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# Chairman's Message

by Alex M. Siegel, J.D., Ph.D.,

Welcome to this edition of the newsletter from the Pennsylvania Board of Psychology. This has been another productive year for the Board in both decision making and rule making.

As other governmental agencies, except for executive session, our meetings and formal hearings are open to the public. The Board invites you to attend these meetings and hearings. Generally, they are held at 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg. The Board's meeting schedule is posted on the Board's web site at [www.dos.state.pa.us/psych](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/psych).

In addition to attending meetings and hearings, fellow licensees are encouraged to read Board decisions. Copies of Board decisions, which we refer to as Adjudications and Orders, as well as Consent Agreements, negotiated between a prosecuting attorney and the psychologist and then approved by the Board, are available for viewing in the Office of the Prothonotary for the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. Copies of these documents can also be sent by the Prothonotary for a reasonable copying charge.

Although the Board cannot comment on specific cases or provide advisory opinions, the Board encourages psychologists to correspond with the Board either in writing or by email. The Board considers each piece of correspondence it receives at its monthly meetings.

In the area of rulemaking, the Board continues to be very involved in reviewing, amending and augmenting regulations to suit the current practice of psychology and to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth. The Board is in the beginning stage of developing regulations that would allow graduate students to take the licensing examination following the completion of their academic training rather than following the receipt of a degree and completion of post doctoral experience. We have also been refining the supervision requirement regulations in the postdoctoral year of training to ensure that the psychology resident is working under the close supervision of the supervising psychologist.

The Board has also published a proposed regulation that would limit eligibility to sit for the EPPP (licensing) exam to students who have graduated from, American Psychological Association (APA)/ Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) accredited or Association of State and Provincial Psy-

chology Boards (ASPPB) designated programs. This regulation would not apply to students currently enrolled in programs, but rather those who enroll two years after publication of the final regulation in the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#).

Finally, the Board has been looking at the ethical standards and the code of conduct for the practice of psychology in Pennsylvania. Both APA and ASPPB have amended their standards/codes. While the Board is in its review stage, it would like to remind licensees that Principle 3(e) of the Board's Code of Ethics contained in its regulations requires adherence to APA standards and guidelines as well as the Board's Code of Ethics. APA's standards and guidelines may be found on the APA website, however, the Board has included a list of these on page 7 of this newsletter.

One last note, May was "Mental Health Awareness Month." I would like to thank all of those who participated, especially the Governor and Secretary of the Commonwealth for recognizing the important role that psychology plays in helping consumers with mental health issues.

## Corporate/Fictitious Name Approval Required

by Christina Stuckey, Board Administrator

The regulations of the State Board of Psychology at §41.26 and 41.27 require licensed psychologists to obtain approval of their corporate/fictitious names from the Board **prior to** filing with the Corporation Bureau of the Department of State. The Board reviews Applications for Approval of Corporate/Fictitious Name at its regularly scheduled meetings. If the Board determines that the name is not false, misleading or deceptive, an approval letter is issued. A copy of the Board's approval letter should then be included with the documents submitted to the Corporation Bureau of the Department of State.

The Application for Approval of Corporate/Fictitious Name is available on the Board's website at [www.dos.state.pa.us/psych](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/psych) by clicking on "Licensure Information" and "Board Forms."

## Continuing Education about Continuing Education

by Karen W. Edelman, Psy.D.

The mission of the State Board of Psychology is to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Pennsylvania. Seen in that light, the rationale for continuing education (C.E.) is clear: Competent psychologists must be knowledgeable and up-to-date about psychological assessment and treatment in order to provide our clients with the best services.

Licensed psychologists know that compiling continuing education credits is an important prerequisite to biennial licensure renewal. Specific continuing education requirements in the Board's regulations found in Chapter 41 of the Pennsylvania Code – popularly known as the "Green Book." The regulations lay out professional and vocational standards for the practice of psychology. Copies of the regulations are readily available by contacting the Board at 717-783-7155 or at [st-psychology@state.pa.us](mailto:st-psychology@state.pa.us). We encourage all psychologists to review the C.E. requirements, described in detail in section 41.59 of the Green Book.

The Board conducts a random audit at the close of each biennial renewal period. If you are audited, the Board asks for copies of your C.E. certificates. Our records indicate that a significant number of psychologists in the audited sample attest to the fact that they have completed the C.E. requirement, when, in fact, they have not.

Common violations include, but are not limited to, failure to complete the three hour ethics requirement, taking courses from non-approved C.E. sponsors, and/or taking too many home study credits. Some psychologists do have legitimate reasons, such as serious health problems, for not completing their C.E. on a timely basis. However, in many instances they have not contacted the Board prior to the close of the licensure period. The worst violation of all is attesting to have taken the required credits when in fact they have not been taken.

