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DANE PALMER

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Attached is the back-up
you requested for HB 181.
It may be transferred
to Labor & Commerce,
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An Act Relating to The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners

by the Senate HESS Committee

Sec. 08.86.070 is repealed and reenacted to read:

Duties of the Board. (a) The Board shall

- (1) establish examination requirements for eligible applicants for licensure to practice psychology;
- (2) examine, or cause to be examined, eligible applicants for licensure or registration;
- (3) approve the issuance of licenses to qualified applicants;
- (4) establish standards for the practice of Psychology by regulation;
- (5) conduct disciplinary proceedings in accordance with AS 08.86.010 - 08.86.230;
- (6) adopt regulations requiring proof of continued competency before a license is renewed;
- (7) prepare and submit an annual report to the department containing information concerning board activities, the number of examinations held, the number of applicants for examination, the number of persons who pass and the number who fail each examination, financial data, including receipts and expenditures, and other information the department may require;
- (8) as requested by the department, monitor the standards and availability of psychological services provided in the state and report its findings to the department;
- (9) collect, or cause to be collected, data concerning the practice of psychology by Psychologists and Psychological Associates in the state and submit the data to the department for maintenance;
- (10) establish, by regulation, educational and training requirements for Psychological Associates licensed under AS 08.86.010 - 08.86.230;
- (11) the board may adopt regulations or do any act necessary to carry out its duties under AS 08.86.010 - 08.86.230

Sec 08.86.150 (1) is amended to read:

he holds a doctoral degree with primary emphasis on psychology from an accredited school with an approved program;

Sec 08.86.180 (a) Delete:

"Psychotherapy", "Psychotherapeutic", "Psychotherapist"

Sec 08.86.180 (b) (3) Delete:

"Psychotherapist"

Continue the existence of the Board for four years.

Board of Psychologists &
Psychological Associate Examiners
Goals & Objectives

Objectives:

It is the board's purpose to ensure that quality psychological care is available to the public and to upgrade the standards of mental health care available in the state.

Goals:

- 1) Develop CE requirements for relicensure to become effective in the next renewal period. (1981, June 30)
- 2) Implement Psychological Associate Regulations to facilitate entry of qualified Master's level psychologists into the professional field.
- 3) Further refine the state portion of the exam with future goal to develop work sample type examination.
- 4) Continuous refining of the examination procedure & materials.
- 5) Increase the availability of Psychological services to the public by supporting legislation to include such services under 2nd party reimbursement by Medicaid & Medicare.
- 6) Act to increase public awareness of Board activities via news letters or newspaper articles, also to educate the public of the purpose & and function of of the Board & of the types of services available in the practice of psychology in Alaska.
- 7) Clarify the Board's role in developing our Aggressive Investigative Policy.
- 8) The Board would like to meet four times per year. Once in Juneau, twice in Anchorage, and once in Fairbanks, as well as offer two examinations. The Board would also like for one person to attend the National meetings.

FY '80 Performance Report

Board of Psychologist & Psychological Associate Examiners

This report is submitted to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Division of Occupational Licensing, in an attempt to assist them in evaluating the activities of the board.

1. OVERVIEW

A great deal of the board's effort during FY '80 was directed toward the matter of the Sunset legislation which had placed continuation of the board in question.

Two board members travelled to Juneau twice to testify before legislative hearings and met with legislators and the Health Coalition representative. Large amounts of support in both time and dollars were contributed to this effort by both the American Psychological Association and the Alaska Psychological Association. Members of the ALPA as well as members of the Alaska Community Mental Health Directors organization met in support of board continuation and provided contact and testimony to legislators. The State and national support of the Health Coalition representative provided an important means of educating board members and professionals within the State on the necessity of their involvement in the legislative process. This was also a crucial link in providing legislators with knowledge regarding the issues involved in the delivery of high quality psychological services to the public.

A large number of the board's legislative objectives were achieved through passage of SB 583 which substantially revised and expanded the Psychology Practice Act. Passage of SB 583 was a major accomplishment in that it clarified many issues and questions arising from the original legislation governing the board and the Psychological profession in the State.

At each meeting of the board, a division investigator presented any complaints which might come under the purview of the board. Progress has been achieved in increased participation of the board in investigative matters.

Mr. Jim Parsons attended the American Association of State Psychology Boards (AASPB) national meeting in August and served as a liaison between the national organization and the State board.

understanding the practice of psychology in its various facets and has been unable to provide adequate assistance in some areas. The board received an unfavorable review by the auditors, and was discredited by the legislature. The board has had confrontations with the Department of Law, the Ombudsmans Office, and several applicants. Through it all the board has taken some positive steps to correct the problems without compromising their standards and the best interests of the public.

