

**New Jersey State Board of
Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners
Professional Counselor Examiners Committee
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

August 2, 2001

A. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:35 A.M. by Committee President, E. Stroh who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Member Edward Stroh
Committee Member Abbey F. Bradway
Committee Member Jerry Cohen
Committee Member J. Barry Mascari
Committee Member Ronald A. Rossell

Absent:

Committee Member Connie Todd

Staff Present:

Executive Director Dennis E. Gonzalez
Deputy Attorney General Marilyn Bair
Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson
Supervising Clerk Celeste Sweeper
Vivian Lopez Administrative Staff

C. APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2001 MEETING

On a motion by B. Mascari, seconded by A. Bradway, minutes were approved with corrections.

D. LEGISLATIVE REGULATORY

1. Fee decrease - Darlene Kane, Budget Analyst for the Division made a presentation to the Committee on the excess surplus that currently exists. Miss Kane recommended to the committee to reduce the current fee schedule from \$350 to \$250 for licensed professional counselors and licensed rehabilitation counselors, and from \$260 to \$180 for licensed associate counselors. Committee requested Regulatory Analyst, D. Swenson to present to them for their review in September a change in the regulations to reflect this decrease.

2. Sexual Misconduct Regulations - DAG, M. Bair and Regulatory Analyst, D. Swenson presented the committee with changes to the sexual misconduct regulations as recommended by the Division of Law.

On a motion by B. Mascari, seconded by J. Cohen, committee approved these regulations as amended.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Peggy Cummings - Committee responded to Ms. Cummings that they would review all hours submitted by an appropriate supervisor. Committee also responded that the course she submitted is an acceptable course.
2. Carmella Friedman, L.R.C. - Committee responded that she is not prohibited by her license to issue wage and loss projection reports. She was referred to the statutes and regulations for clarification on the scope of practice of an LRC.
3. Allison Misquelin - Committee responded that she must submit background credentials and resume of her supervisor, in order to receive prior approval for this supervisor.
4. Gary Goldman - Committee responded that New Jersey has been licensing professional counselors since 1986. The Executive Director, D. Gonzalez was instructed to send Dr. Goldman a copy of the Rules and Regulations
5. Ronald Rosenberg, P.H.D. - Committee responded to Dr. Rosenberg that they cannot render formal legal opinions. Committee referred Dr. Rosenberg to the Statutes and Regulations.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by R. Rossell, seconded by A. Bradway, committee voted to renew its membership in the American Association of State Counseling Boards.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joseph Mirabella - Mr. Mirabella addressed the Board on two issues: (1) he complained that his Specialty Designation certificate did not have an official seal; (2) he requested the Board to indicate to the Intoxicated Driver Resource Center in Union County (which refuses to recognize him as a substance abuse alcohol counselor) that he is an licensed professional counselor and that he can do substance abuse and alcohol and drug counseling. Board requested Executive Director, D. Gonzalez to handle both issues.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by A. Bradway, seconded by J. Cohen, committee went into Executive Session.

J. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

1. On a motion by J. Cohen, seconded by R. Rossell, Committee voted to grant Aviva M. Sanders a license. Committee member B. Mascari recused himself from discussing and voting on this applicant.
2. On a motion by B. Mascara, seconded by R. Roselle, the Board took the following action:

APPROVED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Michael K. Colberg	Karen N. Deli
Robin E. Hayman	Michelle Hunt
Richard S. Kessler	Jerrie L. Shelton
Kathleen Williams-Biddulph	Michelle L. Witte

Richard T. Dermott Donna Farran
Rosemarie Gala Bonnie Ryder
John R. Soper, Jr. Thomas Flaherty

DENIED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Miriam G. Adler Carol F. Curtis
Kevin Kassick Carol Oliver
Kathleen M. Siano Brenda Teski
Cynthia Schell Marie Phillips
Lori O'Leary Elizabeth Conte
Joan Adams Bonnie L. Dirkson
Hannibal Silver Arnold Trillet
Melissa D'Ambrisi

APPROVED FOR LICENSED REHABILITATION COUNSELOR

Wanda Richards

APPROVED FOR LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR

Ellen G. Dineen Catherine M. Herb

DENIED FOR LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR

Irene Guberman

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis E. Gonzalez
Executive Director
