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Division of Consumer Affairs  
State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners  
Professional Counselor Examiners Committee  
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### PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES JUNE 2, 2011

#### I. Call to Order

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 9:35 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hudson Conference Room, Newark, New Jersey.

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#### II. Roll Call

##### Present:

William Green  
Maria D'Amico Meehan  
Barbara Maurer  
Ketrin Saud Maxwell

##### Excused:

Dana Kaspereen

##### Also Present:

Susan Berger, Deputy Attorney General  
Elaine DeMars, Administrative Staff  
Agnes Almeida, Administrative Staff  
Lolly Merced, Administrative Staff

In accordance with Chapter 231, 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.

#### III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell and seconded by William Green to approve the Public Session Minutes of May 5, 2011 with amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

#### IV. Public Comment

##### Members of the public present:

Peggy Farrelly, Assistant Professor, Seton Hall University  
Sr. Catherine Waters, Coordinator, Graduate Counseling, Caldwell College  
Jessica Ebegebulem, LAC Applicant  
Joanne C. Preston, LPC Applicant  
Richard Preston, Engineer  
Isaac Schechter, Applicant

## V. Legislative/Regulatory

### A. Assembly Bill 3851

Assembly Bill 3851 requires certain information concerning public employees be made public. Following the Committee's review and discussion, a motion was made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell and seconded by Maria D'Amico Meehan to send the Director of Legislative Affairs of the Division of Consumer Affairs its comments opposing this Bill. The Committee strongly opposes the Bill because it does not provide the "employee" with due process. The Committee agreed that only complaints that have been substantiated should be made public. Motion carried unanimously.

### B. N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.3(b)

1. Documentation of Supervised Experience Form
2. Plan of Supervision Form

The Committee reviewed proposed revisions to the Plan of Supervised Counseling Experience Form and the Documentation of Supervised Counseling Experience Form. Each member was asked to review the amendments made to both forms and send Ms. DeMars their comments and recommendations as soon as possible.

### D. Periodic Report on Legislation

The Committee received a report including the history of this session's legislation provided to the Committee for comment and the legislative action taken during the quarter that ended on March 31, 2011. The report was accepted as informational.

### E. N.J.A.C. 13:34-31 et seq. - Regulatory Analyst Maryann Sheehan

#### Regulatory Custody/Parenting Evaluation Rule

Regulatory Analyst Sheehan was not able to attend the meeting to discuss the new regulations, subchapter 31 – Professional Counselors: Custody/Parenting Time Evaluations and/or Termination of Parental Rights Evaluations. Deputy Attorney General Berger explained to the Committee that this is a uniform regulation that is being added to all mental health related boards and committees. There was some discussion regarding whether supervised experience should be required before a licensee conducts a child custody evaluation. Dr. Maxwell will discuss the issue with the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners during the scheduled Board meeting.

## VI. Election of Officers

The Committee meeting was turned over to Elaine DeMars, Acting Executive Director to conduct the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-37.

### A. Chairperson

A motion was made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell and seconded by Maria D'Amico Meehan nominating William Green as Chairperson of the Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Since no further nominations were made, nominations were closed. **William Green** was elected as Chairperson of the Committee.

## **B. Vice-Chairperson**

A motion was made by William Green and seconded by Maria D'Amico Meehan nominating Ketrin Saud Maxwell as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Since no further nominations were made, nominations were closed. Ketrin Saud Maxwell was elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee.

Both Mr. Green and Ms. Maxwell were congratulated on their election. William Green presided as Chairperson the remainder of the meeting.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE) – Statistical Summary Report for New Jersey**

This Statistical Summary Report was submitted for informational purposes. It was noted that the number of test takers are lower because the exam is now computerized and is scheduled monthly.

### **B. American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB)**

#### **Annual Dues**

Mr. Green discussed the non-payment of the 2010-2011 annual dues. Ms. DeMars informed the Committee that the required forms were submitted to the Division's Fiscal office and she will make inquiry to obtain the status.

## **VII. Filed Orders**

### **Bobbi Triolo, LPC – Consent Order Filed May 24, 2011**

The Filed Consent Order was submitted to the Committee for informational purposes. The signed Consent Order was received with a \$100 payment toward the assessed civil penalty. Ms. Triolo has requested installment payments of \$100 per month. It was noted that the Consent Order was not signed by the three employers. The Committee requested that a letter be sent to Ms. Triolo requesting the three employers' signatures. It was also the Committee's decision to send this Consent Order to the Alcohol and Drug Counselors Committee for their consideration. Ms. Triolo is also licensed as an alcohol and drug counselor.

### **Iryna Shemelyuk, LPC – Consent Order filed June 2, 2011**

The Committee accepted a copy of Filed Consent Order and report of the receipt of the payment of the \$500 civil penalty.

## **VIII. Counselor Education Programs**

### **A. Curricula Review**

#### **John Jay College**

#### **Forensic Mental Health Counseling Program**

#### **LaSalle University**

#### **Clinical Counseling Psychology Program**

The Committee determined to table the review of the curricula for the July 7, 2011 meeting.

**B. Approved Curricula - January 2011 – December 2013**  
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-40 ( c) and N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3)

**Alliance Graduate School of Counseling** at Nyack College  
MA in Mental Health Counseling

**College of Saint Elizabeth**  
MA in Counseling Psychology

**Georgian Court University**  
MA in Counseling Psychology – (Curricula Prior to January 2011)

**Montclair State University**  
MA in Community Agency Counseling – (Prior to 2007)

**Monmouth University**  
MA in Professional Counseling (60 credits) (Prior to 2009)  
MA in Psychological Counseling (30 credits) with the Post Master’s Program in Professional Counseling (30 credits)

**New Jersey City University**  
MA in Counseling Program (48 credits)

**Rowan University**  
MA Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Pre-2011)  
Applicants are required to complete Committee approved course addressing counselor-identity by August 2012.

MA Clinical Mental Health Counseling (March 2011)

**Seton Hall University**  
MA in Counseling  
EdS in Professional Counseling

**Yeshiva University-Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology**  
Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling

**IX. Review of Credentials**

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the following applications were approved as recommended:

**Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)**

Acosta, Indira  
Addison, Bandele  
Aitken, Danna  
Grutzmacher, Kate

**Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)**

Bertot, Secrette  
Golfinopoulos, Catherine  
Hewitt, Camille  
Hilligus, Jennifer

Harrison, Brittany  
Hwang, Aihwa  
Kim, Shu Young  
Korz, Kelly  
Langsam, Linda  
Lee, Ann  
Newman, Natalie  
O'Connor-Johnson, Valrie  
O'Mealia, Melinda  
Paez, Haydee  
Proctor, Terrell  
Rickard, Amy  
Schuster, Sarah  
Waller, Stephanie  
Yagusesky, Dana

Kang, Sarah  
Kearns, Nicole  
Kent, Gwendolyn  
Muriello, Lauren  
Oberhelman, Angie  
Yu, Jodi

**X. Next Meeting**

The Next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 7, 2011. The Committee determined to cancel the August meeting

**XI. Executive Session**

A motion was made by Maria D'Amico Meehan and seconded by Barbara Maurer to close the Public Session and move into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of conducting Investigative Inquiries, reviewing consumer complaints and other confidential matters. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. Adjournment**

On a motion made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell and seconded by Maria D'Amico Meehan, the Committee returned to Public Session and adjourned at 3:10 p.m.