It should be recognized that the professional practice of psychology is still developing at the national level. Without the historical background other professions are privileged to have, it can be expected that certain problems will arise in the process. The board is doing its best with the resource at hand.

II. BOARD ACTIVITIES

The board held a total of three meetings in FY 1979. One, September 11-12, 1978 in Anchorage, another October 20, 1978, also in Anchorage, and the third March 30, 1979 in Juneau. The board had scheduled a fourth meeting, but due to budgetary constraints, it was rescheduled for July 5-6, 1979, in FY 80. The board also held one conference call meeting April 19, 1979.

In addition to these meetings, several members were able to participate in other meetings at the State and National Level. Pam Baglien, Ph.D., and Robert Bowers met twice with the Governor's Advisory Council on Mental Health. Jim Parsons and Dorothy Whitmore, Ed.D. reported on the boards activities to the Alaska Psychological Association. Finally, Mr. Parsons attended the annual American Association of State Psychology Boards in September, 1978.

III. EXAMINATIONS

The board administered two examinations during the period, one October 20, 1978 and the other April 20, 1979. There were four candidates for the October exam. All passed and were subsequently licensed.

There were 10 candidates for the April Examination. The exam consists of a National Multiple choice part and an essay part. One must pass both parts to be licensed. Of the 10 candidates seven passed the national exam. Of those seven, four passed the essay exam and were licensed. Two of the three who failed the National exam passed the essay portion; three who passed the National Portion failed the essay portion. Only one person failed both the essay and the National portion. A person must retake only those portions of the exam they did not pass.

FY 79 Performance Report

Board of Psychologist & Psychological Associate Examiners

This report is submitted to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Division of Occupational Licensing in an attempt to assist them in evaluating the activities of the Board.

I. OVERVIEW

In an overview, the board's primary objective for this past year was to develop and implement equitable regulations to carry out the provisions of the Alaska Statutes governing the practice of psychology. The board's failure to do this at an earlier date had led to conflicting policy and charges of arbitrary and capricious judgement on the part of the board. The board accomplished this for psychologist when their regulations became effective December 24, 1978. Regulations for Psychological Associates were brought up in the spring and should be ready for public hearing in the fall.

A secondary objective of the board has been to develop a more comprehensive State essay examination for licensure purposes. Alaska Statutes do not permit oral exams or interviews in the course of evaluating applicants, making it necessary for such an exam. The board opted to use the exam administered by the Florida Board for its Spring exam. The exam is comprehensive in nature with an established record and set answer key. The board did have difficulties with grading, however, taking over four months to grade and report scores to candidates.

A final concern during this year has been that of Sunset Legislation. Dan Allen of the Division of Legislative Audit was present to discuss with the board the nature of Sunset at its September 11 and 12, meeting. The board did not seriously consider the implications until its March 30, 1979 meeting. Several members had been present to testify before the House Commerce Committee via teleconference in February but the session was cancelled and never rescheduled. The board has taken several steps to remedy the problems noted in the audit report, and has defined some goals and objectives for the coming year. The board is working on Psychological Associate Regulations, has asked the division to prepare regulations requiring continuing education for relicensure, and has revised their application forms to eliminate impertinent data. The board is also seeking to define minimum competency standards for admittance to practice psychology in case the board is sunsetted and the division is called upon to make these decisions.

In summary, it has been an active year. The board has been hampered in its activities by the lack of definitive regulations, which should be alleviated with their recent passage. The division has had difficulty

IV. STATISTICAL DATA

There were 12 psychologist licenses issued during this period, five by exam and seven by endorsement. In addition, the board issued five temporary permits. Two of those will lapse because the candidates did not pass the April examination.

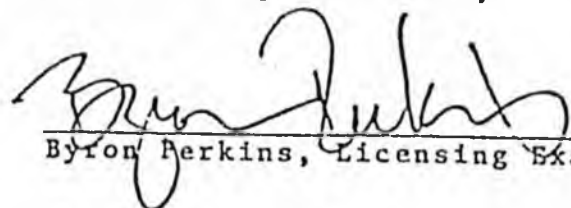
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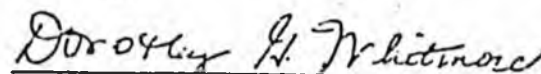
Expenditures for Fiscal Years 1978 and 1979* Board of Psychologist & Psychological Associate Examiners

