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NEW LEGISLATION

On September 21 the Minister of Health, Mr. Dennis Timbrell, released a statement to the press announcing that the Ontario Psychological Association had withdrawn its proposal for legislation to license the practice of psychology following adverse reaction from the public.

Mr. Timbrell indicated that new proposals submitted in August by the Association and by the Ontario Board of Examiners in Psychology were now being reviewed in his Ministry. These new proposals favour certification rather than licensing, tightening of control over the use of the title "psychologist", a strengthened disciplinary function and certain structural changes in the Board.

For the information of psychologists registered in Ontario who would be affected by any changes in legislation, the Board is including on page 4 of this issue of the Bulletin its letter of July 26 to Mr. Timbrell in which it outlines its proposals for revising The Psychologists Registration Act. (The Board's specific recommendations are available on request from the Board office or the Ministry of Health through Mr. Douglas Enright at (416) 965-5167.)

In a second letter to Mr. Timbrell on September 19, commenting on the proposals of OPA, the Board of Examiners expressed its objections to two of the OPA proposals: specifically, certain aspects of the proposed college structure, and the alternate route to registration through "equivalent qualifications". The relevant paragraphs from this second letter are reproduced in this issue on page 6.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Changes of address received in the Board office by December 1, 1978 will be included in the Directory of Psychologists for 1979. Please make every effort to have your listing up to date.

APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION OR LICENSING BY OTHER BOARDS

Psychologists applying for certification or licensing in other provinces or states frequently request that information, including their scores on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology, be forwarded from the Board office to other Boards. The Board of Examiners wishes to announce that, in the future, it will be obliged to charge a fee of \$25 for this service.

PERSONS WHOSE REGISTRATIONS HAVE LAPSED AND ARE WITHDRAWN FROM REGISTER

Robert K. Banks	Rose L. Gregg
L. Ray Barnett	Frederick Horton
Laraine Birnie	Willem Isarin
Manuel Black	Isabel Kobzey
Howard D. Cappell	Isolde Koenig
Vladimir B. Cervin	Igor Kusyszyn
Donald Coscina	Ruth Lewis
Gerald P. Cosgrave	Morton E. Mates
Carroll Davis	Lesley Millar
G. Robert Dennison	Kevin Murphy
Ralph W. Dent	Kenneth O'Bryan
William W. Dick	Vincent O'Connell
Helen Doan	Alan Ogborne
Rolla Donaghy	Ray D. Peters
Marcia F. Farquhar	Allan B. Posthuma
Jean Garneau	J. Claude Prefontaine

Frances Ricks
James M. Ricks
Alec D. Schrader
Thomas Seiss

Alan G. Slemon
Mary P. Smith
Frank W. Taylor
Patrick Wesley

In an effort to bring its fees more closely into line with its expenses, the Board moved that, beginning on November 30, 1978, and continuing during the period they are on the Register, Temporary Registrants will be required to pay a fee corresponding to the renewal fee paid yearly by Permanent Registrants.

Deceased

Paul Pius Riffel

As candidates are admitted to the Register at differing points in the year, the initial fee may be prorated but for the remainder of their period on the Temporary Register they will be expected to pay half the annual fee on or before November 30 and May 31. At the present time this would amount to \$50 semi-annually.

FEES

Recently the Board undertook an analysis of the relative costs of specific functions of the Board, including processing of applications, maintaining files on temporary registrants, conducting examinations, renewing registrations, investigating and hearing complaints, publishing the Directory and the Bulletin.

The initial fee for candidates admitted to the Permanent Register will no longer be waived as it has been in the past.

The greatest single cost to the Board is generated in maintaining candidates on the Temporary Register and amounts to about 35 percent of the total budget, or about \$400 per candidate, if processing applications is included. The investigation of complaints and the resulting enforcement or disciplinary actions use another 20 percent of the budget divided about evenly between complaints involving psychologists and those involving non-psychologists. The costs of enforcement are high as they are borne directly by the Board in contrast to the situation in a number of states of the U.S.A. where financing is the responsibility of the office of the Attorney General.

Formerly, the fee for registrants admitted to the Register in November was waived for six months and for those admitted in May, for one year.

The Board's projected budget for the year ending May, 1979 comes close to exceeding its income and, as its surplus is now exhausted, the Board has been forced to look for additional sources of revenue to support its activities. Presently, 90 percent of the Board's income is derived from fees paid by Permanent Registrants. Although, in two year's time it may be forced to request a further increase in renewal fees, the Board is presently searching for other sources of revenue.

In addition to introducing fees for Temporary Registrants, the Board intends to seek permission to raise application and examination fees through changes in the Regulations.

