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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JULY 18, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair, William Green called the meeting to Order at 9:38 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 7th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, Committee Chair
Peter Economou, Committee Member
Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member
Diane Licht, Committee Member

Absent:

Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair

Also Present:

Alexis Goldberger, 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 9:39 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 Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Committee's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 6, 2013

Upon motion by Committee member, Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Committee member W. Michael Shea, the Committee voted to recommend the June 6, 2013 public session minutes be presented before the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners at its September 12, 2013 meeting for final approval. Voting in favor: all.

B. May 2, 2013

Upon motion by Committee member, Peter Economou, seconded by Committee member W. Michael Shea, the Committee voted to approve the May 2, 2013 public minutes with amendments. Voting in favor: all.

C. March 1, 2012

Upon motion by Committee member, Peter Economou, seconded by Committee member W. Michael Shea, the Committee voted to recommend the March 1, 2013 public session minutes be presented before the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners at its September 12, 2013 meeting for final approval. Voting in favor: all.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 45:8B-3**, Executive Director, Collazo opened the nominations for Committee Chair.

A. Nomination of Committee Chair

Committee member, Dana Kaspereen nominated William Green for Committee Chair. Committee member Diane Licht seconded. Voting in favor: all.

B. Nomination of Committee Vice-Chair

Committee member, Peter Economou nominated Dana Kaspereen for Committee Vice-Chair. Committee member Michael Shea seconded.

Committee Chair, William Green nominated Ketrin Saud-Maxwell for Committee Vice-Chair. Committee member Dana Kaspereen seconded.

The Committee went into Executive session for advice of counsel at 9:45 a.m. The Committee returned to Public session at 9: 57 a.m. The election of Committee Vice-Chair was tabled until the September 5, 2013 meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public came before the Committee to inquire as to the status of their applications:

A. Kristen Luzzi-Odorisio, LAC applicant

B. Lee Nordenberg, LPC applicant

Committee Chair, William Green advised that the Committee does not comment on applications in Public session to protect the privacy of applicants.

The following members of the public were present:

A. Annette Vaccaro, faculty Caldwell College

B. Gina Sabatino, student, Caldwell College

C. Jaqueline Pidiah, student, Caldwell College

D. David Gold, student, Caldwell College

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. S-2727 ~ This Bill establishes a study commission on E-licensing.

The Committee reviewed Bill S-2727 that seeks to establish a study commission on E-licensing.

Upon motion by Committee member Diane Licht, seconded by Committee member Michael Shea, the Committee proposed that the Bill be amended to include having a member of the counseling profession represented on the commission.

B. A-4126 ~ “Art Therapist Licensing Act”

The Committee reviewed Bill A-4126 that seeks to create a separate licensing Committee for Art Therapists.

Upon motion by Committee member Peter Economou, seconded by Committee member Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted not to support this Bill because of the portability issues this separate license may create. The Committee had concerns with specializations having their own license, considering the current proposed legislation to eliminate Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors (LRCs). The Committee expressed concerns that an Art Therapist would not have adequate training regarding crisis situations. Voting in favor: all. Committee member, Michael Shea abstained.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Committee Reimbursements

Executive Director, Collazo informed the Committee that members travel reimbursements will soon be submitted electronically on a monthly basis. *Committee member, Michael Shea recommended that Committee members receive reimbursements for serving on the Committee. Some suggestions included being exempt from or having more time to complete CE’s, being exempt from the ethics CE’s in particular, having renewal fees waived, and receiving a stipend for attending the monthly Committee meetings.*

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Clarification on the Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) credential and its 100 supervision hour requirement

Regulatory Analyst Rachel Glasgow clarified that regulation **N.J.A.C 13:34-13.1** requires an LPC to have fully obtained their ACS before supervising an LAC. She further clarified that an LPC who has yet to obtain their ACS cannot supervise an LAC even if the LPC themselves has an approved supervisor. *Upon motion by Michael Shea, seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to accept and abide by the clarification stated above. Voting in favor: all.*

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. LPC hours clarification

The Committee determined that an applicant has six (6) years from the date they receive their LAC to complete the required 4,500 supervision hours required for LPC licensure.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) President's Newsletter

Committee Chair, William Green presented the Committee with AASCB's quarterly newsletter. *The Committee accepted this as informational.*

