

**NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD**  
**Board Action**  
**July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010**

During the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, the following action was taken or confirmed by the North Carolina Psychology Board pursuant to G.S. § 90-270.15 and G.S. § 90-270.16:

Sharon S. Burton, M.A. - FINAL DECISION on remand was approved on February 17, 2010. The Board affirmed its decision to REVOKE Ms. Burton's license to practice psychology. The Board concluded that, based upon the evidence presented regarding the appropriateness of the Board's sanction, the sanction it imposed in its Final Decision dated November 30, 2006, was appropriate and supported by the evidence. The Board added to the conclusions of law in its November 30, 2006 decision, the conclusion that Ms. Burton also violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(a)(12). Ms. Burton shall pay the costs of the previous disciplinary proceeding in the amount of \$2,850 and of this disciplinary action in the amount of \$600.00.

Cole Barton, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on January 21, 2010. Dr. Barton admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(7) & (a)(10), of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2001(c)(5), 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2007(a), and 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2009(c) of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. The action taken by the Board constitutes REMEDIAL action. Dr. Barton must successfully complete tutorials and remit \$300.00 in costs.

Stuart Cohen, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on February 17, 2010. Dr. Cohen 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 Standards 9.08(a) & (b) of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association, 2002). The action taken constitutes REMEDIAL action. Dr. Cohen shall use only the current version of any psychological testing instrument when conducting any type of psychological evaluation or assessment, whether labeled as such or not, for any purpose, other than research. When a new version of any psychological testing instrument is published, he shall begin using the new version within one year from its date of publication and discontinue using the old version within that same one year period, unless the decision not to use the current version is based upon valid research data, clearly clinically supported and defensible if called into question by the Board or the public. Prior to using a new version of a psychological testing instrument, he shall ensure that he has received proper training in its administration and use. Dr. Cohen must successfully complete tutorials and remit \$300.00 in costs.

John H. Blackshear, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on December 3, 2009. Dr. Blackshear admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(7), (a)(10), & (a)(22) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 NCAC 54

.2001(c)(10) & .2008(f), of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. The action taken by the Board constitutes REMEDIAL action. Dr. Blackshear must successfully complete tutorials and remit \$300.00 in costs.

Dan R. Chartier, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on July 15, 2009. Dr. Chartier admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(7) & (a)(10) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 NCAC 54.2104(f) & (i) of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. The action taken by the Board constitutes REMEDIAL action. Dr. Chartier must submit proper documentation establishing that he has completed all of the required continuing education hours to renew his license for the 2010-2012 and 2012-2014 biennial licensure renewal periods and remit \$300.00 in assessed costs.

Demetri Paul Drosinis - ORDER was signed on March 24, 2010, by The Honorable J. Gentry Caudill, Mecklenburg County Superior Court Judge, granting the PERMANENT INJUNCTION sought by the Board against Mr. Drosinis. Mr. Drosinis is enjoined from representing himself to the public to be a psychologist in any medium and from offering to practice psychology or practicing psychology.

Han-Leong Goh, Ph.D. - FINAL DECISION was approved and signed on December 3, 2009. Dr. Goh's applications for licensure and health services provider certification at the psychologist level were DENIED.

John A. Gorman, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on March 12, 2010. Dr. Gorman admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10), (a)(11) & (a)(15), of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standards 3.05(a), 3.06, 10.06 & 10.10(a) of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association, 2002). Based on the unique circumstances of this matter, Dr. Gorman shall VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH his license to practice psychology and the Board shall accept his relinquishment. After May 15, 2010, he shall not engage in the practice of psychology at any time in the future in any State or jurisdiction. Further, he must remit \$300.00 in costs. This ORDER constitutes action against Dr. Gorman's license pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(b).

John M. Griffin, M.A. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on December 17, 2009. The Board determined and Mr. Griffin did not contest that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(7) & (a)(22) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, in that Respondent failed to respond promptly to requests for information from the Board and to submit information required by the Board in the manner set forth in 21 NCAC 54.2008(e) & .2104(m), of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. The action taken by the Board constitutes REMEDIAL action. Mr. Griffin must successfully complete tutorials and remit \$300.00 in costs.

