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Costa will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

#### Community Treatment Service

The Board reviewed an exemption status form from Mario Tommasi, Ph.D., #3928.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that **Community Treatment Service** qualifies as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Tommasi will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

#### Center for Family Service

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Sue Bergmann, LCSW.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that **Center for Family Service** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Tommasi will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Family & Children's Services, Inc.

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Kevin Bernecker.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that **Family & Children's Services, Inc.** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Mr. Bernecker will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Straight & Narrow, Inc.

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Dharmesh Parkh.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that **Straight & Narrow, Inc.** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Mr. Parkh will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Hoboken University Medical Center (CMHC)

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Michael Swerdlow.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that **Hoboken University Medical Center.** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Mr. Swerdlow will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Center for Evaluation and Counseling

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Margaret Pittaluga, MSW, LCSW.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that **Center for Evaluation and Counseling** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Pittaluga will be reminded that, in order to*

*continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Preferred Behavioral Health of New Jersey, Inc.

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Michael Blatt.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that **Preferred Behavioral Health of New Jersey** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Mr. Blatt will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

JFK-Johnson Rehabilitation Institute

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Keith Cicerone, Ph.D., #2130.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that **JFK-Johnson Rehabilitation Institute** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Cicerone will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Dorothy Hersh Regional Child Protection Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Jamila Irons-Johnson, Ph.D., #4367.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that the **Dorothy Hersh Regional Child Protection Center** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Irons-Johnson will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation, Inc.

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Richard Kathrins, Ph.D.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that the **Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation, Inc.** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Kathrins will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

### Christian Health Care Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Joanne Reilly.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board determined that because the form submitted by **Christian Health Care Center** indicated that it does not employ any licensed psychologists for the purpose of supervising unlicensed providers of psychological services, it does not qualify as an exempt facility. The Board further voted to inform Ms. Reilly that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3, in order to qualify as an exempt facility, employees providing psychological services must be under direct supervision of a licensed practicing psychologist, constantly accessible, either on-site or through electronic communication, and available to render assistance when required and the licensee shall retain full professional responsibility for client care and treatment. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

## OPEN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

### I/M/O Samuelle Klein-von Reiche, Psy.D., #3246

The Board of Psychological Examiners filed an Administrative Action Supplemental Order on January 14, 2010 with regard to the costs and counsel fees incurred by the State pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25 in the amount of \$32,855.29.

I/M/O Nancy Breen Ruddy, Ph.D., #3932

Dr. Ruddy signed the Offer of Settlement In Lieu of Filing a Formal Disciplinary Complaint. Dr. Ruddy stated on the affidavit portion of the Reinstatement Application form that she continued to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey while her license was lapsed after June 30, 2009.

Dr. Ruddy has consented to cease and desist from engaging in the practice of psychology in the future without timely renewal of her license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7(b), (c) and pay a penalty in the amount of \$250.00.

I/M/O Barbara Fleischer, Ph.D., #1781

Dr. Fleischer signed the Offer of Settlement In Lieu of Filing a Formal Disciplinary Complaint. Dr. Fleischer stated on the affidavit portion of the Reinstatement Application form that she continued to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey while her license was lapsed after June 30, 2009.

Dr. Fleischer has consented to cease and desist from engaging in the practice of psychology in the future without timely renewal of her license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7(b), (c) and pay a penalty in the amount of \$250.00.

I/M/O Timothy J. O'Connell, Ph.D., #1517

Dr. O'Connell signed the Offer of Settlement In Lieu of Filing a Formal Disciplinary Complaint. Dr. O'Connell stated on the affidavit portion of the Reinstatement Application form that he continued to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey while his license was lapsed after June 30, 2009.

Dr. O'Connell has consented to cease and desist from engaging in the practice of psychology in the future without timely renewal of his license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7(b), (c) and pay a penalty in the amount of \$250.00.

I/M/O Samuelle Klein-von Reiche, Psy.D., #3246

The Board reviewed correspondence filed by the Respondent and the State with the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey concerning the appeal filed by the Respondent with the Court. *This documentation was considered informational.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Alan M. Groveman, Ph.D.  
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APPROVED BY:

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Date: Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.

**Chair**