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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **MARCH 6, 2014**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair, William Green called the meeting to Order at 9:37 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 7th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, Committee Chair
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair (arrived at 9:44 a.m.)
Peter Economou, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member
Diane Licht, Committee Member
Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff
Agnes Almeida, Administrative Staff

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum at 9:37 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Committee's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 6, 2014 Professional Counselor Examiners Public Minutes

Upon motion by Committee member, Peter Economou, seconded by Committee member Michael Shea, the Committee voted to approve the February 6, 2014 Public minutes as corrected. Voting in favor: all. Dana Kaspereen abstained.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Najah Berry, LAC ~ Ms. Berry came before the Committee to personally submit her LPC application.

The following members of the public were present and did not comment:

- A. Alexis Boyle, student at Caldwell College
B. Laura Schreiber, student at Caldwell College
C. Kiera Tims, student at Caldwell College
D. Alyssa Hoeftra, student at Caldwell College
E. Justin Dara, student at Caldwell College
F. Megan Kelly, student at Caldwell College

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

- A. **Assembly Bill 1539 (2206)** ~ The Bill seeks to eliminate the rehabilitation counselor license. *The Committee previously commented on this Bill and accepted its re-issuance as informational.*
- B. **Senate Bill 681** ~ This Bill seeks to provide for issuance of certificate of rehabilitation to certain offenders with substance abuse disorders. *Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to oppose the Bill because it restricted the Committee's ability to evaluate an applicant's rehabilitation.*
- C. **Senate Bill 682** ~ This Bill seeks to establish process to bar certain health care providers from receiving reimbursement under PIP. *Upon motion by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to oppose the Bill because it takes away from the consumer's ability to choose clinicians. Voting in favor: all.*
- D. **Assembly Bill 1254** ~ This Bill requires certain civil action against certain licensed persons to be brought within two years. *The Committee determined to table discussion until its April 3, 2014 meeting.*

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Collazo, reported that form for electronic deposits of reimbursements have been distributed to Committee members and to please return the completed forms to Celeste Paige.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mailings claiming: “New Jersey Board Accepted” CEUs

The Committee reviewed the continuing education course offerings from NJCredentialed.com stating that “coursework is approved by NAADAC, NBCC, and ASWB and so is accepted as continuing education credit toward your LCADC, CADC, LCSW, LSW, CSW, MFT, or Counselor Credential in the State of New Jersey. *The Committee accepted this as informational.*

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Alison Nistad

The Committee reviewed Ms. Nistad’s February 3, 2014 letting requesting the course entitled, “Boundless Compassion Conference” offered by the Institute of Compassionate Presence Servite Center of Compassion be approved for continuing education (CE) requirement. *The Committee determined to direct Ms. Nistad to N.J.A.C 13:34-15.4.*

X. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. Grand Canyon University

The Committee reviewed Grand Canyon University’s counseling curriculum. *Upon motion by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted that upon review it determined that Grand Canyon University’s curriculum meets the minimum requirements for licensure in New Jersey.*

XI. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

Members of the Committee discussed the planned presentation at the NJCA conference April 12, 2014. The sub-Committee which will be giving the presentation will inform those in attendance that they cannot take any personal questions, but that they can present any written questions to the full Committee at its next meeting.

XII. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)

The Committee reviewed the February 25, 2014 letter from Thomas W. Clawson, LPC, President and CEO of NBCC, regarding NBCC’s August 7-8, 2014 in Greensboro, North Carolina. *Upon motion by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to send Committee Chair, William Green to NBCC’s annual conference. Voting in favor: all.*

XIII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Committee

Peter Economou reported that the Rules and Regulations sub-committee is scheduling a meeting in April to continue review of the regulations prior to the 2016 Sunset date.

B. FAQs Committee

Ketrin Saud-Maxwell reported that the FAQs sub-committee met in January and a draft of the FAQs will be presented to the entire Committee at its next meeting on April 3, 2014.

C. Internet Counseling

Peter Economou reported that the Internet Counseling sub-committee is currently tabled.

XIV. FILED ORDERS

None to report.

XV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for April 3, 2014

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2014

April 3, 2014	September 4, 2014
May 1, 2014	October 2, 2014
June 5, 2014	November 6, 2014
July 10, 2014	December 1, 2014
August 7, 2014	

XVI. APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

Applicants approved to take NCE Exam

Scotta J. Abela

Andrea M. Adams

Irene Amerio

Jennifer A. Averoso

Vanessa Bell

James N. Bencivena

Jessica L. Chualo

Rebecca Corbett-Hall

Yigal G. Falk

Marina Goldenberg

Amy J. Ickes

Elizabeth H. Jensen

Melissa A. Pettinato

Rosbel Puello

Crystal C. Robinson

Naomi Stark

Dawn R. Tennent

Carol T. Thompson

Marguenite E. Tyger

Ebony Y. Walker-Cherilus

Shantia M. Wilson

LAC approved

Larissa H. Alaverdian
Dana R. Ash
Helen Geiger
James J. Harris
Shelia S. Jimenez
Patti P. Kousoulis
Erica N. Losito
Howard S. Marks
Rhonda L. Mathis
Rosa M. McKoy
Garielle D. Palermo
Michelle M. Petrie
Jacqueline M. Pidich
Sheila E. Sanders
Nicole Schlett
Theresa L. Smerko
Jane Stiuiv
Yousefinejad

LPC approved

Jacqueline A. Fernandez
Danielle G. Fox
Carlos Hernandez
Leah M. Lacker
Holly A. Lerner
Jessica H. Lupon
Jordon Lupon
Lindsey J. Mattsson
Andrew McGovern
Jaclyn Mucciolo
Jodi A. Nixon
Haydee Paez
Rebecca Peller
Roman J. Petrocelli
Devon M. Rizzo
Charlene M. Scott
Jessica Stagg

Reinstatements Approved

Jeanette Ellis, LPC
Denine C. Hasan, LAC
Tanya Portela, LPC

Plans of Supervision Approved

Nicole Bonventre, LAC

David Borek, LAC

Kristen Brophy, LAC

Lindsay Capelli, LAC

Danielle Cascella, LAC

Sheena Carew, LAC

Danielle Corbin, LAC

Shannon Cornell, LAC

Laurie DeSimone, LAC

Aynur Fox, LAC

Renee Foyiu, LAC

Dawn M. Fuller, LAC

Megan Gogerty, LAC

Kelly Grefe, LAC

Carmen Griffin, LAC

Susan Kowalsky, LAC

Deidra A. Kozlowski, LAC

Vanessa Morgenthaler, LAC

Nicole Panza, LAC

Kristin Reyes, LAC

Kelly Rosenberg, LAC

Osayuware Samuel-Olagunja, LAC

Jacqueline Sanflippo, LAC

Francesca Savotok, LAC

Laura Spindler, LAC

Cassie Sullivan, LAC

Casey Terzis, LAC

Nellie Vial, LAC

Mona L. Williams, LAC

Elyse Zucker, LAC

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Dana Kaspereen seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to move to Executive session at 10:49 a.m to review applications, plains of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Committee voted to return to Public session at 1:30 p.m. to adjourn the March 6, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all.