The Board continues to spend a lot of time reviewing C.E. cases. Each case is examined in detail on an individual basis. In all cases, the C.E. violation must be corrected within a pre-determined time period or the psychologist's license is suspended. Depending on the determination of the Board, penalties can include a cautionary letter, a monetary fine, a public reprimand, and/or a 15 to 30 day license suspension.

We psychologists work hard to obtain the training and experience required to be competent, licensed, practicing professionals. The mandate for continuing education in Pennsylvania is straightforward. There is no reason to risk one's practice, income, professional reputation, or peace of mind on C.E. violations.

## PA Leads American Jurisdictions in Members Elected to Fellow Status in ASPPB

by Joseph L. French, Ed.D., ABPP

Fellow status has been conferred on more Pennsylvanians than from any other jurisdiction in the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). Among the 119 ASPPB Fellows, 13 are from this Commonwealth. Ohio follows with nine, Texas with six, and California, Georgia, New York, and Wisconsin with five.

"Fellow" status was added in 1990 to ASPPB by-laws to recognize "truly outstanding contributions to the Association and the regulation of psychology."

Among the 44 chosen in 1990 were the first chairs of the Pennsylvania Board J. Marshall Brown and Patricia M. Bricklin. Also, named that year was Joseph S. Herrington who played a major role in credentialing psychologists for private practice in Pennsylvania prior to the licensure act of 1972. Currently, no more than five Fellows can be selected each year.

Since 1990, the following Pennsylvanians have been elected by the ASPPB executive committee in order of their selection: Nancy Adams Besch, Quentin C. Weaver, Yvonne E. Keairns, Rodney E. McLaughlin, George Shevlin, Edward C. Brennan, Joseph L. French, Gerald A. Rosen, Alex M. Siegel, and Henry M. Weeks, IV. Besch and Weaver were public members, Shevlin was the Commissioner of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, and Rosen, not a member of the Board but a PA resident, was a senior scientist for test construction in development of the national examination. The others were psychologist members of the Board at the time of their election.

### Future Newsletter Publications

If there is an issue you would like to see addressed in the Pennsylvania State Board of Psychology Newsletter, please email the board office at [ST-PSYCHOLOGY@state.pa.us](mailto:ST-PSYCHOLOGY@state.pa.us) or submit your suggestions in writing to:

State Board of Psychology  
"Newsletter"  
P.O. Box 2649  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

## Board Guidelines

by Alex M. Siegel, J.D., Ph.D., Chairman

On its web page, the Board publishes Guidelines in addition to its regulations and statements of policy. Guidelines do not have the same force and effect as regulations and even Statements of Policy, but they are helpful to provide licensees with guidance about practice/administrative issues.

The following is a summary of the Board's 3 Guidelines as well as a printed copy for your convenience.

**1. Medication consultation.** Recently the Board clarified its Guideline regarding medication consultation with patients. The Board reaffirmed a psychologist's duty to discuss a patient's medication with the patient and, following written consent, with the patient's physicians about their medication. Of course, only a licensed healthcare practitioner who is authorized to prescribe medication shall write the actual prescription or changes to it.

### **Guideline of the State Board of Psychology Medication Consultation**

Psychologists have frequently questioned the Board about their ability to discuss the appropriateness and/or effectiveness of their patients' medication with their patients' medical doctors and/or osteopathic physicians. Consultation between medical doctors and psychologists is governed by the definition of the "practice of psychology" in Section 2 of the Professional Psychologists Practice Act, Act of March 23, 1972, as amended, 63 P.S. §1202, and Section 21 of the Medical Practice Act, Act of December 20, 1985, as amended, 63 P.S. 422.21.

The Board believes that psychologists should consider the following:

1. Psychologists may discuss medication issues, including the appropriateness/effectiveness of medication with a patient and the patient's prescriber.
2. In advance of any discussion with the patient's prescriber, the psychologist shall obtain the patient's consent for the psychologist to have such discussion and document that consent in the patient's record.
3. Any discussion or recommendation shall be within the psychologists' competence based on the psychologists' education, training and supervised experience.
4. A licensed health care practitioner authorized to prescribe medication shall make the actual prescription.

Adopted by the State Board of Psychology, this 19th day of July, 2004.

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Alex M. Siegel, Ph.D./J.D., Chairman  
State Board of Psychology

**2. Out of state licensees.** The Board also adopted a Guideline regarding the issuance of licenses to out of state practitioners who wish to practice within the Commonwealth. The purpose of this guideline is to provide mobility between jurisdictions. If an individual who is licensed in another jurisdiction has obtained a Certificate of Professional Qualification through the ASPPB or has obtained an official verification letter from the National Register, the Board has deemed these to be the equivalent of a Pennsylvania license. In these cases the applicant will not have to take the national portion of the examination, EPPP, but would still have to take the state portion, the PPLE.