James Wesley B. Manuel, Psy.D. - FINAL DECISION was approved and signed on December 3, 2009. Dr. Manuel's conduct was found to be in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(a)(3) and (a)(22). Dr. Manuel's applications for licensure and health services provider certification at the psychologist level were DENIED.

William R. Marshall, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on May 5, 2010. Dr. Marshall admits that the described conduct constitutes a violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(a)(10) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standards 3.04 & 3.06 of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association, 2002). The action taken by the Board constitutes REMEDIAL action. Dr. Marshall must successfully complete tutorials and remit \$300.00 in costs.

Elizabeth K. Neal, M.A. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on July 15, 2009. Ms. Neal admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.5(e); 90-270.15(a)(7), & (a)(10), of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 NCAC 54 .2008(h), of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. Ms. Neal's license is REPRIMANDED, and she must successfully complete tutorials. Further, the period of time during which she did not receive adequate supervision will not count toward the time required for reduced supervision, and she must remit \$300.00 in assessed costs.

Elizabeth L. Neale, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on May 6, 2010. Dr. Neale admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(7) & (a)(10), of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2007(a), and 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2009(c) of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. The action taken by the Board constitutes REMEDIAL action. Dr. Neale must successfully complete tutorials and remit \$300.00 in costs. The period of time that Dr. Neale did not receive adequate supervision shall not count toward the time required for licensure at the Licensed Psychologist Permanent Level.

James A. Powell, Psy.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on January 21, 2010. Dr. Powell admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(14), & (a)(15) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standard 9.01(a) of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologist and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association 2002). Dr. Powell's license is REPRIMANDED. He must issue a signed and dated written retraction of a diagnosis which he assigned to a patient, stating that the diagnosis was made in error because it was not supported by the information which he had available to him, and he must remit \$300.00 in costs.

Kristel K. Rider, M.A. - CONSENT ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION was approved and signed on September 28, 2009. The suspension shall remain in effect until the Board issues a Final Decision in the matter or until the parties enter into a Consent Order that is a final determination of this matter. The parties acknowledge that the charges, specified in a letter dated

July 21, 2009, form an adequate basis for the Board to conclude that immediate suspension consistent with G.S. § 150B-3 is appropriate and necessary for the public health and safety.

Kristel K. Rider, M.A. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on December 3, 2009. Ms. Rider admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10), (a)(18) & (a)(20) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standards 3.06, 3.08, and 10.08(a) of *the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association 2002). Ms. Rider's license is REVOKED; and she must remit \$300.00 in costs.

Michael Streppa, Psy.D. - ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION was approved and signed on March 8, 2010. The suspension became effective on March 9, 2010, and shall remain in effect until the Board issues a Final Decision in this matter or until the parties enter into a Consent Order that is a final determination in this matter. Dr. Streppa's conduct, if proven, violates several provisions of the NC Psychology Practice Act and *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct*, including Standard 10.05, which is the absolute prohibition on engaging in sexual intimacies with a patient.

Michael Streppa, Psy.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on May 5, 2010. The Board finds that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10), (a)(11), (a)(15), (a)(20) & (a)(21) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standards 3.04, 3.05(a), 3.08 and 10.05, and 10.08(a) of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologist and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association 2002). Dr. Streppa's license is REVOKED and he must remit \$300.00 in assessed costs.

Larry Yarbrough, M.A. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on August 27, 2009. Mr. Yarbrough admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10), (a)(15) & (a)(20) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standards 3.05(a) & 3.06 of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association, 2002). Based on the unique circumstances of this matter, Mr. Yarbrough shall VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH his license to practice psychology, and he shall not engage in the practice of psychology at any time in the future in any State or jurisdiction. Further, he must remit \$300.00 in assessed costs.