XI. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. Lesley University

The Committee reviewed the transcripts from Lesley University. *Upon motion by Committee member, Michael Shea, seconded by Committee member Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted not to approve Lesley University's MA of Arts in Expressive Therapies. Pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:34-11.2(3) the word "Counselor" or "Counseling" must be in the degree title. Voting in favor: all.*

XII. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

Committee Chair, William Green presented the Committee with the evaluation forms from the April 2013 NJCA annual conference. *The Committee accepted this as informational.*

XIII. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)

Committee Chair, William Green announced that he will be making a presentation at their August 2013 National Conference in Greensboro, N.C. *The Committee accepted this as informational.*

XIV. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Internet Counseling - Peter Economou, LPC

Committee member Peter Economou informed the Committee that information regarding internet counseling statutes and regulations have been received by six states and the information will be organized and presented at the September 5, 2013 meeting. *The Committee accepted this as informational.*

XV. FILED ORDERS

None to report.

XVI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 5, 2013

2013 Meeting Dates:

September 5, 2013

October 3, 2013

November 7, 2013

December 5, 2013

XVII. APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

Applicants approved to take NCE exam

Diana A. Abril
Larissa H. Alaverdian
Kerie E. Anderson
Danielle Beach
Kimberly M. Beall
Susan L. Bergstol
Ashley M. Blackwood-Russo
Thabatha Borer
Mark E. Brown
Romina Buza
Stephanie Carpizo
Sean Caughey
Joanne Ciriello
Adrienne M. Harlem
Kristin L. Huddy
Christina M. Kadelski
Cynthia G. Kelly
Michael D. Mariano
Michael T. McGorty
Elaine J. Monteiro
Kaitlyn K. Nazario
Roswell Perez
Tara Paske
Christopher L. Rzengota
Laura B. Schade
Alexis E. Shaw
Alexis C. Scheiman
Kathleen H. Sherman
Lucero Soria
Ryan Sutherland
Eva Tarah
Audra J. Tonero
Alexandra M. Vaccaro

LAC approved

Tyler J. Andreula
Christie L. Calamito
Nancy M. Massaro-Graetz
Roceny Gille
Mallory N. Jacob
Kristin Luzzi-Odorisio
Andria Magliozzi

LAC approved (cont'd)

Kati L. Mason
Kelly M. Medvin
Danielle R. Minkin
Wesley M. Myers
Glynis T. Nagle
Allison Paolini
Natalia Piatrouskaya
Christine Reynolds
Lauren M. Simone
Leonard Smith
Natasha A. Thomas
Jill M. Viguers
Lisa Zafferese
Robin D. Zetkulie

LPC approved

Lucille B. Amato
Kathleen E. Azzaro
Jennifer A. Baker
Angela M. Burdick
Patricia A. Cash
Janine M. Cook
Caitlin J. Corradino
Wendi L. Dumbroff
Bernadette R. Hubbs
Ryan P. Hutchison
Christina J. Kingsley
Cara M. Luciano-Kaval
Karen M. Lundgren
Camille Mackey
Jessica L. Many
Cristina E. Mazzoo
Melissa J. Niles
Lee A. Nordenberg
Judith M. Plytynski-Young
Terrell Proctor
Susan Rogers
Kristen L. Thompson-Huber
Ivette S. Velez-Connolly
Brett E. Ventresca
Christian M. Whooley
Anthony Zazzarino

Reinstatements Approved

Denine C. Hasan, LAC

Plans of Supervision Approved

Susan L. Bergtol
Carla V. Carbonara
Orkeem Davis
Jordan DeGroat
John J. DellaPenna
Felicia Etuke
Dayna A. Giel
Dana Grinblat
Mallory N. Jacob
Herb Jones
Jacob Hill
Mee-Hyea Kim
Rebecca T. King
Travis Manrique
Kati L. Mason
Dina A. Matarazzo
Fady P. Michail
Kobie B. Morgan
Lee A. Nordenberg
Erin J. Sammon
Ariel Z. Schochet
Frah N. Suhrawardi
Doris Vallejo
Margaret Wilson

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to move to Executive session to review consumer complaints and other confidential matters at 11:30 a.m.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Peter Economou, the Committee voted to return to Public session and adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