## Board Guidelines...Continued

### **Guideline of the State Board of Psychology Persons Licensed In Other States**

Section 41.52(a) of the State Board of Psychology's regulations, 49 Pa. Code 41.52(a), permits the Board to issue a license to an applicant licensed in another state without retaking the national portion of the examination where that state's licensure requirements are deemed equivalent to those of the Commonwealth.

Currently there are two credentialing bodies which review applicants education, training and experience in order to determine equivalencies: the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board (ASPPB), through its Certificate of Professional Qualification program (CPQ), and the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (National Register).

The Board has reviewed the requirements to obtain a CPQ and a National Register and has determined that these requirements are equivalent to the education and pre- and post-doctoral experience requirements in Sections 41.1 (relating to definitions of doctoral degree in psychology), 41.31 (relating to qualifications for taking licensing examination) and 41.41 (relating to examinations) of the Board's regulations, 49 Pa. Code 41.1, 41.31 and 41.41. As such, the Board shall not require a person licensed in another state who holds either a CPQ or an official verification letter from the National Register to retake the national portion of the examination. All applicants, regardless of whether they hold a current license in another state, must pass the state portion of the examination.

Information about CPQ may be obtained from ASPPB's web site at [cpq@asppb.org](mailto:cpq@asppb.org). Information about the National Register may be obtained from the National Register's web site at [nationalregister.org](http://nationalregister.org).

Adopted by the State Board of Psychology, this 17th day of March, 2003.

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Alex M. Siegel, Ph.D./J.D., Chairman  
State Board of Psychology

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**3. Doctoral degree.** Another guideline which has been adopted by the Board pertains to the awarding of a doctoral degree in psychology. Applicants who hold a doctoral degree must demonstrate satisfactory completion of their educational requirements by graduating from an APA accredited program, graduating from an ASPPB designated program or completing at least three graduate semester hours of study in each of the domains of practice within the definition of psychology. Please note that the Board is developing regulations to limit eligibility to sit for the EPPP exam to students who have graduated from APA/CPA accredited or ASPPB designated programs.

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## Board Guidelines...Continued

### Guideline of the State Board of Psychology EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 41.31(b)(1) of the State Board of Psychology's regulations requires that the applicant for licensure be:

“awarded a doctoral degree in psychology as defined in 41.1 (relating to definitions). The applicant's official transcript or other documents provided by the degree-granting institution shall demonstrate the applicant's satisfactory completion of the core, specialty and practicum, internship, field or laboratory training requirements of the program.”

Applicants for licensure who hold doctoral degrees in psychology frequently seek clarification from the Board regarding the requirement that they demonstrate satisfactory completion of the requirements. Applicants may satisfy this requirement in one of three ways:

1. The applicant graduate from a program accredited by the American Psychological Association; or
2. The applicant graduated from a program designated by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards;  
or
3. The applicant completed at least three graduate semester hours of study in each of the domains of practice set forth in the definition of the practice of psychology.

An applicant who does not satisfy one of the three educational pathways listed above may be considered for licensure, on a case-by-case basis, where the program officer provides the Board with detailed information describing how the applicant demonstrated substantial understanding of and competence in the domains of practice set forth in the definition of the practice of psychology.

Adopted by the State Board of Psychology, this 13th day of May, 2002.

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Alex Siegel, Ph.D./J.D., Chairman  
State Board of Psychology

### Change of Name and/or Address Reminder

To ensure receipt of a renewal notice or important information from the Board, licensees must contact the board office with any changes in name or address. Name changes require a copy of court order, marriage certificate, divorce decree or other official document.

### Disciplinary Action/Criminal Conviction

Disciplinary action taken by another state board and criminal convictions must be reported to the Board by submitting certified copies of the legal documents to the address below.

*Send information to:*  
*State Board of Psychology*  
*P.O. Box 2649*  
*Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649*

## **APA Practice Guidelines and Standards**

### **APA Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct**

<http://www.apa.org/ethics/code2002.pdf>

### **Guidelines for Psychological Evaluations in Child Protection Matters**

<http://www.apa.org/practice/childprotection.html>

### **Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations in Divorce Proceedings**

<http://www.apa.org/practice/childcustody.html>

### **Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Older Adults**

[http://www.apa.org/practice/Guidelines\\_for\\_Psychological\\_Practice\\_with\\_Older\\_Adults.pdf](http://www.apa.org/practice/Guidelines_for_Psychological_Practice_with_Older_Adults.pdf)

