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ROYAL COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INTO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH RECORDS IN ONTARIO

The June issue of the *Bulletin* contained a short reference to the Board's submission to this commission headed by Mr. Justice Horace Krever. In its brief the Board presented a detailed discussion of the sometimes anomalous position of psychologists employed by boards of education in Ontario who may find that their obligation to protect the privacy of the client is in conflict with the administrative rulings of their employer. The Board is willing to make copies of the Brief (15 pages) and the Appendices (Approximately 110 pages) available to interested psychologists at cost: $1.50 for the Brief or $12.50 for the complete submission. Requests should be directed to the Board office.

OBEP STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Since April 1978 and the workshop to discuss standards the Board has raised the question with the Ministry of Health of producing a revision for inclusion as Regulations under the Act.

As in other professions, the Board is considering revising and clarifying a number of clauses in the document circulated in December, 1978. Particularly pressing have been the points raised by psychologists regarding announcements in the yellow pages of the telephone directory and in brochures. Although largely a matter of etiquette and good taste, these questions require answers which will assist psychologists in adopting a uniform manner of announcing services. For its part, the Board must ensure that standards for announcements not restrict public access to information.

Following discussion at its meeting on October 11, 1979 the Board approved a motion to delete standards 2(f)iii and 2(f)iv of Appendix A on page 14 which state:

(iii) listed only in the telephone directory for the geographical area in which the psychologist practises or one adjacent area, or both. Prior permission of the Ontario Board of Examiners in Psychology is required for listing in directories of additional geographical areas

(iv) is listed only in one place

The above restrictions will no longer apply.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING

The Ontario Board of Examiners in Psychology held a Hearing into charges of professional misconduct against Dr. ____ in that he did not adequately supervise his students while they were providing services in various applied locations in the province; did not accept and cooperate with other psychologists as providers of psychological services; exploited his position as Director of Psychological Services at _____ by placing only his psychology students in profitable positions; and exerted pressure on psychology students to become shareholders in a corporation.

After evidence and argument, the Board found that the facts with respect to the first charge had been made out and that Dr. ____ was guilty of professional misconduct. The last three charges were dismissed.

In judging Dr. ____ to be guilty of professional misconduct, the Board found that while his students were offering

psychological services in various locations at some distance from _____, he saw them for supervision mainly in his office in _____. It was judged that adequate supervision would require familiarity with the setting in which the supervisee was working, including direct knowledge of working relationships with other members of staff in that setting.

He rarely saw the clients with whom his students were working. Adequate supervision would have required a higher degree of familiarity with the client population.

His students worked independently while in these settings and were not understood by their clients or by their clients' parents to be working under his supervision. This was judged to be an insufficient basis for establishing accountability.

His students met with him for supervisory sessions in his office in _____, for the most part, for approximately one hour per week. This amount of supervision was considered by the Board to be insufficient contact, especially in view of the fact that he was not working in the settings served by his students.

As compensation, he was paid an amount for his services which was considered excessive in view of the services provided and in view of the fact he was employed elsewhere on a full-time basis. He appeared to be using more hours than would reasonably seem possible at other tasks if he were devoting the time he said he was to supervision of his students and seeing the clients.

The Board issued a reprimand informing Dr.___ of the gross inadequacy of his arrangements for supervision. In publishing the outcome of the Hearing, the Board accepted the submission of counsel for Dr.___ and decided to withhold publication of the name.

RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

Each year around the end of April or the beginning of May, the Board sends renewal notices to all permanent registrants. The regulation specifies that

6.(1) Every certificate of registration expires with the 31st day of May each year unless it is renewed in accordance with subsection 2 or 3, R.R.O. 1960, Reg.501, s.6(1); O.Reg.357/77, s.1(1).

(2) A certificate of registration may be renewed by paying an annual fee of $150 before the certificate expires. R.R.O. 1960, Reg.501, s.6(2); O.Reg. 328/79, s.2(2).

Usually in the second or third week of June a second mailing is sent to those psychologists who have not renewed their registrations informing them that their registration has lapsed. In July and August the Board then receives a number of complaints from psychologists who have not received the renewal notice, or who object to what they feel is an inconsiderate or bureaucratic handling of their case. They may have been ill, or away, or have moved.

It is difficult for the office to provide personal considerate service in handling the 1,100 or so renewals, particularly in view of the Regulation which allows those of us who process the renewals to exercise no discretion in collecting the reinstatement fee.

In addition to continuing to send the renewal notices toward the end of April, the *Bulletin* in the future will carry reminders to registrants to note the May 31st deadline for renewing and to keep the office informed of changes in address. It is unfortunate though true that some of the tasks carried out by the Board, such as collecting fees, must be done as stated in the Regulations and without special consideration in individual cases.

In accordance with Board policy, the following list consists of psychologists who have not renewed their registration for the year 79-80. Some of the following have informed the Board of their intention to withdraw their registration.

S.S. Anant
Norma Brougham
Michael Casella

Albert Churchill
Galfrid Congreve
Raymond Daly
Frederick Dawe
Allen Elkin
Desmond Fillis

John Grant
Lisa Hoshmand
Naida Hyde
Michael Jacobs
Jack Keehn
Steven Kneeland
S.L. Kong

Denis Lander
Dorothy Millichamp
Robert Morrison
C. Roger Myers
Robert Neal
April O'Connell
Donald Ogston
Robert Payne
Julius Roehl
Shoukry Saleh
Edro Signori
Albert Smith
D. Paul Stager
Elsie Stapleford
Paul Tacon
S. MacKay Tobin
Herman Weiner
Jerry Willis
Kenneth Wright

The Board regrets that it has been informed of the death of Mr. Ernest Feitler, of Willowdale, in August of this year.