<u>Travel</u>	<u>FY '78</u>	<u>FY '79</u>
In-State transportation	\$1,195.00	\$2,851.00
In-State per diem	2,285.00	2,127.00
Outside transportation	9.00	--
Outside per diem	200.00	--
<u>TOTAL TRAVEL</u>	<u>\$4,419.00</u>	<u>\$4,978.00</u>
 <u>Contractual Services</u>		
Long distance telephone	\$ 163.00	\$ 637.00
Postage and mailing	13.00	83.00
Printing and binding	190.00	390.00
Advertising	484.00	277.00
Professional Services	532.00	746.00
Membership dues/fees	--	320.00
<u>TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</u>	<u>\$1,382.00</u>	<u>\$2,453.00</u>
 <u>Supplies and Material</u>		
Office/library supplies	\$ 20.00	\$ --
 <u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	 <u>\$5,821.00</u>	 <u>\$7,431.00</u>

*Total revenues for corresponding periods: \$2,680.00 and \$4,435.00
Average yearly revenues were \$3,557.00.

Respectfully Submitted,


Byron Perkins, Licensing Examiner


Dorothy Whitmore, Ed.D., Chairman
Board of Psychologist and
Psychological Associate examiners

V EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEARS 1979 AND 1980
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS

TRAVEL

In-State transportation (Examiner)	\$1,195.00	\$2,851.00	\$ 960.51
In-State per diem (Examiner)	2,285.00	2,127.00	509.85
In-State transportation (Board)	9.00	--	1,430.00
In-State per diem (Board)	200.00	--	1,020.54
TOTAL TRAVEL	\$4,419.00	\$4,978.00	\$3,920.90

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

Long Distance Telephone	\$ 163.00	\$ 637.00	\$ 724.97
Postage and Mailing	13.00	83.00	22.97
Photo Processing	--	--	137.47
Printing and Binding	190.00	390.00	98.00
Advertising	484.00	277.00	269.53
Professional Services	532.00	746.00	692.50
Membership Dues/Fees	--	320.00	169.00
TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$1,382.00	\$2,453.00	\$2,114.00

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

Office/Library Supplies	\$ 20.00	\$ --	\$ 91.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$5,821.00	\$7,431.00	\$6,125.90
Receipt	--	--	865.00

Board or
Commission

Appointee

Term

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS
AS 08.86 - 5 members; 3 year terms; serves at the pleasure of the
Governor.

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July 1, 1982

Dr. Mueller Continues His Media Effectiveness on Behalf of Psychology: Dr. Kenneth Mueller of the East Anchorage Psychiatric Group has continued his outstanding contribution to the advancement of Psychology as a science and profession in Alaska through his frequently occurring columns in the Living and Leisure section of the Anchorage Daily News. In early March Dr. Mueller, (a recent candidate for ALPA President-Elect) published a column that effectively synthesized some of the key concerns in support of continued licensure of Alaskan psychologists. The text of his article is reproduced below. The Executive Committee of ALPA expresses its sincere thanks to Dr. Mueller for his continued active contribution to our profession here in "The Great Land".

When shopping for a therapist, look for the license

Finding a qualified therapist in Anchorage is no easy matter. There is a confusing array of services offered by practitioners who have a wide range of training and approaches.

As a consumer of health services, you can't be expected to evaluate the credentials of health service practitioners. However, the state can legally act in the public interest by licensing professional health practice.

If your therapist is a psychologist or a clinical social worker, here are 10 reasons why he or she should be licensed:

- This assures that when you engage a therapist, that person has had high levels of education, training and supervised experience. Licensed providers have been screened and evaluated carefully in terms of specific standards before they are allowed independently to provide services to you. The license also assures you that those standards are uniform from state to state, so if you are in therapy when you move, it is very likely the therapy can continue without major disruption.

- It provides a requirement that your therapist must continue his/her education and stay up to date on recent developments.

- It ensures privileged communications between you and your therapist (confidentiality).

- It discourages the use of facts and untested or experi-

mental forms of therapy.

- Insurance reimbursement is possible. If your therapist is licensed, your insurance company has a standard for recognition and payment of this important health benefit to its subscribers.

- It ensures an enforceable code of professional conduct. The license can be denied, suspended or revoked to counter a threat to the public welfare.

- It assures you that your therapist is a member of a profession that will police itself. For example, the ethical standards of psychologists are stricter than any other set of standards regarding independent practice.

- It demonstrates respectability and accountability. Your therapist voluntarily applies for licensure. By so doing, he/she is making an effort to upgrade the quality of professional services. Your therapist should also be active with a state association. Submitting to peer review is an act of good faith.

