

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012
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, 6th floor, on Monday, March 5, 2012. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 A.M.

PRESENT:

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Daniel N. Watter, Ed.D., Secretary

ABSENT:

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.

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. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board approved the public session minutes of May 2, 2011, December 5, 2011 and January 9, 2012, 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 examinations. 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:*

*Karen Owen, Psy.D.
Helen Polak, Psy.D.
Debra Davis, Ph.D.*

*Deborah Skibbee, Ph.D.
Rebecca Giagnoacova, Psy.D.
Susan Blackwell-Nehling, Psy.D.*

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

*The following candidate was unanimously approved for a one-year **unsupervised** temporary permit to practice:*

Sally Morcos, Psy.D.

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

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

*Karen Conn, Ph.D.
Stephanie Duva, Ph.D.
Julia K. Kireev, Psy.D.
Holly Kennedy, Psy.D.
Matthew Goldfine, Ph.D.
Angela Cain, Ph.D.
Carrie Ditzel, Ph.D.
William Ivory, Ph.D.
Joseph Taravella, Ph.D.
Justin Misurelli, Ph.D.*

*Jeffrey Hawkins, Ph.D.
Heather Watson-Perez, Ph.D.
Luciene Takagi, Psy.D.
Sarah Seung-McFarland, Ph.D.
Emily Brislin, Psy.D.
Daniel Saland, Psy.D.
Erin Falk, Ph.D.
Annie Yocum, Psy.D.
Lisa Orsini, Ph.D.
Shira Freudenberger, Psy.D.*

DEFERRAL OF LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination for the following candidates pending submission and approval of a paper outlining the information a psychologist can share with a third-party provider (insurance company) under the Act Concerning the Disclosure of Patient Information by Psychologists (a.k.a. New Jersey Peer Review Law). Voting in favor of the motion: all.

*Robin Golson, Psy.D.
Roger McFillin, Psy.D.*

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination for the following candidate pending submission and approval of a paper which outlines the rules concerning sexual involvement with patients. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Sue Harris, Ph.D.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination for the following candidate pending submission and approval of a paper outlining his understanding of psychologist-patient

privilege and “duty to warn” discharge requirement. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Gabriel Levin, Psy.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rebecca Hye, Psy.D., TP #083-893

Dr. Hye wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the March 19, 2012 expiration date.

Dr. Hye stated that she has accrued the required supervision hours to take the E.P.P.P. written examination. However, Dr. Hye stated that she has not been able to adequately prepare herself to take the examination because of the need to devote time to child care.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to extend Dr. Hye’s temporary permit for an additional year contingent upon her taking the E.P.P.P. written examination on or before September 30, 2012. Dr. Hye will be advised that her permit will now expire on March 19, 2013. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Andrew Groves, Psy.D.

Dr. Groves wrote requesting another extension of time to submit his work sample to the Board office beyond the January 20, 2012 due date.

Dr. Groves stated that an additional 60 days would allow him to complete and submit his work sample for the oral examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to grant Dr. Groves an additional 90 days to submit his work sample. Dr. Groves will be advised that his work sample is now due in the Board office on or before June 30, 2012. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Lisa Weinberg, Ph.D., TP #083-875

Dr. Weinberg wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the February 6, 2012 expiration date.

Dr. Weinberg stated that she accrued the required supervision hours, took and passed the E.P.P.P. written examination and will be submitting her work sample to the Board office on March 2, 2012. Dr. Weinberg further stated that an extension of her permit will allow her to continue working while waiting to be scheduled for her oral examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Weinberg's temporary permit for an additional year. Dr. Weinberg will be advised that her permit will now expire on February 6, 2013. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Veronica A. Lenzi, Ph.D., TP #093-993

Dr. Lenzi wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the April 28, 2012 expiration date.

Dr. Lenzi stated that she has accrued the required supervision hours and is now eligible to take the E.P.P.P. written examination. An extension of her permit would allow her to complete the written and oral examination requirements.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to extend Dr. Lenzi's temporary permit for an additional year. Dr. Lenzi will be advised that her permit will now expire on April 29, 2013. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Joshua Shifrin, Ph.D., TP #103-096

Executive Director Walker requested that the Board review Dr. Shifrin's licensing file because every supervision form for each of his supervisors had been revised at least once resulting in crediting more hours to Dr. Shifrin.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board directed Executive Director Walker to write to the supervisors and ask for clarification.

Darlene Kane Budget Office, DCA

Darlene Kane, Budget Office, Division of Consumer Affairs, submitted for the Board's review the (1st Half) FY2012 Budget Report.

The Board accepted the data as informational

Daniel B. Frier, Esq.

Mr. Frier wrote seeking direction as to what licensees should do concerning requests by insurers for the release of information prohibited by the Peer Review Act.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to

inform Mr. Frier that the Board cannot provide legal advice and the Board does not have jurisdiction over insurance companies. Licensees should address issues to the Department of Banking and Insurance which regulates third party payors and avail themselves of the remedies in the Peer Review Act as set forth in N.J.S.A. 45:14B-42 and N.J.A.C. 13:42-11.1 (d) 2 and 3. Any notification to the Board should be in writing and should include sufficient information and documentation to permit the Board to investigate the matter. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6 and 6.1

The proposed amendments were published in the New Jersey Register on February 6, 2012.

The Board accepted the document as informational.

Review of Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:42:1.3, 3.6, 4.1, 4.4 and 10.18

The Board accept the document as informational.

REVIEW OF EXEMPTIONS FORMS (RENEWAL)

Youth Consultation Service, Inc. (YCS)

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Diane Squadron, Psy.D.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, 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. Squadron 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 Linda Sacco, Ph.D.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, 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. Dr. Sacco 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.*

Trinitas Regional Medical Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Rodger Goddard, Ph.D.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board determined that **Trinitas Regional Medical Center** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Goddard 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.*

Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Beth Israel Medical Center; Regional Child Abuse Diagnostic & Treatment Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Donna Pincavage.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board determined that **Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Beth Israel Medical Center; Regional Child Abuse Diagnostic & Treatment Center** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Pincavage 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.*

REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCE HELD ON MARCH 5, 2012

Whitney Ross, Ph.D./Sharon Powell, Ed.D., supervisor (Present)

Dr. Ross took and failed the E.P.P.P. written examination administered on December 12, 2011 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to continue Dr Ross' temporary permit with no change or reduction in caseload. Dr. Ross's permit will expire on March 23, 2013. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

I/M/O David Berkovitz, Ph.D., #3119

The Board reviewed a quarterly report from Dr. Berkowitz's supervisor, Gerald Fishbein, Ph.D.

Dr. Fisbein reported that he began meeting with Dr. Berkovitz for monthly supervision sessions.

The Board received the report as informational.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel N. Watter, Ed.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Date: Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Chair