### **Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Clients**

<http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbc/guidelines.html>

### **Guidelines on Multicultural Education, Training, Research, Practice, and Organizational Change for Psychologists**

<http://www.apa.org/pi/multiculturalguidelines.pdf>

### **Criteria for Practice Guideline Development and Evaluation**

[http://www.apa.org/practice/guidelines/Practice\\_Guidelines\\_Criteria.pdf](http://www.apa.org/practice/guidelines/Practice_Guidelines_Criteria.pdf)

### **Criteria for Evaluating Treatment Guidelines**

[http://www.apa.org/practice/guidelines/Treatment\\_Guidelines\\_Criteria.pdf](http://www.apa.org/practice/guidelines/Treatment_Guidelines_Criteria.pdf)

### **Record Keeping Guidelines**

Not available on website. Currently being revised by APA.

### **Guidelines for the Evaluation of Dementia and Age-Related Cognitive Decline**

<http://www.apa.org/practice/dementia.html>

## Titles of Articles in Recent Newsletters

From the Board's website, [www.dos.state.pa.us/psych](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/psych), copies of recent newsletters can be obtained in PDF format. Below are listed titles that may be of interest from the past five years.

Most newsletters contain a Message from Chairperson, a list of disciplinary actions, the names of Board members, upcoming Board meeting dates, and information on how to file a complaint.

### Spring 1999

Advertising with Letterhead – Corporate/Fictitious Names  
 Important Reminder on Reporting Suspected Child Abuse  
 Reporting Elder Abuse: “Voluntary or Mandatory”  
 How a Regulation is Adopted  
 Continuing Education Credits

Standards for Employment and Supervision of Unlicensed Persons with Graduate Training in Psychology Who Provide Therapeutic  
 Staff Support Services (TSS)

Important Notice Regarding Public Access to Information  
 Evolving Ethical Considerations for Psychologists Using Electronic Communications  
 Frequently Asked Questions  
 Custody Evaluation Guidelines

### Spring 2000

Important Reminder on Reporting Suspected Child Abuse  
 Supervision of Psychologists  
 Answers to Frequently Asked Questions  
 Cultural Competency

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Recognizes an Affirmative Duty To Protect By Warning Third Party Victims  
 Is There a Doctor in the House? (Depends on the House)

### Spring 2001

Patients and Medication  
 Pennsylvania Recognizes CPQ  
 Sexual Intimacies Regulations

### Winter 2002

From the Public Member Perspective ... Associating the “P” in Psychology with Public  
 Member, Representing the Public-at-Large  
 “Independent Practice” is not enough  
 Similarities and Differences between Psychological Supervision and Consultation  
 EPSDT, Supervision and Record Keeping

### Winter 2002-2003

Continuing Education for Psychologists Should be Taken Seriously  
 Standards for Supervisors of Candidates Seeking Licensure  
 CE or Not CE that is the Question  
 From the Public Member Perspective  
 Who Does What? (i.e., Bd vs. Complaints unit)

### Winter 2004

From the Public Perspective  
 Professional Living Wills for Psychologists  
 70 years of Governmental Regulation of Psychology in Pennsylvania  
 Supreme Court Decides Case Involving the Practice of Psychology  
 What is BEI?  
 Welcome Secretary Pedro A. Cortés

**Recent newsletter PDF files may be accessed by linking from the Board website  
 ([www.dos.state.pa.us/psych](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/psych)) to Newsletter Archive.**

## Congratulations New Licensees (January 1- September 27, 2004)

ADAMS, JENNIFER LYNN  
 ASANTE, ASKARI JOMO  
 BAUMANN, BARBARA LYNN  
 BEARDMORE, ROGER OLIVER  
 BECKER, PAMELA BETH  
 BENDER, JENNIFER ANNE  
 BEVILACQUA, LOUIS JAMES  
 BOWERS, JAMES WILLIAM  
 BRADLEY, JENNIFER ANN  
 BRASCO, GREGORY  
 BROOKE, KARLAINA MATTHEWS  
 BROWN, LANCE A  
 BRUNO, NOEL KRISTI  
 CAMPLING, SUSAN JOAN  
 CARPENTER, SUSAN VARADY  
 CHAIKIN, NICOLE DANIELLA  
 CHRISTENSEN, KIMBERLY ANN  
 CLARKE, ANGELA TERESA  
 CLEMENCE, AMANDA JILL  
 COUGEVAN, KATIE PILGERAM  
 COUPE, JAMES JOHN, III  
 DEINES, CHANTAL MARIE  
 DELPIZZO-CHENG, ELIZABETH  
 DESAI, TORAL M  
 DYLLER, ILENE MONICA  
 EBERLE, MEGHAN MAUDE  
 ELDRIDGE, JENNIFER JO  
 ESTEPP, KENNETH DWIGHT  
 FABRICATORE, ANTHONY NICHOLAS  
 FAUST, DENISE ANNETTE  
 FOSSUM, THYRA  
 FRANZESE, BETTINA  
 FRIEDBERG, ROBERT DANA  
 FRIEDMANN, BETHANNE  
 GAITHER, MARCI LEA-ERIN  
 GALLAGHER, CHARLES  
 GARCIA-JONES, MARIBEL  
 GENIESER-DEROSA, ANYA  
 GILLESPIE, ROBERT ANDREW  
 GIOVANNETTI, TANIA  
 GOLDSTROHM, SHERI LYNN  
 GOODWIN, DANIELLE  
 GRANT, KIM DELAYNE  
 GUTTE, JESSICA WALKER  
 HART, BARRY BLAKISTON  
 HASKELL, IVAN  
 HATTIANGADI, NINA UDAY  
 HOMMEL, KEVIN ARTHUR  
 JONES, NAOMI  
 KANE, FRANCES ANNE  
 KAZANSKY, MIRIAM  
 KELLY, KAREN PATRICIA  
 KENDRIS, FRANCESCA MARIE  
 KIM, SORYOUNG ROSA

