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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY
FISCAL YEAR 1968-69

TO

The Honorable Robert S. McNair, Governor

The State of South Carolina

Members appointed to the Board of Examiners in Psychology met April 27, 1968 and elected officers. The Board consists of:

Chairman: M Kershaw Walsh, Ph.D.

Vice-Chairman: Robert L. Brown, Ph.D.

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Ann G. Josey, Ph.D.

Members:

Charles W. Burts, Ph.D.

Boleslaus S. Kurpiewski, Ph.D.

Junius M. Rowe, Ph.D.

Harley A. Scott, Ph.D.

Total meetings held 5

Actions taken:

Licenses granted to Psychologists	53
Based on Examination in part	23
Based on Doctorate plus experience	21
Based on five years practice in state (Section 12 or "grandfather" clause)	9

Established certain guidelines involving policy and implementation of licensing Act (see enclosed letter of explanation to applicants). These relate to criteria for licensing without or with a written examination and include standards for applicants holding a doctorate in a field related to Psychology (e.g. Education) and the minimal acceptable score on the Examination of Professional Practice in Psychology, which is furnished by the American Association of State Psychology Boards.

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Sent a list of licensed psychologists to major agencies in the state which employ psychologists in connection with their function.

Financial Record

Net Deposits \$1,050.00

Expenditures

Stationery, Printing & related costs	\$489.80
To Professional Examination Service	<u>420.00</u>
	909.80

Balance, June 30, 1969 \$ 140.20

Remarks on first year of operation:

Although costs of operation have run too close to funds received from licensing fees, some of this will not be repeated during fiscal year 1969-70, as a substantial number of blank licenses remain as well as a good supply of stationery.

Operation has generally been smooth with relatively few problems and protests from persons not receiving licenses. It is noted that the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, which employs a relatively large number of psychologists for evaluation, has notified all consultants that in the future only those licensed will be acceptable for these services.

Your attention is called to the fact that psychologists functioning on a salaried basis in public and private agencies, such as clinics, hospitals and schools, are not required to be licensed. Nevertheless, a large portion of these are applying for and receiving the license to practice privately. This is very desirable as it gives a more professional status to these personnel as well as providing more potential services to the general public. The public response to licensing psychologists appears to be very favorable and it is believed that substantial benefits to the state will result from the Licensing Act.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Kershaw Walsh, Ph.D.
Chairman

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Enclosure



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

TO: Applicants and potential applicants for
licensing in psychology.

FROM: M. Kershaw Walsh, Chairman

SUBJECT: Licensing information

IN REPLY ADDRESS:

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29208

I am enclosing a copy of the licensing act which explains in considerable detail the situation in regard to practicing psychology in the state of South Carolina. In addition to the information furnished in the act, it is necessary to know that Section #12 is now inoperative due to the passage of one year since the signing of the bill by Governor McNair. It was necessary for the Board of Examiners to establish certain policies and guidelines to implement certain portions of the licensing act. Thus it was decided that individuals holding the doctorate in psychology, plus five years experience will not be required to take the general examination which has been issued and standardized by the American Association of State Psychology Boards. Applicants previously licensed in other states requiring an examination and having standards at least as high as those of South Carolina will also be licensed without an examination. All applicants are expected to furnish a statement as to their intentions of practicing in South Carolina.

It was agreed that under Section 8 the wording: "or in lieu of such a degree, a doctor's degree in a closely allied field, provided that the Board finds that the training obtained therein was substantially equivalent to that obtained in programs leading to the doctor's degree in psychology; "will be interpreted in accordance with standards suggested by A P A, namely, that the program shall include a minimum of 40 semester hours of graduate work in courses clearly psychological in content. It was further decided that applicants having a doctorate in some field other than psychology must take the examination unless their academic program included a minimum of 60 semester hours in courses clearly psychological in content. Those who meet this latter condition may be exempted only if they also have five years post-doctoral experience. Five years experience does not exempt those with non-psychology doctorates where their graduate credits are less than 60 semester hours.

It is expected that applicants can furnish references from individuals acquainted with their training and experience. Six reference forms are furnished, three of which should testify to professional competence. It is desirable that these include former supervisors and professional persons who have personal knowledge of the skills possessed by the applicant. Three should be able to attest to the applicant's adherence to ethical principles. These may be persons other than psychologists, but they should know something about how the applicant has performed professional services, especially in relation to patients or clients. Persons receiving professional reports could serve in both capacities in some instances. If there are specific questions, please write either of the following persons:

Dr. M. Kershaw Walsh, Chairman, Board of Examiners
Psychology Department, University of S.C., Columbia, S.C.

Dr. Ann Josey, Secretary, Board of Examiners
S.C. State Hospital, Columbia, S.C.