NEW TEMPORARY REGISTRANTS SINCE JULY 1978

Andrew S. Barlow	Charles Marino
Elsbeth Baugh	Charles Murray
Ronald Bell	Frank Pace
Helen Best	Yvonne Perrault
Raymond Brunette	Max Rapoport
Sandra Burns	Alexander Rnic
John Dorner	Amiram Rokach
Marshall Dorosh	Christopher Ross
Gail Golden	Bernard Schiff
Howard Granville	Rosalind Stacey
Sonja Grover	Paul Stager
Mavis Himes	Barry Stein
Douglas Jackson	Steven Stein
Robert Konopasky	Evelyn Vingilis
Alan Lawrence	Maxine Wintre
	Kathleen Wright

Under Section 10(3) of the Act, the Board is empowered to fix a fee payable by Temporary Registrants although, in the past, it has not found it necessary to do so.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES IN OTHER LANGUAGES

The following psychologists have indicated that they are able to provide psychological

services in languages other than English, and have given permission for the release of their names to interested agencies or persons.

Psychologists offering services in French:

Alcock,	Mattar, J.C.
Beaulieu, L.	McMurray, J.G.
Block, L.V.	Molino, A.
Bloom, G.	Mousley, E.
Burgess, L.	North, S.
Campagna, L.	Otto, W.
Celovsky, A.	Parry, P.
Chevrier, J-M.	Philipp, R.
Corlis, C.	Piccinin, S.
Crocco, D.	Potvin, R.
Daigle, R.	Ritchie, P.
Dalton, R.	Robert, A.
Derrick, N.	Roberts, D.
Francoeur, T.	Roche, D.
Gauthier, J.	Rogers, E.J.
Henry, D.	Roldych, G.
Labrecque, J-M.	Sanders, S.
Lacombe, B.	Schopfloch, C.
Lavery, J.	Shevenell, R.
LeMay, R.P.	Weininger, O.
Leonard, R.	Wilde, W.A.
Leonoff, A.	Wolfgarth, A.
MacKinnon, S.	Wyspianski, J.O.

Psychologists offering services in other languages:

<i>Arabic</i>	Amin, S.	Fayek, A.
<i>Bengali</i>	Khan, B.	Sinha, B.
<i>Chinese</i>	Hoshmand, L.	
<i>Dutch</i>	Banreti-Fuchs, K.	Venema, H.
	Otto, W.	Wilde, K.
<i>E. Indian</i>	Ahmad, S.	Samuel, R.
	Khan S.	
<i>Estonian</i>	Sedal, V.	Simson-Kallas, E.
<i>German</i>	Adams, K.	Neiger, S.
	Banreti-Fuchs, K.	Roldych, G.
	Celovsky, A.	Schulte-Gieske, L.
	Feitler, E.	Sedal, V.
	Koop, V.	Silver, A.
	MacKinnon, S.	Simson-Kallas, E.
	Mousley, E.	van Dijk, M.
	Narrol, H.	Weiner, H.
<i>Hebrew</i>	Dalia, V.	Narrol, H.
	Gelcer, E.	Neiger, S.
	MacKinnon, S.	Silver, A.

<i>Hindi</i>	Jain, S.	Mhatre, N.
	Luther, B.	Sequeira, C.
	Malik, H.	Sinha, B.
	Mendonca, J.	
<i>Hindustani</i>	Samuel, R.	
<i>Hungarian</i>	Banreti-Fuchs, K.	Neiger, S.
	Csapo, K.	Robert, A.
	Dalia, V.	van Dijk, M.
		Wyspianski, J.
<i>Italian</i>	Crocco, D.	
<i>Korea</i>	Kim, M.	
<i>Lithuanian</i>	Celovsky, A.	Racinkas, J.
<i>Mandarin</i>	Newcombe, E.	
<i>Marathi</i>	Mhatre, N.	
<i>Punjabi</i>	Luther, B.	Malik, H.
<i>Polish</i>	Furness, I.	Wyspianski, J.
<i>Portuguese</i>	Camenietski, S.	Mendonca, J.
<i>Roumanian</i>	MacKinnon, S.	
<i>Russian</i>	MacKinnon, S.	Pass, L.
<i>Sign Language</i>	Hundert, J.	
<i>Slovak</i>	Dalia, V.	
<i>Swedish</i>	Biringer, E.	Rudestam, K.
<i>Ukrainian</i>	Grapko, M.	
<i>Urdu</i>	Luther, B.	Samuel, R.
	Malik, H.	Sinha, B.
<i>Yiddish</i>	Bloom, G.	Sedal, V.
	Narrol, H.	Silver, H.
	Sanders, S.	

BOARD WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The Board written examination for candidates on the Temporary Register will be held on Friday, October 20, at a number of centres, specifically London, Ottawa, Thunder Bay, Regina and Toronto. Further information can be obtained from the Board's office staff.

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The Honourable Mr. Dennis Timbrell,
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July 26, 1978

Dear Mr. Timbrell :

In July of 1977 the Ontario Board of Examiners conveyed to you through its Registrar the opinion that legislation to control the practice of psychology would be in the public interest and indicated that it approved the intent of the draft Psychology Act prepared by the Ontario Psychological Association. In view of the difficulties which you foresee in finding acceptance for the draft Psychology Act in its present form, and which you expressed in your meeting with us on May 30, the Board has turned its attention to alternative solutions.

