

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Board Action
July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

During the fiscal year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017, the following action has been taken or confirmed by the North Carolina Psychology Board pursuant to G.S. § 90-270.15 and G.S. § 90-270.16:

Aytch, Donald, Ph.D. - FINAL DECISION suspending Respondent's license was approved and signed on August 18, 2016. Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of N.C. GEN. STAT. § 90-270.15(a)(22). Respondent's license is hereby SUSPENDED immediately for an indefinite period of time. During the suspension of Respondent's license, Respondent shall complete two fitness for practice evaluations by two Board designated evaluators. Once Respondent has completed both fitness for practice evaluations, if the Board determines that Respondent is fit to practice based upon the fitness for practice evaluations, he may resume practice under PROBATION for a period of at least one year. Should the Board determine that Respondent is not fit to practice based upon the fitness for practice evaluation, Respondent's license will remain suspended. Following the lifting of the suspension of Respondent's license, he shall be monitored by a practice monitor for a period of one year consisting of 2000 hours in the practice of psychology, whichever takes longer to occur. Respondent must submit \$300.00 in costs.

Clements, Caroline, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on November 3, 2016. Respondent admits 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, and 21 NCAC 54 .2008(f) of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. Respondent shall successfully complete a minimum of two to four hours of tutorials regarding supervision requirements and timely response to the Board of licensees, as specified in the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act and in North Carolina Psychology Board rules, and general ethical issues for a psychologist. Respondent must submit \$300.00 in costs. This action taken by the Board constitutes remedial action and not a disciplinary action.

Donnelley, Jacqueline, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on February 10, 2017. Respondent acknowledges that the described conduct, if proven at a hearing, would constitute violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10), (a)(11), (a)(12), (a)(16), (a)(17) & (a)(19) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standards 2.06, 3.05(a) & 6.01 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. The license of the Respondent is hereby REVOKED. By no later than February 17, 2017, Respondent shall terminate psychological services to all of her clients and shall make provisions for the appropriate transition of her clients to another therapist, as appropriate. By no later than February 17, 2017, Respondent shall also cease to engage in any other activities that meet the definition of the practice of psychology in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.2(8). The Respondent must submit \$300.00 in costs.

Edwards, Christopher, Ph.D. – CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on August 18, 2016. Respondent consents to the fact that the described conduct violates N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10), (a) (4), (a)(17) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act and Standards 6.01 and 9.02 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologist and Code of Conduct. Respondent's license is hereby CENSURED. Respondent shall successfully complete an independent study and supervision of 30 evaluations. Respondent also shall receive a minimum of one hour of individual face to face supervision during any week in which he conducts any psychological evaluations for a period of one year. Respondent must submit \$300.00 in costs.

Frawley-O'Dea, Mary Gail, Ph.D. – CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on May 12, 2017. Respondent admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.5(e) & 90-270.15(a)(7) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2001(c)(5) and 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2008(h) of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete a minimum of two to four hours of tutorials regarding the following: supervision requirements for supervisors, as specified in the NC Psychology Practice Act and in NC Psychology Board rules; how Respondent's behavior resulted in this action taken by the Board; Respondent's plan of action to prevent the recurrence of the behavior which resulted in Board action; and general ethical conduct. The Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs. This action taken by the Board shall constitute remedial action.

Keesler, Thomas Y., Ph.D. – ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION was approved and signed on November 3, 2016. Respondent's conduct, if proven, violates N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15 (a)(10), (a)(11), and (a)(20) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standards 3.04, 3.05, 3.08, 10.05, & 10.08 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. Based upon information about the patient's complaint, the patient's statements, and other corroborating information, the Board found, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-3, that the public safety and welfare required that the Board take emergency action in the form of a summary suspension of Respondent's license to practice psychology. The suspension 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.

Keesler, Thomas Y., Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on February 10, 2017. Respondent admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15 (a)(10), (a)(11), and (a)(20) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standards 3.04, 3.05, 3.08, 10.05, & 10.08 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct, including the absolute prohibition on engaging in sexual intimacies with a patient and a former patient (within two years of termination). The license of Respondent is hereby REVOKED. The Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs

Miller, Trisha, PhD. – CONSENT ORDER signed and approved on November 3, 2016. Respondent's license is REVOKED, effective December 17, 2016. Respondent admits 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 3.04 & 10.08(a) of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. Respondent must submit \$300.00 in costs.

Mittan, Robert J., Ph.D. – FINAL ORDER was approved and signed on February 10, 2017. Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of N.C. GEN. STAT. §§ 90-270.15(a)(7) and (a)(22) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act and 21 NCAC 54 .2104 (d), (f), (i), and (m) of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. Respondent's license to practice psychology is hereby SUSPENDED until Respondent provides the Board with documentation that he has completed 3 hours of Category A continuing education, pursuant to Rule 21 NCAC 54 .2104. In addition, Respondent shall complete a minimum of 18 additional continuing education hours, as specified in 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2104, in order to renew his license. Respondent must submit proper documentation establishing that he has completed all of the required continuing education hours, in compliance with 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2104, with his application for the 2016-2018 biennial licensure renewal period. Respondent must submit \$300.00 in costs.

Rigby, Ben, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on February 10, 2017. Respondent acknowledges that the described conduct, if proven at a hearing, could constitute violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10) and (a)(14) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standard 9.01(a) of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. Respondent shall successfully complete a minimum of six to eight hours of tutorials regarding the following: proper substantiation of conclusions and recommendations made during the course of providing services to clients/patients; specifically, with regard to those cases that involve child custody, and issues pertaining to the safety of clients or others; how Respondent's behavior resulted in this action taken by the Board; Respondent's plan of action to prevent the recurrence of the behavior which resulted in Board action; and general ethical conduct. The action taken by the Board constitutes remedial action pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(b), not disciplinary action.

Risher, Brandon, M.A. – CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on May 12, 2017. Respondent admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.5(e) & 90-270.15(a)(7) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 N.C.A.C. 54 .2008(a) & (h) of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete a minimum of two to four hours of tutorials regarding the following: supervision requirements for supervisees, as specified in the NC Psychology Practice Act and in NC Psychology Board rules; how Respondent's behavior resulted in this action taken by the Board; Respondent's plan of action to prevent the recurrence of the behavior which resulted in Board action; and general ethical conduct. The Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs. This action taken by the Board shall constitute remedial action.

Speziale, Paul, MA – CONSENT ORDER signed and approved on January 23, 2017. Respondent acknowledges that the described conduct would, if proven at a hearing, constitute violations of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10), (11), and (21), and Standards 3.02, 3.03, 3.04 and 3.05 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. The license of Respondent is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of six months beginning on February 2, 2017. During the suspension of Respondent's license, he shall complete 12 hours of continuing education in the area of appropriate boundaries with patients. During the suspension of Respondent's license, Respondent shall receive therapy on a weekly basis and his therapist shall provide reports to the Board on a monthly basis about Respondent's

general progress and response to therapy with specific comments about how Respondent is dealing with the alleged ethical violations that took place. No earlier than three months after Respondent's license is suspended, Respondent shall begin the process to complete a fitness for practice evaluation by a Board designated evaluator. If, following the six month suspension and the completion of the fitness for practice evaluation, the Board determines that Respondent is fit to practice, then once Respondent receives written Board approval, he may resume practice under the conditions. Following the lifting of the suspension of Respondent's license, Respondent shall limit his private practice to children and young adults under the age of 20, commensurate with his primary experience as a school psychologist. Respondent also shall successfully complete a minimum of six hours of tutorials. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs.