# NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014

# **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

#### I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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, March 10, 2014. At 9:49 a.m. Chair, Dr. Nancy Friedman opened the meeting by reading the following opening statement:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post.

#### II. ROLL CALL

#### **Present:**

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D, Chair Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D, Vice-Chair Francesca Peckman. Psy.D Joanne Van Nest, Ph.D

## Absent:

Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D, Secretary

#### Also Attending:

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

# **III. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

## A. January 6, 2014 Public Minutes

Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to approve the January 6, 2013 public minutes as corrected. Voting in favor: all.

## B. <u>September 9, 2013 Public Minutes</u>

Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to table the September 9, 2013 public minutes until its April 7, 2014 meeting Voting in favor: all.

#### IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*Executive Director, J. Michael Walker apologized for canceling the March 3, 2014 meeting due to State offices being closed because of the predicted snow storm in Trenton.* 

#### V. REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATIONS

Upon unanimous vote of all the members present, the Board went into Executive session for discussion of the jurisprudence examinations. The Board returned to open session.

#### LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Peckman and seconded by Dr. Van Nest the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor: all.

#### Jurisprudence Examinations January 9, 2014

Jan Bixler, Ph.D Peter Donnelly, Ph.D Monika Kushwaha, Ph.D Barbara Lauer-Listhaus, Psy.D Rebecca Olejniczak, Psy.D Hina Pant, Ph.D Anna Suessbrick, Ph.D Mychelle Torres, Psy,D

#### Jurisprudence Examinations January 13, 2014

Tonita Balcom. Psy.D Michelle Drapkin, Ph.D Kimberly Groves, Psy.D Beverly Martin, Ph.D Joseph Cooper, Psy.D Mahuya Ghosh, Ph.D Rachel Klein, Psy.D Melissa Sapio, Ph.D

#### Jurisprudence Examinations January 30, 2014

Matthew Brightman, Psy.D Christopher Mesopotanese, Psy.D Danielle Dubbioso, Psy.D Heather Wood, Ph.D

Elise Landry, Ph.D Linda Busch-Somach, Ph.D Suzanne Kim-Chung, Psy.D Kelly Zbojovsky, Ph.D

Jurisprudence Examinations February 25, 2014

Rachelle Gordon, Psy.D Harriet Sharlin, Psy.D

Amy Langsam, Psy.D Christine Molnar, Ph.D

#### VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the following candidates were unanimously approved for a three year temporary permit for the *supervised* practice of psychology: Voting in favor: all.

Jamie Stillwell, Psy.DJennifer Mayo, Psy.DFaith Dunkel, Psy.DJason Hunt, Psy.DAntoinette Welsh, Ph.DCarol Galiano, Psy.D

#### VII. CORRESPONDENCE

#### A. Jasmine Ueng-McHale, Ph.D., TP #103027

The Board reviewed Dr. Ueng-McHale's January 10, 2014 letter requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the April 4, 2014 expiration date in order to prepare for the E.P.P.P and jurisprudence examinations. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to extend Dr. Ueng-McHale's permit for one year contingent upon taking the E.P.P.P by March 31, 2014. Dr. Ueng-McHale will be informed that her permit will expire on April 4, 2015. Voting in favor all.* 

## B. Cynthia McNevin, Ph.D., TP #093-57

The Board reviewed Dr. McNevin's January 7, 2014 letter requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the March 10, 2014 expiration date in order to prepare for the E.P.P.P and jurisprudence examinations. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to extend Dr. McNevin's permit for one year contingent upon taking the E.P.P.P by June 30, 2014. Dr. McNevin will be informed that her permit will expire on March 10, 2015. Voting in favor all.* 

## C. Nina Cooperman, Psy.D., TP #133-353

The Board reviewed Dr. Cooperman's March 3, 2014 letter requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the April 15, 2014 expiration date in order to continue accruing her hours for licensure. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to extend Dr. Cooperman's permit for one year. Dr. Cooperman will be informed that her permit will expire on April 15, 2015. Voting in favor all.* 

## D. Ms. Kay Fialkoff

The Board reviewed Ms. Kay Fialkoff's letter dated January 23, 2014 informing the Board of her husband Benjamin Fialkoff, Ph.D's passing and request of a pro-rated refund of the \$300 biennial renewal fee paid by Dr. Fialkoff for the July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2015 renewal period. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to express its sympathy for her loss, but informed her that the Board could not approve her request. Voting in favor: all.* 

