

# **BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**May 5, 2006**

**Open Session**

**The Open Session of the Board of Psychology was called to order at 8:30 am 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:**

**Peter Oppenheimer, PhD**

**Joan Rollins, PhD**

**Maria Garrido, PsyD**

**Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, Phd**

**Staff members in attendance:**

**Donna Dickerman, Board Administrator**

**The minutes of the meeting held on April 7, 2006 were presented. On**

**motion by Dr. Oppenheimer, seconded by Dr. Garrido, it was unanimously voted to accept the Open Session minutes as presented.**

## **Business**

**The Board reviewed and approved the following applications for licensure as a psychologist:**

**- Kobita Rikhye - Thomas Daniel (pending receipt of EPPP scores)**

**A request regarding credit for continuing education was reviewed. The Board unanimously approved a course: “Basics Skills for Working with Smokers” offered by the University of Massachusetts Medical School for continuing education credit.**

**The Board reviewed a request regarding the practice of video conferencing (voice and image) psychotherapy via the internet. Decision was made to table this discussion pending receipt of information from the American Psychological Association (APA) and Department legal counsel.**

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### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

**On motion of Dr. Oppenheimer, seconded by Dr. Garrido, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. Complaint #'s PS-05-2005, PS-01-2006 and PS-02-2006 were addressed.**

### **Return to Open Session**

**The Open Session was called back to order at 11:10 am. On motion of Dr. Garrido, seconded by Dr. Oppenheimer, it was unanimously voted too keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed. Board's final action: PS-02-2006 – finding of unprofessional conduct. Proposed disciplinary action: suspension of license for one year, during which time licensee receives therapy by a board-approved therapist; upon completion of suspension, apply to board to resume practice under supervision for at least one year by a board-approved supervisor.**

### **Adjournment**

**On motion of Dr. Oppenheimer, seconded by Dr. Rollins, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Donna Dickerman**

**Board Administrator**

**Health Professionals Regulation**