KOHL, CAROLINE BRIDGET  
 KREIDER, PATRICIA DENUNZIO  
 KREMER, NICOLE REGINA  
 LADOUCEUR, CECILE DESNEIGES  
 LAWRENCE, JOHN ERIC MILES  
 LEICHTER, DANIEL JAY  
 LITVINENKO, YELENA  
 LYNCH, SARAH LUYSER  
 MACDOUGALL, MARTA RUSTEN  
 MAGDALINSKI, MICHAEL  
 MAGGITTI, SARA TURNBULL  
 MARTIN, DONNA MARIE  
 MCCLURE-SNODGRASS, KAREN MICHELLE  
 MCMEEKIN, ANDREW HATHORN  
 METRICK, SUSAN LEIGH  
 MILBOURNE, GREGORY BROUGHTON  
 MULL, BETH ANN  
 MULLER, KATHERINE LYNN  
 NELSON, REGINAL GENE  
 NIX, ROBERT LEE  
 NUTKOWITZ, MARNI SUE  
 O'DONNELL, WILLIAM JOHN  
 O'HARA, TERRY RICHARD  
 PACOE, ELIZABETH MARIE  
 PATAPIS, NICHOLAS STEPHEN  
 PELHAM, MARY FRANCES  
 PETERSON, DANA TIMOTHY  
 POWELL, JENIFER LENORE  
 POYRAZLI, SENEL  
 REGO, SIMON ALEXANDER  
 REYES, ELIZABETH A  
 RICHARDS, MARY VALERIE  
 RICHMAN, ALICE E  
 RISLER, ROBIN BETH  
 SALOMONE GANT, WENDY KIM  
 SAUNDERS, KENDRA JEAN  
 SCHOBER, CAROL  
 SCHULTHEIS, SUSAN SPANGLER  
 SHEER, JEFFREY BRIAN  
 SHERIDAN, KAREN MARIE  
 SILVESTRI, TIMOTHY JAY  
 SMENNER, ALLISON DRU  
 STAROSTA, JENNY J  
 STERN, RICHARD SHETZEN  
 STRINE, GRANT NELSON  
 SYSKO, HELEN BITTMANN  
 THOMPSON, MONICA YVETTE  
 TONREY, DONNA ANN  
 WALINSKY, JENNIFER S  
 WERBA, BRANLYN EDEN  
 WISOTZEK, IRA EMANUEL  
 ZHU, LIN  
 ZUBROD, STEPHEN ADAIR

## Disciplinary Actions

*Following is a chronological listing of disciplinary actions taken by the Board from June 2003 through June 2004. Each entry includes the name, certificate or registration number (if any), and last known address of the respondent; the disciplinary sanction imposed; a brief description of the basis of the disciplinary sanction and the effective date of the disciplinary sanction.*

*Every effort has been made to ensure that the following information is correct. However, this information should not be relied on without verification from the Prothonotary's Office of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. One may obtain verification of individual disciplinary action by writing or telephoning the Prothonotary's Office at P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649; (717) 772-2686. Please note that the names of persons listed below may be similar to the names of persons who have not been disciplined by the Board.*

**Cynthia Ann Spanier**, License No. **PS-008872-L**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended for being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. (8/7/03)

**Hugh M. Aberman**, license no. **PS-000154-L**, of Shippensburg, Franklin County, voluntarily relinquished his license, without prejudice to his right to apply for reinstatement of that license because he violated the Board's regulations which require a licensee to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education during the preceding biennium. (8/18/03)

