

North Carolina Psychology Board



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Governor Pat McCrory
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0301

Dear Governor McCrory:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. ' 90-270.10, the North Carolina Psychology Board submits the enclosed annual report covering the activities of the Board during the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. If you have questions regarding any part of the report, or if you wish further elaboration on the Board's activities, please do not hesitate to contact the Board office.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine M. Herfkens, Ph.D., ABPP
Chairperson

New Member

Robert W. Hill, Ph.D.
Vice-Chairperson

Lynn Lambert, RN, BSN, M.Ed.

Jane E. Perrin, Ph.D.

Matthew I. Van Horn, J.D.

J. Anthony Powell, M.A.

Enclosure

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT

June 30, 2014

This report is submitted in accordance with G.S. § 90-270.10. The report covers the activities of the North Carolina Psychology Board for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

J. Anthony Powell, M.A., was appointed to serve an additional term until June 30, 2016. Matthew I. Van Horn, J.D., was appointed to serve until June 30, 2016, replacing Maria M. Velazquez-Constas, M.Ed. Officers for the fiscal year were Kristine M. Herfkens, Ph.D., ABPP, Chairperson (June 2013 – June 2014); and Robert W. Hill, Ph.D. Vice-Chairperson.

The Board held four regularly scheduled face-to-face meetings and two teleconference, as follows:

July 31, 2013	Raleigh, NC
November 14-15, 2013	Greensboro, NC
December 4, 2013	Teleconference
January 15-16, 2014	Greensboro, NC
April 3, 2014	Teleconference
May 1-2, 2014	Greensboro, NC

Three administrative hearings were held during the fiscal year in the following matters: Alicia J. Bryan, M.A., January 15, 2013; Richard D. Welser, Ph.D., May 1, 2014; David K. Trayford, M.S., May 1, 2014

The following action was taken or confirmed pursuant to G.S. § 90-270.15 and G.S. § 90-270.16:

Samantha B. Baker, Ph.D., Respondent – CONSENT ORDER was signed and approved on November 14, 2013. Respondent admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(a)(7) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2104 (f) and (i) of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. (i). Respondent must complete tutorials; submit proper CE documentation for the 2014-2016 and the 2016-2018 biennial licensure renewal periods; and remit \$300.00 in costs. The action taken by the Board in the CONSENT ORDER shall constitute REMEDIAL ACTION, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(b), and is not disciplinary action.

Alicia J. Bryan, M.A., Petitioner – FINAL DECISION to DENY Petitioner’s application for licensure at the Licensed Psychological Associate level was approved on April 3, 2014.

Jared A. Linthicum, M.S., Petitioner – FINAL DECISION to DENY Petitioner’s application for licensure at the Licensed Psychological Associate level was approved on July 31, 2013.

Beverly L. Malone, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was signed and approved on November 14, 2013. Respondent admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(a)(7) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2104 (f) and

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Harry Piersma, Ph.D., Respondent - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on July 31, 2013. On April 24, 2013, the Board issued a letter alleging that Respondent's conduct in August 2012, violated N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10) & (a)(12) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act. Respondent does not admit to these violations. Respondent agreed to voluntarily relinquish his license with the consent of the Board pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(h), and Respondent further agreed that he shall refrain from reapplying at any time for licensure to practice psychology in North Carolina. Respondent's license is voluntarily RELINQUISHED. Respondent also shall refrain from reapplying at any time for licensure in North Carolina and must remit \$300 in costs.

Julie Pike, Ph.D. Respondent – CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on July 31, 2013. Respondent admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(a)(10) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standard 3.05(a) of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association, 2002). The action taken by the Board in the CONSENT ORDER shall constitute REMEDIAL ACTION, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(b), and is not disciplinary action. Respondent shall successfully complete a minimum of three to five hours of tutorials and must remit \$300 in costs.