TEMPORARY REGISTRANTS SINCE JUNE, 1979

The following have been placed on the Temporary Register at Board meetings during the summer or early Fall:

Allan Anderson
James Bambrick
Glenn Bauberger
James Bonta
Wendy Brennan
Harley Burke
Douglas Cann
Randy Cole
Ann Croll
Mary Dart
Patricia DeFeudis
John Fisk
Donald Franklin
Nancy Goodman
Thomas Hay
Sandra Kennedy
Antoon Leenaars
Nancy Link
Patrick McGrath
John Munn
Neill Neill
Michael Peters
James Powell
Lubomir Prytulak
Birge Reichard
David Reid
Donald Rudzinski
Carl Sardoni
Elisabeth Saunders
Hemendra Shah
Michael Spevack
Brian Tansley
Andor Tari
Guy Thibaudeau
Wayne Thompson
Jean Turner
Mary Waksman
Ona Weizmann
Marshall Wilensky
Franklin Wilson

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARDS

The Ontario board has played an active role in the affairs of AASPB since its founding in 1966 as a voluntary affiliation of boards engaged in the certification or licensing of psychologists in the United States and Canada. Roger Myers, OBEP's first Chairman served on the Executive Committee of AASPB from 1963 to 1968, becoming its President in 1966 and during his term serving as chairman of its Legal Issues Committee and as a member of the committee which prepared the first Handbook. Since then, another past member of the Ontario Board, Laurent Isabelle, has served on the Legal Issues Committee. At the annual meeting of AASPB, held this year on August 31, in New York City, Barbara Wand, presently Registrar of the Ontario Board of Examiners in Psychology, was elected to a three year term as Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee.

In outlining the History of AASPB, the Handbook states that,

"Initially, AASPB had two principal purposes. The first was to facilitate communication among boards concerning matters of mutual concern in regulating the practice of psychology. The second purpose was to sponsor collaboration in developing uniformity, compatibility, and cooperation with respect to the procedures employed by the boards for the licensing of psychologists. These purposes continue to occupy central roles in the functioning of AASPB.

AASPB has, however, taken on a variety of other activities as the profession has grown and become more concerned about developments in the legislative, legal, and professional domains."

Among its many activities, AASPB has been responsible for the development of the written examination used by nearly all of its member boards, including Ontario. Its committees have prepared guidelines for use by member Boards in dealing with issues of more recent concern, such as questions of continuing education and competency assurance.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON LEGISLATION

The questionnaire on legislation, sent to 1,037 Permanent Registrants on September 28, 1979, is reprinted below with the frequency of response to each item choice entered on the right. Responses from 612 (or 59 percent) were received by October 19, 1979. Although additional questionnaires may continue to come in, the requests from the questionnaires in hand are tallied below.

		N	%
1.	The minimum academic standard for FULL REGISTRATION AS PSYCHOLOGIST should be:		
	1) a bachelors degree	1 - 1. 2	0.3
	2) a masters degree	2. 74	12.1
	3) a doctoral degree	3. 528	86.3
	4) am unable to make an informed choice	4. 3	0.5
	5) no opinion	5. 2	0.3
	6) other comment	6. 3	0.5
		Σ 612	100.0
2.	If the government retains the doctoral degree as the minimum academic requirement for FULL REGISTRATION AS A PSYCHOLOGIST, an alternate route to FULL REGISTRATION for those who hold a masters degree in psychology and who have acquired additional training through work outside the university should, through legislation:		
	1) be created	2 - 1. 183	29.9
	2) not be created	2. 393	64.2
	3) am unable to make an informed choice	3. 33	5.4
	4) no opinion	4. 3	0.5
		Σ 612	100.0
3.	Whether or not an alternate route to full registration was created, a SECOND CATEGORY of registration with a title OTHER THAN psychologist for those who hold a master degeee in psychology should:		
	1) be created	3 - 1. 387	63.2
	2) not be created	2. 186	30.4
	3) am unable to make an informed choice	3. 27	4.4
	4) no opinion or no answer	4. 12	2.0
		Σ 612	100.00

4. If the government passes legislation to register in a second category holders of a masters degree in psychology, such legislation should:		N	%
1) permit masters-level registrants to practise independently	4 - 1.	102	16.7
2) limit certificates of registration to those working under the supervision of psychologists and to the periods during which they are under supervision	2.	446	72.9
3) am unable to make an informed choice	3.	28	4.6
4) no opinion	4.	7	1.1
5) other	5.	29	4.7
	Σ	612	100.0

5. If the government passes legislation to register holders of a masters degree in pshchology, and such legislation permits them to practise independently, then such legislation should be:			
1) separate from any Act or Board registering psychologists and using a title not associated with psychology, such as "counsellor" or "educational consultant"	5 - 1.	164	26.8
2) separate from any Act or Board registering psychologists and using a title, such as "psychometrist" or "psychological assistant"	2.	41	6.7
3) under the same Act and Board registering psychologists, using a title not associated with psychology, such as "counsellor" or "educational consultant"	3.	95	15.5
4) under the same Act and Board registering psychologists using a title, such as "psychometrist" or "psychological assistant"	4.	241	39.4
5) am unable to make an informed choice	5.	35	5.7
6) no opinion or no answer	6.	12	2.0
7) other	7.	24	3.9
	Σ	612	100.0

Comments:

Many respondents provided comments and suggestions which will be studied by the Board. Still others have attached or sent letters addressing the issues.

Please notify this office in the case of any address changes as deadline for entering changes in the 1980 Directory is December 1.