**Robert J. Biscontini**, license no. **PS-004653-L**, of Hanover Township, York County, was reprimanded and assessed a \$1500 civil penalty for submitting an inaccurate biennial registration to the Board. (8/18/03)

**Denise Nami Morita**, Ph.D., license no. **PS-007370-L**, of Binghamton, New

York, voluntarily relinquished her license without prejudice to her right to apply for reinstatement of that license for violating the Board's regulations which require a licensee to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education during the preceding biennium. (8/18/03)

**Wendy Horwitz**, Ph.D., license no. **PS-005809-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$1,000.00 civil penalty for failing to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education during the December 1, 1999 through November 30, 2001 biennium. (8/18/03)

**Michael A. Moss**, Ph.D., license no. **PS-007161-L**, of Swarthmore, Delaware County, was assessed a \$1,000.00 civil penalty for failing to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education during the December 1, 1999 through November 30, 2001 biennium. (8/18/03)

**David W. Reinhard**, Ed.D., license no. **PS-000253-L**, of Media, Delaware County, was reprimanded for submitting a false or deceptive biennial registration to the Board and failing to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education during the December 1, 1999 through November 30, 2001 biennium. (8/18/03)

**Larry Becker**, license no. **PS-001012-L**, of Bensalem, Bucks County, voluntarily relinquished his license without prejudice to his right to apply for reinstatement of that license for submitting a false or deceptive biennial registration to the Board. (9/15&16/03)

**John M. DiLeonardo**, license no. **PS-008127-L**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was reprimanded for submitting a false or deceptive biennial registration to the Board. (9/15&16/03)

**Bernard J. Curran**, license no. **PS-004422-L**, of Daulton, Lackawanna County, had his license revoked and was assessed a \$2000 civil penalty for having been found guilty of one count of aggravated indecent assault. (9/16/03)

**Sandra Reichel**, unlicensed, of Ashtabula, OH, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for having held herself out to the public as a psychologist without being licensed as a psychologist or fitting within an exemption. (9/22/03)

**Katherine Lee Beebe**, Ph.D., license no. **PS-008418-L**, of Pennington, NJ was reprimanded and assessed a \$1,000.00 civil penalty for having failed to retain for at least 2 bienniums, certificates, transcripts or other documentation showing completion of the required continuing education. (10/21/03)

**Barbara Lewin**, license no. **PS-002734-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$1,000.00 civil penalty for failing to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education during the December 1, 1999 through November 30, 2001 biennium. (10/21/03)

**Eric H. Rosenthal**, license no. **PS-015056**, of Shippensburg, Franklin County, voluntarily surrendered his license for a minimum period of five (5) years, for displaying gross incompetence, negligence or misconduct in carrying on the practice of psychology, engaging in a dual relationship with a client; exploiting his professional relationship with a client sexually or otherwise, engaging in sexual intimacies with a current client/patient, and engaging in immoral or unprofessional conduct. (10/21/03)

**Catherine J. McDonough**, license no. **PS-002074-L**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny

## Disciplinary Actions...Continued

County, voluntarily surrendered her license, without prejudice to her right to apply for reinstatement, for having submitted a false or deceptive biennial registration within her Reactivation Application to the Board. (11/17/2003)

**Mark Palmissano**, Ph.D., license no. **PS-008781-L**, of Mt. Airy, Maryland was assessed a \$500.00 civil penalty for failing to complete thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education during the preceding biennium of December 1, 1999 through November 30, 2001. (11-17-03)

**John Donald Luetzow**, Ph.D., license no. **PS-008041-L**, of Willow Grove, Montgomery County, was reprimanded and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for submitting an inaccurate biennial registration to the Board, which required him to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education, including three (3) hours in ethics, during the preceding biennium. (12/16/03)

**Louis R. DeMoss**, license no. **PS-000447-L**, of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, was reprimanded for submitting an inaccurate biennial registration and violating Board regulations, which require a licensee to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education, including 3 contact hours in ethical issues, during the preceding biennium. (1/27/04)

**Alfred P. Riccomini**, license no. **PS-001404-L**, of Edinboro, Erie County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for submitting a false or deceptive biennial registration to the Board and violating the Board's regulations which require a licensee to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education dur-

ing the preceding biennium. (1-27-04)

**Barrie Lynn Franklin**, license no. **PS-007932-L**, of Richboro, Bucks County, was assessed a \$500.00 civil penalty and ordered to complete the required continuing education credits within 6 months of the date of the Order for failing to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education, including 3 contact hours in ethical issues, during the preceding biennium. (01/27/04)

**Mary O'Leary Wiley**, license number **PS-008198-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was required to complete the deficient continuing education hours within two months of the effective date of the Order and complete an additional 6 hours of education in ethics within 4 months of the date of the Order for failing to satisfy the Board's continuing education requirement for biennial renewal. (01/30/04)