## E. Matthew Strobel, Psy.D., TP #113-007

The Board reviewed Dr. Strobel's January 20, 2014 letter requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the March 10, 2014 expiration date in order to take the E.P.P.P and jurisprudence examinations. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest the Board voted to extend Dr. Strobel's permit for one year contingent upon taking the E.P.P.P by June 30, 2014. Dr. Strobel will be informed that his permit will expire on March 10, 2015. Voting in favor all.* 

**F. Barry Helfman, Psy.D., #1245** The Board reviewed Dr. Helfman's article in the New Jersey Psychological Association's (NJPA) newsletter regarding patient privacy and information that can be released to insurance companies. *The Board accepted this as informational.* 

## G. Mala Datta, Ph.D.

The Board reviewed Dr. Datta's December 4, 2013 letter requesting an appeal of the Board's decision to deny her application for licensure. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to table this matter pending further review of Assembly, No. 1545.* 

## H. Khaya Eisenberg, Psy.D TP #113-008

The Board reviewed Dr. Eisenberg's January 28, 2014 letter inquiring whether she would be able to work with a supervisor using Skype for face-to-face supervision. Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to deny Dr. Eisenberg's request because internet video conferencing is not permissable for licensure hours as does not meet the definition of face-to-face supervision as required by N.J.A.C 13:42-4.1(b)2. In addition, the supervisor is responsible for assigning clients and collecting fees which would be impossible in the scenario described by Dr. Eisenberg. Voting in favor: all.

## I. Deborah Teng, Psy.D TP #113-009

The Board reviewed Dr. Teng's January 23, 2014 letter requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the March 10, 2014 expiration date in order to take the E.P.P.P and jurisprudence examinations. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest the Board voted to extend Dr. Teng's permit for one year contingent upon taking the E.P.P.P. by August 31, 2014. Dr. Teng will be informed that her permit will expire on March 10, 2015. Voting in favor all.* 

# J. Margaret Farrelly, Ph.D. TP #063-741

The Board reviewed Dr. Farrelly's January 24, 2014 letter requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the March 10, 2014 expiration date in order to take the E.P.P.P and jurisprudence examinations. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest the Board voted to extend Dr. Farrelly's permit for six* 

months. Dr. Farrelly will be informed that her permit will expire on October 1, 2014. Voting in favor all.

## K. Mona Krishan, Ph.D #093-022

The Board reviewed Dr. Krishan's January 14, 2014 letter requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the March 10, 2014 expiration date in order to take the jurisprudence examination. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest the Board voted to extend Dr. Krishan's permit for six months. Dr. Krishan will be informed that her permit will expire on September 30, 2014. Voting in favor all.* 

## L. Erin Walker, Ph.D TP #093-003

The Board reviewed Dr. Walker's February 21, 2014 letter requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the March 10, 2014 expiration date in order to take the jurisprudence examinations. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest the Board voted to extend Dr. Walker's permit for six months. Dr. Walker will be informed that her permit will expire on September 30, 2014. Voting in favor all.* 

## M. Dara Bellace, Ph.D TP #131-A013

The Board reviewed Dr. Bellace's February 21, 2014 letter requesting an extension of her one-year unsupervised temporary permit beyond the April 1, 2014 expiration date in order to take the jurisprudence examination. Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest the Board voted to inform Dr. Bellace that pursuant to N.J.S.A 45:14B-6(e) an unsupervised permit cannot be extended and that if she does not pass the jurisprudence examination on her scheduled March 25, 2014 date, the Board will issue her a three-year supervised temporary permit. Voting in favor: all.

# N. Beth F. Lancellotti, Psy.D TP #103-100

The Board reviewed Dr. Lancellotti's November 17, 2013 letter requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the December 13, 2013 expiration date in order to continue accruing her licensing hours. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest the Board voted to extend Dr. Lancellotti's permit for one year. Dr. Lancellotti will be informed that her permit will expire on December 13, 2014. Voting in favor all.* 

# VIII. <u>REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES</u>

Due to unforseen weather conditions and re-scheduling of the March 3, 2014 meeting, no permit conferences were held.

# IX. <u>REVIEW OF EXEMPTION FORMS (RENEWAL)</u>

# A. <u>Preferred Behavioral Health of New Jersey</u>

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. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board determined that* **Preferred Behavioral Health of New Jersey** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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: all.

# B. <u>Bancroft NeuroHealth</u>

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Jennifer DeLuca After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board determined that* **Bancroft NeuroHealth** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. DeLuca 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: all.

# C. Children's Hospital at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Donna PincavageAfter review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board determined that* **Children's Hospital at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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: all.

# D. <u>Center for Evaluation and Counseling</u>

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Margaret Pittaluga After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board determined that* **Center** *for Evaluation and Counseling continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of* <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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: all.* 

#### **E.** Dorothy Hirsh Child Protection Center at St. Peter's University Hospital The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Michelle Zuckerman, Psy.D #4485

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board determined that* 

**Dorothy Hirsh Child Protection Center at St. Peter's University Hospital** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Zuckerman 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: all.