- It provides an opportunity for you to press for redress of grievances without costly litigation.

- It helps consumers identify reputable therapists. Licensure makes qualified therapists more accessible by making it easier to find them. According to Will Bukland of the American Psychological Association, this results in increased competition in economic terms among



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professionals licensed in the same category, resulting in stability of fees and lower costs.

When licensing boards are under public review, grievances often emerge about their performance. Of course, the value of licensure to you, as a potential consumer of such services, clearly outweighs the problems that occasionally re-

sult from board performance. The bath water may need changing, but the baby is worth saving.

Clinical social workers are presently working toward a licensure bill so they can more effectively police themselves. This should directly benefit those who turn to them for help.

Licensure isn't a guarantee that you and your therapist will work effectively together, but it does increase the probability of a positive outcome by assuring that your therapist has met rigorous standards.

■ Dr. Mueller is an Anchorage psychologist.

Sunset Update: Bills to continue the licensing Board were submitted in late February. The Health, Education and Social Services Committees of both houses are reportedly in favor of a four year continuation. Hearings are to be held in Juneau on the 8th of March at 3PM. Members are urged to express their support of House Bill 856 and Senate Bill 823 as soon as possible; especially if any of the following committee members are your representatives/senators: Senators Parr, Stimson, Fischer, Colletta and Kelly; Representatives Bierne, Martin, Cato, Smith and Malone.

Treasurer's Perspective: With the receipt of the Psychology Defense Fund Grant of \$5000 ALPA will be financially solvent for 1982 and able to meet the major aspects of its 1982 program, lobbying and Executive Officer costs states Treasurer Hal Post. However, very few of the membership can through with donations in excess of the basic \$65 dues assessment for 1982. This result occurred despite the resolution of the general membership at the 1981 meeting that "Members are encouraged to make additional voluntary dues contributions up to an amount equal to one day's pay." Thus far only four members have made contributions in excess of the mandatory dues. Special appreciation is expressed to Dr. Jane Krauss, Dr. Cheryl Frair, & Dr. Boy Collier for their generous contributions as well as to Dr. Joel Wieman, each of these members paid dues in a manner consistent with the spirit of the resolution made at the 1981B meeting. Other members are encouraged to consider additional payments insofar as ALPA is not likely to receive further PDF grants if licensure is continued. We'll need to carry the full burden of continuing development of our state association by ourselves.

President-Elect Frair Accepts Position: (Dr. Cheryl Frair our newly elected President-Elect responded to the Executive Committee's request for an acceptance message with the following.)

Thank-you for your support in my becoming President-Elect of ALPA. With the major issues facing psychologists in Alaska at this time we need to remember ALPA, as our professional association, can be far stronger than any one of us alone. Over the years of my association with ALPA I have been dismayed at the factionalism and the attitude of "them" against "us". As professionals we need each others support in being better able to function as a psychologist, be it in a university or college classroom, a mental health clinic in Ketchikan, a school in Anvik, a private office in Fairbanks or at API. The development of the regional groups with representatives on the Executive Committee and the liaison with the Alaska School Psychologists Association are a start toward developing a stronger statewide association. Please join together in supporting your profession and colleagues through ALPA.

Cheryl Frair, PhD

ALPA Executive Officer Invited to Address 1982 APA Convention: ALPA EO Dr. Dennis Scholl recently received and accepted an invitation from Division 31 of APA, Division of State Psychological Association Affairs, to participate in a State Psychological Association Affairs panel at the 1982 APA convention in Washington D.C.. The panel, chaired by Dr. James Lindeman the Division 31 president-elect and faculty of the U. of Oregon Health Sciences Center, will be entitled "Perils and Plusses of the Small State Psychological Association". EO Scholl is very interested in receiving letters, records or comments from Alaskan psychologists that will broaden the data base and validate his historical perspective on ALPA. If you have information on the history of ALPA or can otherwise contribute to the breadth and accuracy of Dr. Scholl's presentation please send in your information as soon as possible to the ALPA address. It is worthwhile to note that the Division 31 officers as well as APA see ALPA's support of the EO position as a model for all small population state associations.

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. HB 856 "An Act continuing the existence of
 Title the Board of Psychology and Psychological Associate Examiners: ...
 Requested by House Labor & Commerce Committee Date 3-8-82

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Commerce & Economic Development
 Program Category Affected Public Protection
 ERU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected Regulation & licensing of professions
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item
 amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instruction, Section III)

Funding of the Board of Psychology and Psychological Associate Examiners is
 already included in the department's detail budget for FY'83.

