

AGENDA

STATE OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Friday, September 5, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Conference Room F- Second Floor**

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from the June 6, 2008 meeting.

II. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

III. OLD BUSINESS

Reuben T. Spitz, Ph.D.- Petition No. 2006-1201-008-009

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request to Terminate Probation
Alan Towbin, PhD - Petition No. 910125-008-003

- B. Information Update
Health Assistance interVention Education Network
for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

ADJOURN

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 286**

Meeting Number 286 of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists was convened at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut on Friday, June 6, 2008.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: James J. Monahan, PhD, Chairman
Richard J. Colangelo, Jr., Esq.
Nancy Horn, PhD.
Elizabeth Thayer, PhD.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Investigations Unit, DPH
Barbara Bunk, PhD
Lynn Kratzer, PhD

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2008. Mr. Colangelo moved, and Dr. Thayer seconded, that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

II. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Legislation Update - Bill No. 5701

This bill has been assigned Public Act No. 08-184 and is currently awaiting the Governors' signature.

Section 41 of the act changes some of the requirements for licensure as a psychologist and eliminates some of DPH's responsibilities concerning licensure exam administration. Prior law required a licensure applicant to have at least one year's postdoctoral experience of a type satisfactory to the Board of Examiners of Psychology. The act instead requires experience (but not necessarily postdoctoral) that meets requirements established in regulations adopted by DPH in consultation with the board. The act eliminates a requirement that the applicant verify that he or she intends in good faith to practice in the state. The act also clarifies that an applicant's doctoral degree be from an educational institution approved by the board with the consent of DPH rather than registered. The act eliminates a requirement that DPH grade the licensure examinations of licensure candidates. It also no longer requires DPH to (1) determine the time and place of the examination and (2) administer the exam under the board's supervision.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Investigations Unit, DPH gave a brief over view of this program. A more detailed presentation will be given at the September meeting.

B. Memorandum of Decision - Reuben T. Spitz, Ph.D

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Reuben T. Spitz, Ph.D. - Petition No. 2006-1201-008-009.

Dr. Colangelo moved and Dr. Horn seconded to adopt the Memorandum of Decision disciplining Dr. Spitz's license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Monahan signed the Order.

IV. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Pursuant to §1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Mr. Colangelo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Monahan, to add the following topic to the agenda: Discussion with the Assistant Attorney General regarding a pending matter before the Freedom of Information Commission (FOI) in which the Board is the respondent. The motion to passed unanimously.

Mr. Colangelo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Monahan, by to enter executive session to discuss, pending litigation with Assistant Attorney General, Thomas Ring. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered Executive session from 9:16 a.m. until 9:19 a.m. to discuss a (FOI) complaint filed against the Board. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Colangelo made motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Thayer. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Monahan, PhD
Connecticut Board of Examiners of Psychologists