**Stuart L. Steinberg**, MA, license no. **PS-003850-L** of Titusville, Crawford County, was suspended for a minimum of 5 years commencing 09-18-99, assessed a \$2,000.00 civil penalty and ordered to complete 45 contact hours of education in a comprehensive graduate course(s) in professional ethics, for displaying gross incompetence, negligence or misconduct in carrying on the practice of psychology, engaging in a relationship with a client which might impair his professional judgment or increase the risk of exploitation, exploiting his professional relationship with a client, and engaging in unprofessional conduct. (02/23/04)

**Christine M. Torres-Matrullo**, Ph.D., license no. **PS-002509-L**, of Mount Laurel, New Jersey, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty for committing unprofessional conduct by failing to report prior disciplinary action on a verification of post-doctoral experience. (02/23/04)

**Edwin Clarke Finch**, Ph.D., license no. **PS-005718-L** of Williamsport, Lycoming County, had her license suspended for 1 year, which was immediately stayed and ordered to pay a \$3,000 civil penalty for having been convicted of a misdemeanor in the practice of psychology. (02/23/04)

**Kenneth R. Carroll**, Ph.D., license no. **PS-004152-L**, of Swarthmore, Delaware County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty for failing to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education, including 3 contact hours in ethical issues, during the preceding biennium. (02-23-04)

**Jay Clifford**, Ph.D., license no. **PS-005752-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and required to submit acceptable proof that he completed the continuing education requirements within ninety (90) days of the date of the Order for failing to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education, including 3 contact hours in ethical issues, during the preceding biennium. (02-23-04)

**Donald A. Burstein**, license number **PS-000193-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia county, was placed on probation to run concurrent with his criminal probation for having plea guilty to one count of mail fraud. (2/25/04)

## Disciplinary Actions...Continued

**Frederick M. Brown**, Ph.D., license no. **PS-002943-L**, of University Park, Centre County, was reprimanded for submitting a false or deceptive biennial registration to the Board and violating the Board's regulations which require a licensee to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education, including 3 contact hours in ethical issues, during the preceding biennium. (3/16/04)

**Harold Stecker**, license no. **PS-003210-L**, of Morrisville, Bucks County, was reprimand for failing to complete the required 30 hours of continuing education during the preceding biennium and filing a false biennial registration to the Board. (3/16/04)

**Ellen M. Mitchell**, PhD, license no. **PS-005301-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to complete 18 contact hours of education, not less than 9 contact hours on self-harm and/or suicidal ideation and not less than 9 contact hours on treating patients with personality disorder, dissociative identity disorder or any other condition manifesting itself in the form of multiple personalities for failing to maintain professional records. (3/16/04)

**Richard Joseph Alapack**, license no. **PS-008534-L**, of Trondheim, Norway, had his license revoked for having his license suspended by the Ontario Licensing Board. (3/26/04)

**Rita M. Bonchek**, an unlicensed individual, of Willow Street, Lancaster County, was assessed a \$1,500.00 civil penalty for engaging in the practice of psychology and holding herself out to the public as a psychologist without being properly licensed to do so. (4/19/04)

**William H. Pennell, III**, license no. **PS-003464-L**, of Lititz, Lancaster County, was reprimanded and assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 for engaging in immoral conduct. (4/19/04)

**Doris Jean Wise**, Ph.D., license no. **PS-008636-L** of Oklahoma City, OK, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty of \$1,000.00 and ordered to complete an additional 5 contact hours of required continuing education for failing to ascertain the approval status of sponsors before undertaking continuing education activity. (4/19/04)

**Stephen W. Holland**, unlicensed, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia county, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for engaging in the practice of psychology without being properly licensed to do so. (4/26/04)

**David Schlenoff**, license no. **PS-005194-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia county, was assessed a \$750 civil penalty for failing to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education during the December 1, 1999 through November 30, 2001 biennium. (5/24/04)

**April Dawn Robertson**, license no. **PS-007451-L**, of Grove City, Mercer County, was indefinitely suspended for a period of no less than 5 years, the first three active, for being unable to practice psychology with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals or any other type of material or as a result of a mental or physical condition. (6/17/04)

**Rene William Tallichet**, Psy.D., license no. **PS-005579-L** of, State College, Centre County, had his license suspended for a minimum of 4 years, with no less than 1 year active, and ordered to complete 45 contact hours of remedial education in a comprehensive graduate course in professional ethics for displaying misconduct in carrying on the practice of psychology, engaging in a dual relationship and/or sexual intimacies with a client and engaging in unprofessional conduct with a client. (6/17/04)

### UNETHICAL OR UNLICENSED ACTIVITY

If you believe the practice or service provided by a licensed professional to be unethical, below an acceptable standard or out of the scope of the profession or if you are aware of unlicensed practice, please call the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs complaints hotline at:

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## Biennial Renewal Fee Increase

After remaining unchanged for the last 14 years, the biennial renewal fee for psychologists will increase from \$120.00 to \$300.00 beginning with the next renewal period. The increase is needed to enable the Board to meet its statutory mandate of balancing its budget.