IV. DATE March 8, 1982

PREPARED BY Margorie Odland
 AGENCY Division of Occupational Licensing
 PHONE 465-2535

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

FY '82 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Board of Psychologist & Psychological Associate Examiners

Goals:

It is the purpose and function of the board to ensure that quality psychological care is available to the public by assuring only qualified persons are admitted to practice psychology independently in the State; by actively enforcing the psychology practice act; and by promoting high standards within the profession throughout the State.

Objectives:

- 1) Promulgate psychological associate regulations to facilitate entry of qualified master's level psychologists into the professional field.
- 2) Promulgate regulations governing relicensure based on continued competency.
- 3) Refine the State portion of the licensing and explore the possibility of developing an examination committee.
- 4) Act to increase public awareness of board activities, and to educate the public of the purposes and function of the board, and of types of services available from psychologists in Alaska.
- 5) Meet four times this year and conduct two examinations.
- 6) Send a representative from the board to the national or regional AASPB meeting.

Dr. Turner and Dr. Baglien attended the meetings of the Governor's Advisory Council on Mental Health in February and May.

Dr. Paul Turner and Dr. Charles Bovee were new appointees during this year.

II BOARD ACTIVITIES

The board held a total of three meetings in FY 1980. One, July 5-6, 1979 in Anchorage, another September 18-19, 1979, in Anchorage, and the third on March 24-25, 1980, also in Anchorage. The board held two conference calls, August 30, 1979, and October 11, 1979.

III EXAMINATIONS

The board administered two examinations during the period. One, October 19, 1979 and the other, April 11, 1980, both held in Anchorage. There were five candidates for the October exam.

There were five candidates for the April examination. The exam consists of a national multiple choice part and an essay part. One must pass both to be licensed. A person may retake only those portions of the exam they did not pass.

IV STATISTICAL DATA

Licensed Issued:

	<u>FY '78</u>	<u>FY '79</u>	<u>FY '80</u>
Examination	9	5	12
Endorsement	5	8	3
Psychological Associate (Exam)	0	0	3
Temporary Permits	2	4	1

STATE OF ALASKA
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT

Bill No: House Bill No. 181 Date on Bill: 2/09/83
 Title: Continuing the existence of the Board of Psychologist and Psych. Association Exam.
 Sponsor: _____
 Requestor: Commissioner's Office

1. Estimated fiscal impacts on:

a. Expenditures:

(Thousands of Dollars)

			FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86		
Capital			-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-		
Operating			-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-		
Total			-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-		

b. Revenues:

Revenue								
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2. Source of funds to offset fiscal impact of bill:

3. Assumptions:

No cost is foreseen to the Department of Health and Social Services as a result of this legislation.

4. Disclaimer:

This statement has not been reviewed by the OMB in the Office of the Governor. It does not represent the policy of the Sheffield Administration or the final estimate of fiscal impact.

Prepared By: Thomas R. Branton, Deputy Director *TRB* Phone: 465-3370
 Division: Mental Health and DD Date: 2/17/83

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
 Department: _____

5. Distribution:

- Original to Legislative Finance
- Copy to OMB
- Copy to Sponsor
- Copy to Requestor

2/8/83

POSITION PAPER

HOUSE BILL NO. 181

"An Act relating to regulation of the practice of psychology and continuing the existence of the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners; and providing for an effective date."

Discussion:

The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities supports the continuation of the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners. We believe a board composed of licensed psychologists is important to insure that persons applying for licenses have the proper qualifications and experience necessary to provide a high quality of service. Also, the board plays an important role in developing standards of service for licensed psychologists and psychological associates.

The utilization of boards such as this is common practice in the area of licensing and overseeing service delivery, especially in the area of health care. For example, the nursing profession, medical doctors, and other fields of health providers have similar boards composed of their peers.

The continuation of this board will help to insure that Alaska's growing public and private mental health system will provide a high quality of service by competent and qualified mental health professionals. The development and enforcement of standards is considered extremely important in an area such as this and should continue in order to insure the safety of the consumers of mental health care.

Recommendation:

The Department of Health and Social Services supports the passage of this bill.

Recommended by: James T. Branton for
T. R. Branton
Deputy Director
Division of Mental
Health and Developmental
Disabilities

Date: 2/17/83

Approved by: Robert London Smith
Robert London Smith, Ph.D.
Commissioner
Department of Health and
Social Services

Date: 2/22/83