

Sec. 12. We accept the psychiatrists' addition of a specific reference to the establishing of standards for the ethical practice of psychology. We are particularly grateful to Mr. Whitener for pointing out the inconsistency (Commissioner vs. Council) between the wording in this section and that of Sec. 14 and to the psychiatrists for correcting this error in their proposed draft.

Sec. 13. We would reject the last six words ("... and, if desired, counseling and psychotherapy.") for reasons stated previously.

Sec. 14. No differences, save the important matter of substituting "Council" for "Commissioner" in Sec. 14(E).

Sec. 15. No differences.

Sec. 16. No differences.

Sec. 17. We reject the specific references to counseling and psychotherapy in the first and in the next-to-last sentences of this section.

Sec. 18. No differences.

Sec. 19. The psychiatrists have removed the original Sec. 19 and have replaced it with one referring to an existing District of Columbia statute. We are exploring this matter at present. We presume that the statute to which they refer is related in content to the matter of privileged communication, which is the subject matter of the original Sec. 19. Without knowing the exact wording of this statute, we are able to state that we would like to see the original Sec. 19 retained, since it was designed precisely with psychologists' clients (and the circumstances under which the practice of psychology occurs) in mind. Also, we feel that clarity would be served by specific provision in the law, rather than an unclear reference to another statute.

Sec. 20. We are determined that the psychologist licensing bill shall in no way interfere with the professional activities of colleague disciplines, as long as members of these other professions operate within their code of ethics. The psychiatrists' re-writing of this section omits reference to this important matter of ethics and is thus seen as slightly inferior to Sec. 20(B) in the original, which it was intended to replace. Sec. 20(A) in the original was dropped by the psychiatrists, and we accept its elimination.

No differences exist between the original and the psychiatrists' proposed bill on the remainder of the sections.