# F. Morristown Medical Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Rebecca Dauerman After review of the information provided in the continuation request and *upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to deny Ms. Dauerman's* request as Morristown Medical Center does not have a licensed psychologist on staff pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C</u> 13:42-1.3(a). Voting in favor: all.

# G. JFK Medical Center

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

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board determined that* **JFK Medical Center** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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: all.

# H. Center for Family Services

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. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board determined that* **Center for Family Services** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Bergmann 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: all.

# I. <u>Youth Consultation Service, Inc., (YCS)</u>

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Diane Squadron, Psy.D., #4302

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion* made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board determined that **Youth Consultation Service, Inc., (YCS)** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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: all.

## J. Christian Health Care Center; Mental Health Services

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Robert Zierold Afer review of information provided in the continuation request and *upon motion by Dr*. *Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to deny Mr. Zierold's request as Christian Health Care Center; Mental Health Services does not have a licensed psychologist on staff pursuant to* <u>N.J.A.C</u> 13:42-1.3(a). Voting in favor: all.

# K. <u>Trinitas Regional Medical Center</u>

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Rodger Goddard, Ph.D., #2597

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest 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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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: all.

# L. 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. Van Nest 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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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: all.

# X. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

## A. Nancy Gallina, Ph.D., #2831 (11:30 a.m. appearance before the Board)

Dr. Gallina appeared before the Board with her supervisor Michael D'Anton, Ph.D pursuant to the terms of her filed Consent Order testified to the nature of her Consent Order and the nature of her current practice. Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted that Dr. Gallina may resume unsupervised practice as she has filled the terms of her Consent Order. Voting in favor: all.

# B. Margaret Young, Psy.D., #4751

The Board reviewed the January 14, 2014 signed Offer of Settlement Letter in lieu of filing a formal disciplinary complaint. *The Board accepted this as informational.* 

# C. Robyn Koslowitz, Ph.D., TP #093-033

The Board reviewed Dr. Koslowitz's submitted continuing education (CE's) courses for

> the Board's pre-approval per her Consent Order. Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to deny the course entitled, "Advance your Cultural Competency in the Clinical Setting" as it didn't meet the content area as set forth in the Consent Order. The Board voted to approve the course entitled, "HIPPA and Medical Records Law." Voting in favor: all.

## XI. <u>REVIEW OF LEGISLATION</u>

- A. Assembly, No. 1545 This Act revises law concerning professional and occupational licenses. *The Board will review this Bill effective July 1, 2014 with its regulatory analyst to determine necessary changes to current regulations.*
- B. Pending Legislation from the 215<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session that Governor Christie took action on

The Board reviewed the list of pending legislation and accepted this as informational.

- C. Senate, No. 681 This Bill provides for the issuance of certificate of a rehabilitation to certain offenders with substance abuse disorders. Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to support the Bill with the revision that the substance abuse professional should be a licensed mental health professional certified in addictions. Voting in favor: all.
- **D.** Senate, No. 682 This Bill establishes a process to bar certain health care providers from receiving reimbursement under PIP. *The Board took no position on this Bill.*
- E. Senate, No. 614 This Bill reduces the statute of limitations for medical malpractice liability actions to four years. Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Van Nest, seconded by the Board voted to oppose this Bill because it believes that decreasing the statute of limitations is too limiting for those who may suffer from mental health issues. Voting in favor: all.
- F. Assembly, No. 606 This Bill provides civil immunity from licensed health care professionals who provide care at health care facilities for no compensation. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to support this Bill with the revision that it be limited to to those working in emergency situations only. Voting in favor: all.*

## XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Dennis Finger, Ed.D, NJ Psychological Association

i. Dr. Finger asked for clarification regarding the Board's position on the report from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) Office of the Professions regarding Telepractice. *The Board affirmed that at its January 6, 2014 meeting, the Board took no position and accepted as informational.*ii. Dr. Finger also inquired where he could obtain a list of Bills signed into law. *The Board directed him to the New Jersey Legislature's website.*

#### XIII. MEETING DATES FOR 2014

| April 7, 2014 | July 7, 2014      | November 1, 2014 |
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| May 7, 2014   | August 4, 2014    | December 1, 2014 |
| June 2, 2014  | September 8, 2014 | October 6, 2014  |

## XIV. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board moved to Executive Session at 11:49 a.m. to discuss consumer complaints and potential disciplinary actions. Voting in favor all.

## XV. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m. Voting in favor: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D. Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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