

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 12 August 2004

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Psychology (Board) was called to order at 8:00 A.M. on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Maria Garrido, PSY.D

Peter Oppenheimer, Ph.D

Joan Retsinas, Ph.D

Joan Rollins, Ph.D.

Board members not in attendance:

Beverly Serabian, Ph.D.

Staff members in attendance:

Charlie Alexandre, Chief, Health Professions Regulation

Kelly Doyle, Board Administrator, Health Professions Regulation

Others in attendance:

None

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2004 were presented. On a motion by Dr. Retsinas and seconded by Dr. Rollins, it was unanimously Voted to accept the Open and Executive minutes as presented and that the Executive minutes to remain sealed pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Topics of Discussion

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the following

candidates for licensure by examination, to take the EPPP examination:

- Brian Katz - Jennifer Kittler - Suzanne Phelan - Maria Mancebo**
- Elizabeth Vazquez - Samantha Kirk**
- Deborah Sepinwall (request for PST permit approved)**
- Cecilia Duarte (request for PST permit approved)**

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the following candidates for licensure by endorsement to take the oral examination:

- Patricia Bresky**
- Peter Brawer (request for temporary license approved)**
- Jennifer Newkirk (request for temporary license approved)**

The Board also reviewed and approved the application of the following candidate for licensure by examination to take the oral examination:

- David Randall**

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft of the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations for the Licensure of Psychologists (Rules and Regulations) distributed to them by staff. The Board and

staff continued to discuss the final revisions of the Rules and Regulations. Staff noted that the final proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations would be drafted and copies are sent to interested parties for Community Review and comment. A formal hearing is then scheduled and all interested parties are notified of the time and location and are invited to attend. Upon acceptance and approval of the proposed Rules and Regulations by the Department, the Rules and Regulations are then filed with the Secretary of State's Office and become official twenty days after signing. Staff thanked the Board for a job well done.

The Board and staff also discussed the request from the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (National Register) regarding consideration of adding acceptance of the National Register's requirements to our Rules and Regulations. Staff noted that National Register's supervised practice prerequisite hours are a minimum of 1500 per year, which does not meet our minimum prerequisite hours of 1800 per year. Staff will inform the representative from the National Register that the regulations do not meet the minimum Rhode Island regulatory requirements therefore the request to add the National Register's requirements to our Rules and Regulations is denied. Mr. Alexandre left the meeting at this time.

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The Board reviewed the following request for approval of continuing education credits:

- Bridget Murphy, PhD – 24th Annual Audiovisual Immersion Course, An Audiovisual Exploration of the Unconscious Process of Working Through, Intensive Short-Term Dynamic Psychotherapy in the Treatment of Patients with Fragile Character Structure held on October 19 – 23, 2004. The Board approved Dr. Murphy’s attendance at this training program for continuing education credit, applicable to the satisfaction of the Category I or Category II requirement.

Adjournment to Executive Session

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Open Session and move to Executive Session pursuant to the Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed, or oral examinations administered. On a motion by

Dr. Garrido, and seconded by Dr. Retsinas, it was unanimously so Voted to adjourn to Executive Session.

Return to Open Session

Dr. Oppenheimer called the Open Session back to Order at 10:50 AM.

On motion of Dr. Oppenheimer, seconded by Dr. Garrido, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

The Board reported the following final actions: The Board administered oral examinations to nine candidates, all of who were judged to have successfully completed said examinations and will be licensed as psychologists.

Topics of Discussion (continued)

Staff distributed to the Board, for their information, copies of correspondence from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards. This correspondence was informational in nature

therefore no action by the Board was necessary.

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Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Open Session pursuant to the Sections 42-46-4 and 42-42-5 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island. On a motion by Dr. Retsinas, and seconded by Dr. Rollins, it was unanimously so Voted to adjourn.

The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Doyle

Board Administrator

Health Professions Regulation