At its Board meeting on September 21, 2004, the Department of State's Offices of Revenue and Budget presented a summary of the Board's revenue and expenses for fiscal years 2001-2002 and 2003-2004, and projected revenue and expenses through 2006-2007. The Offices of Revenue and Budget projected a deficit of \$420,554.58 in fiscal year 2004-2005, a deficit of \$370,554.58 in fiscal year 2005-2006 and a deficit of \$998,554.58 in fiscal year 2006-2007. The Offices recommended that the Board raise fees to meet or exceed projected expenditures, in compliance with section 4(b) of the act.

The Board's review of its actual and projected expenses over the past 5 years revealed significant shortfalls in the areas of hearing expenses, board administration and legislative and regulatory analysis. For example, the hearing expenses were \$17,472.31 over budget in 2003-2004. At the same time, the Board's licensee population has declined by about 400 licensees over the past five years, decreasing the Board's biennial revenue. The Budget Office anticipates that the proposed new biennial renewal fees will enable the Board to recapture the current deficit and meet its estimated expenditures for at least 8 years.

In determining the fee, the Board also considered the renewal fees charged to psychologists in surrounding states. The Board found that the proposed increase to \$300.00 would be consistent with the renewal fees charged in the surrounding states. Psychologists pay a \$300.00 biennial renewal fee in New Jersey, a \$350 biennial renewal fee in Ohio, a \$250 biennial renewal fee in West Virginia and a \$350 biennial renewal fee in Maryland.

## The Post-Doctoral Supervised Experience

by Patricia M. Bricklin, Ph.D.

Monthly, the Board reviews post-doctoral experience as part of its licensure application review and responds to inquiries from supervisors and applicants regarding their supervised experience. This article is being used as a vehicle to clarify existing policy and inform licensees about some of the changes that the Board is considering in this area.

Sections 41.31(c)(1)(ii) and 41.32 of the Board's regulations, available on the Board's web site, delineates the specific responsibilities of supervisors. Supervisors must be free of any current disciplinary action. In the event of such action during the supervisory period the supervisor must notify and assist the supervisee in obtaining a new supervisor. Supervisors may not supervise former patients.

As supervisor, the licensed psychologist is responsible for the overall integrated supervised experience of the psychology resident. While, the supervisor may delegate up to one hour of the two hours required supervision to another licensed mental health professional under Section 41.31(c)(1)(ii)(E) of the Board's regulations, the supervisor (who is hereafter referred to as the primary supervisor) retains full responsibility.

Where the psychology resident is completing the entire supervisory experience in a single setting, agency or practice, only one primary supervisor is required. If the post-doctoral resident has two different half-time experiences in two different job settings, two different primary supervisors, each with overall responsibility for the work experience they supervise, are necessary.

The Board is considering expanding the professions who may serve as the delegated supervisor. In addition to psychologists and members of other licensed mental health professions, the Board believes that members of other non-mental health professions, such as dietitians, pharmacists and physical therapists, possess special skill and expertise in a specific area that could enhance the psychology resident's experience. In such instances, the delegated supervisor would be responsible for supervising the resident in the delegated field and the primary supervisor would continue to maintain overall responsibility for the resident. The Board believes that expanding the types of professionals that can supervise would enrich the supervisee's experience but still maintain the psychologist's role as the professional

with responsibility for the integration of the overall experience.

In addition to expanding the types of professionals, the Board is also considering revising the supervisory responsibilities to clarify which responsibilities apply to primary supervisors, which apply to delegated supervisors and which apply to both. Primary supervisors would continue to be responsible for formulating the goals and objectives of the supervised experience, maintaining written records and enhancing the professional development of the supervisee.

The Board is also considering recalculating the number of hours of supervised experience necessary to complete a year. Currently, Section 41.31(c) defines a year as 1500 hours. Many states define a year of full-time experience as 1750 hours of which the resident may work for a maximum of 50 hours a week. The Board is considering adopting these requirements since the recalculated amount more nearly reflect what most psychology residents are completing.

The Board believes that the post-doctoral supervised experience is still a learning experience and as such needs both an educational and training component. The terms trainee and resident reflect this. It is not just a job. Any contemplated regulations are intended to clarify and insure that this purpose of the post-doctoral experience is fulfilled.

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