It is the Board's understanding that your misgivings centre on the proposed definition of practice and on the prohibitions against the practice of psychology by non-psychologists. In responding to your expressed concerns the Board has addressed itself to your request for a statement of principles which would be generally acceptable, and wishes me to present for your consideration its view that strengthened registration (certification) legislation would be consistent with your request.

Some revisions in legislation are urgently needed if this or another Board is effectively to carry out its mandate to discipline psychologists and to protect the public. It is the Board's view that this could be accomplished by relatively minor alterations to the present Registration Act, affecting mainly administrative matters, and accompanied by the adoption of the regulations proposed in a recent letter to you from Mr. Ronald Slaght, the Board's solicitor.

The first set of changes which the Board recommends are merely structural in nature, but would either simplify administrative tasks or would increase the sensitivity of the Board to issues affecting the public interest. Specifically, they are clauses which would:

- increase the size of the Board,
- include a lay member,
- specify a quorum for the purposes of a Hearing,
- limit personal liability of Board members,

The Honourable Mr. Dennis Timbrell :

- place a time limit on actions arising out of negligence or malpractice, and
- identify the Registrar as an officer of the Board.

A second set of changes would increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Board in fulfilling its function of disciplining psychologists. They would :

- give permission to the Board to make regulations:
 - governing standards of practice, and
 - defining professional misconduct and malpractice;
- broaden the list of offences resulting in Hearings, and
- extend the penalties the Board may order, after a Hearing.

Thirdly, in order to strengthen the enforcement provisions of the registration Act, the Board would recommend tighter control on the use of the title 'psychologist'. To implement this recommendation, it would be necessary to rephrase the clause describing the instances in which a person may be judged to be representing himself to be a psychologist and to limit the range of exemptions to the clause. The Board is aware through complaints received that, in their practice of psychology, many unqualified persons intentionally lead their clients to believe they are psychologists. In protecting the public, the Board views this as a serious form of misrepresentation which, under the present legislation, is only loosely controlled and difficult to prosecute. It is the understanding of the Board that the protection of the public from the psychological practices of persons using other guises or titles is a matter to which the Ministry is giving some thought and is, therefore, not considered in this submission.

Although I have attempted to outline in ordinary language the general principles which the Board would like to see included in legislation, I am appending a draft, for consideration by your legal branch, containing the wording the Board considers would provide a useful, and sorely needed, revision to the present Act and its Regulations.

On behalf of the Board I respectfully request your serious consideration of these proposals. We are prepared to develop a detailed position paper describing the problems the current Act and Regulations present and the rationale for the proposed changes. We would be happy to meet with a representative of your Ministry to discuss the content that would be most useful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Laura N. Rice

Laura N. Rice, Ph.D.,
Chairman.

Excerpts from Dr. Rice's letter of September 19 to Dr. Timbrell

(Respecting the college structure proposed by the OPA)

"While observing the efficiency with which a large college can deal with matters of administration, accreditation of training programs, admission procedures, examinations, continuing education, complaints, and discipline, the Board of Examiners has considerable difficulty in envisioning the ability of the 1000 psychologists in Ontario to provide the necessary financial support for the extensive committee structure suggested in Section 1 under Structure. The Board believes that some more limited committee provisions, such as a complaints committee, would be feasible and would provide real assistance to a Board, or a Council, in fulfilling its responsibilities. It might be possible to provide the right to establish committees under Regulations, as in Section 7(h) of our proposals.

The proposal for a council composed of psychologists elected on a regional basis was viewed by the Board as carrying the implication of a regional constituency of psychologists to whom such a representative would be accountable. The Board believes this ignores other more important factors in the selection of council, or Board, members who are chosen to serve, not the profession, but the public welfare."

(Respecting the alternate route to registration)

"The Board endorses most of the recommendations in Section 2 respecting Admission, but has noted that they are largely covered in the present Act.

The Board is strongly opposed, however, to the introduction of a clause permitting certification through "equivalent qualifications", having noted the problems arising in other jurisdictions through the introduction of such an imprecise term. Aside from holding to the view that the doctorate is the minimum acceptable academic qualification for registration, the Board considers that ruling on the question of "equivalent qualifications" would engage a Board (or Council) in a massive and expensive administrative task, difficult to support on logical grounds in the absence of a definition of practice, and one which would result in numerous costly appeals of Board, or Council, decisions to the Supreme Court. The Board believes that introduction of an alternative route to registration should be undertaken only after careful study, and inclines to the view that the credentialing of M.A.'s or M.Sc.'s who wish recognition in psychology might preferably be undertaken by means of two-level registration, with careful consideration given to questions of supervision and areas of professional responsibility."