

## Massachusetts Board of Psychologists Announces Enforcement Actions

BOSTON - The Board of Registration of Psychologists today announced enforcement actions against the following individuals:

Margaret S. Fogel, Waban: The Board entered into a consent agreement with Fogel, resolving allegations related to her treatment of a patient, as well as her failure to complete continuing education hours required to renew her license. A review by the Board found that Fogel failed to maintain the patient's records and failed to refer a patient to another mental health provider or facilitate her treatment after learning that the patient's insurance company had denied coverage of her services, and that her outside billing company continued to bill the patient after she informed that patient that she did not have to pay. The Board also found that Fogel failed to provide the Board with evidence that she completed required continuing education credits from 2008 through 2010. Under the terms of the agreement, Fogel agreed to 18 months of supervised probation of her license, to complete 40 hours of continuing education prior to the end of the probation period, and to pay a \$200 fine.

Stella Bitran, Burlington: The Board entered into a consent agreement with Bitran, resolving allegations that she engaged in unprofessional conduct during the treatment of a patient. A review by the Board found that Bitran failed to maintain professional boundaries during the treatment of a patient when she made numerous contacts with the patient outside the scope of treatment. Under the terms of the agreement, Bitran agreed to a two year suspension of her license, to terminate or transfer treatment of her current patients to another licensed professional within 45 days of the effective date of the agreement, and to complete one year of supervised probation following the end of the suspension period. Bitran may apply for a stay of her suspension six months after the start of her suspension.

Mary K. Corlett, Winchester: The Board entered into a voluntary surrender agreement with Corlett, resolving allegations that she violated ethical standards and the Board's code of conduct when she agreed to treat a patient despite knowing she would be unable to competently do so. Under the terms of the agreement, Corlett agreed to surrender her license to practice as a psychologist.

Anna Fuchu, Lawrence: The Board entered into a consent agreement with Fuchu, resolving allegations that she held herself out as a psychologist and engaged in the unlicensed practice of psychology while working at the Arbour Counseling Center in Lawrence. A review by the Board found that Fuchu described or identified herself as a psychologist on a patient's file and in various online professional profiles, despite never having been issued a license to practice psychology in Massachusetts. Under the terms of the agreement, Fuchu agreed to cease and desist using the title "psychologist" and holding herself out to be a licensed psychologist, to provide confirmation from her employer that neither she nor her employer are representing her to be a licensed psychologist, and to pay a \$1,000 fine.

Andres Nino, Cambridge: The Board entered into a consent agreement with Nino, resolving allegations that he held himself out as a psychologist and engaged in the

unlicensed practice of psychology while working at the Arbour Counseling Center in Lawrence. A review by the Board found that Nino described himself as a psychologist on his resume, as well as on various internet forums and websites, despite never having been issued a license to practice psychology in Massachusetts. Under the terms of the agreement, Nino agreed to cease and desist using the title “psychologist” and holding himself out as a psychologist, to provide confirmation from his employer that neither he nor his employer hold him out to be psychologist or using the title of psychologist, to bring all of his professional materials including advertising, resumes, business cards, web-sites and any other representations, into compliance with Board regulations, and to pay a \$1,000 fine.

Joan Selby, Manchester: The Board entered into a consent agreement with Selby, resolving allegations that she failed to maintain adequate records of a patient’s clinical treatment. A review by the Board also found that Selby failed to complete 20 hours of continuing education credits necessary to renew her license. Under the terms of the agreement, Selby agreed to one year of supervised probation of her license, to complete ten additional continuing education credits, and to pay a \$250 fine.

The Board of Registration of Psychologists licenses qualified individuals to practice psychology and regulates that practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as defined by the statutes and described in the regulations. More specifically, the Board protects the public health and welfare through regulation of the practice of psychology. It receives, investigates, and adjudicates complaints against licensed practitioners. The Board also investigates and takes disciplinary action against the unlicensed practice of psychology, which is prohibited by law. The Board currently licenses more than 5,600 individuals in the psychology profession.

The Division of Professional Licensure (DPL) is a regulatory agency within the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation. The agency is responsible for ensuring regulatory compliance and the integrity of the licensing process for more than 370,000 licensees in trades and professions under the jurisdiction of 31 boards of registration. DPL also licenses and regulates private occupational schools.

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