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Division of Consumer Affairs State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners **Professional Counselor Examiners Committee** 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102



PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

MARCH 3, 2011

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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 9:41 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Committee Member, William Green Committee Member, Dana Kaspereen Committee Member, Barbara Maurer Committee Member, Ketrin Saud Maxwell

Committee Member, Maria D'Amico Meehan

Also Present:

Deputy Attorney General Susan Berger Administrative Staff: Elaine DeMars Agnes Almeida Celeste Paige

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 175, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided, by mail, to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and the Courier Post and also posted on the Committee's web page.

Announcement of Quorum

Announcement of quorum was made by Barbara Maurer.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the minutes of the February 3, 2011 public session minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT IV.

The following members of the public attended the meeting:

William Burns-Lynch, Tom Crawley, NJCA, Natasha Collins, Glen Duncan, Tamer Masood, Brielle Senft, Jessica Ebegbulem, Karen Kirkland, Dr. Janet Cahill, Eve Schott, Kelly Connell, Naja Berry, Macy Nachukwu, Peggy Brady Moone and Dr. Janice Ourseler.

V. <u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY</u>

A. N.J.C.A. 13:34-31 et. seq. - Custody/Parenting Evaluations Rule draft

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell suggested changes to the regulations regarding supervised experience reports and recommendations.

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Dana Kaspereen the Committee voted to send the proposed changes to the Marriage and Family Therapy Board for review.

B. New Jersey Counseling Association (N.J.C.A.)

The Committee reviewed the letter forwarded by the New Jersey Counseling Association regarding supervision requirements. The Committee will write to N.J.C.A. informing them that new supervision plans beginning October 5, 2011 must meet the new regulations. If the supervisory relationship began prior to October 5, 2011 the supervisor may continue until the supervision period ends.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

The Committee announced that Consent Orders are now available online. The Committee has begun working to get files ready and applications will be prepared and scanned to members for review.

V. NEW BUSINESS

NBCC Annual Meeting - August 11-12, 2011

The Committee reviewed the National Board of Certified Counselor's (NBCC) invitation to the American Association of State Counseling Boards Annual Meeting.

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Dana Kaspereen the Committee authorized William Green to represent the Committee at the August 11-12, 2011 meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina. NBCC will pay all expenses.

VI. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. Rowan University

The Committee reviewed the report and recommendations made in the review submitted by Dr. Juneau Gary. On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by William Green the Committee moved to Executive Session for attorney-client advice.

Upon return to Public Session, the Committee accepted the report and the recommendations made by Dr. Gary that each applicant be required to complete an additional course focusing on professional identity, scope of practice and ethics and legal standards for professional counselors that will be offered by Rowan Univesity. The Committee determined that applicants who meet all of the requirements for the licensed associate counselor credential (LAC) and agree to complete the recommended course will be approved as associate counselors. The LAC credential is not renewable if the coursework is not been completed within one year.

B. <u>University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)</u>

Dr. Janice Oursler attended the public meeting and addressed the Committee informing them that UMDNJ has accreditation for both its rehabilitation and community counseling programs. She informed the Committee that the course distributions for both programs were reviewed and approved by the Certification for Applied Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP). Dr. Oursler told the Committee that graduates prefer to seek eligibility for the licensed professional counselor credential (LPC). The programwas approved January 2010 and applicants who were enrolled from January 2009 forward are deemed eligible to receive the degree. The Committee accepted the letter and Dr. Ourseler's statements as informational.

C. <u>Caldwell College</u>

The Committee reviewed the Caldwell College Counseling Program Review.

D. Monmouth University

The Committee reviewed the Monmouth University Counseling Program Review.

On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Committee determined to forward copies of the review to the respective programs and request their comments on the review and recommendations.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for May 5, 2011.

2011 Meeting Schedule

May 5, 2011	September 1, 2011
June 2, 2011	October 6, 2011
July 7, 2011	November 3, 2011
August 4, 2011	December 1, 2011

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by William Green and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee moved to executive session at 11:32 a.m to conduct an investigative inquiry and to review pending confidential matters and complaints. On a motion made by Dana Kaspereen and seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Committee adjourned Executive Session and returned to Public Session at 4:43 p.m for the adjournment of the meeting.

XI. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by William Green, the following applicants were approved:

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)

Susan E. Busfield Sarah E. Campbell Nancy L. Douglas Julianna C. Ford

Kevin M. Ford

Brittany A. Freeman

Dorian L. Head

Barrington C. Hibbert

Ryan P. Hutchison

Amanda F. Hyde

Amanda M. Kazalonis

Danielle L. Lazzaro

Maria Mereos

Doreen T. Miri

Lorraine M. Nelson

Jaclyn E. Nolan

Christine M. Radziewicz

Jenna M. Siciliano

Selma A. Sisco

John A. Urgola

Jessica Valenta

Ebony E. White

X. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by William Green and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m.