Hillary Siedler, Ph.D., Respondent – CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on July 31, 2013. Respondent acknowledges that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10) & (a)(11) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standards 3.05(a) & (b) & 10.08(a) of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association 2002). Respondent's license is SUSPENDED until April 1, 2014, provided the Board approves her release from suspension. She is ordered to receive therapy on a weekly basis; successfully complete a fitness to practice evaluation; remit \$300 in costs by August 15, 2013. If Board determines Respondent is fit to practice, she may resume practice under PROBATION for a period of two years or 3,000 hours, whichever takes longer.

Richard K. Tamura, M.A. - CONSENT ORDER was signed and approved on November 14, 2013. Respondent admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(a)(7) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2104 (f) and (i) of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. (i). Respondent must complete tutorials; submit proper CE documentation for the 2014-2016 and the 2016-2018 biennial licensure renewal periods; and remit \$300.00 in costs. The action taken by the Board in the CONSENT ORDER shall constitute REMEDIAL ACTION, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(b), and is not disciplinary action.

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the Board:

- reviewed applications and licensed qualified individuals
- reviewed and resolved complaints regarding ethical and legal issues

- published two editions of *psychNEWS*, the Board's newsletter
- provided formal training for a new member
- sought fee increases to enable the Board to fulfill its statutory mandate to protect the public from incompetent, unethical, and unprofessional practice
- initiated a review of the Board's rules
- initiated IT systems and equipment upgrade
- initiated the development of an online state exam
- initiated the development of an online license renewal system

In addition to continuing to perform its routine tasks in connection with protecting the public, major objectives for the 2014-2015 fiscal year are as follows:

- address budgetary and long-range planning issues
- continue to seek fee increases to enable the Board to fulfill its statutory mandate to protect the public from incompetent, unethical, and unprofessional practice
- continue to publish a newsletter, at least on a semiannual basis
- adopt, amend, and repeal the Board's rules as necessary
- implement requirement for criminal history record check
- continue IT systems and equipment upgrade
- continue development of online state exam
- continue development of online license renewal system

Supplemental information, a financial report, the names of all licensed psychologists and licensed psychological associates to whom licenses have been granted during the fiscal year, and a listing of all corporations and professional limited liability companies that have been registered during the fiscal year are **attached**.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR 2013-2014

The address of the Board, and the names of its members and officers:

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Number of persons who applied to the Board for examination: 233
(includes applications for reinstatements)

Number of persons who were refused examination: 5

Number who took the examination: State Exam – 154 National Exam – 122

Number to whom initial licenses were issued: **191**
Psychological Associate – 32
Licensed Psychologist – 124
Licensed Psychologist (provisional) – 35
(see attached lists; individuals upgrading licensure status within the fiscal year are listed and counted only once)

Number who applied for license by reciprocity or comity: 0

Number who were granted license by reciprocity or comity: 0

Number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities: 33

Number of disciplinary/remedial actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against nonlicensees, including injunctive relief: 6
(3 disciplinary; 3 remedial; — injunction)

Number of licenses suspended or revoked: 0

Number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the renewal fee: 4
(3 voluntarily relinquished with Board's consent; 1 voluntarily relinquished under a Consent Order; 0 deceased)

Number of licenses terminated for failure to pay the renewal fee: N/A
(licenses renewed in October of only even-numbered years)

Number of application forms and state law mailed: 0 (since standard forms have been made available on the Board's website, this number has decreased dramatically)

Number of visits to Board's website: 37,647

Number of corporations and PLLCs registered: 51
(see attached list)

Number of complaints resolved: 38

Number of complaints pending as of 6/30/2014: 17

Number of investigations, including complaints, pending as of 6/30/2014: 21

Percentage of closed investigation cases which resulted in Board action: 16%
(includes disciplinary and remedial actions, and injunctive relief)

Percentage of audited licensees not meeting continuing education requirements: N/A
(licensees audited only in even-numbered years when licenses renewed)

Number of psychologists licensed in North Carolina as of 6/30/2014: 4,100
Licensed Psychologist – 2,783
Licensed Psychologist (provisional) – 63
Psychological Associate – 1,254