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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 10:05 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Union Conference Room, 3rd floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari
Committee Member, William Green
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer

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

The Professional Counselor Examiners Committee continues to function as a sub-Committee due to the lack of sufficient Committee member appointments, Quorum is established at N.J.S.A. 45:8B-37 and requires four members. Therefore all agenda matters will be presented to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners as recommendations for a final vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the minutes of the March 4, 2010 public session minutes will be recommended for approval as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public attended the meeting:

Karuri Munene, LAC applicant, Lauren Rice, Caldwell College student, Erica Bogart, Caldwell College student, Jennifer Geuther, LAC applicant, Amanda Faulhaber, LPC applicant and Peggy Brady-Moon and Peggy Farley (CHECK SPELLING), Seton Hall University.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

Board of Psychological Examiners

A. N.J.A.C. 13:42-3.6 and 13:42-42-12

The Committee reviewed the newly adopted regulation which establishes the minimum requirements for licensed psychologists who perform custody/parenting time evaluations and termination of parental rights evaluations and accepted the as informational. The regulation became effective September 7, 2010.

B. N.J.A.C. 13:42-5.4 and 6.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.4

The Committee reviewed the newly adopted regulation which requires that applicants for licensure trained in an educational institution outside the United States shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she possesses a doctorate degree in psychology that is equivalent to a degree earned from a regionally accredited university in the United States and accepted the notice as informational. The regulation effective date was August 2, 2010.

VI. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. UMDNJ

The Committee reviewed the July 22, 2010 letter from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of Ne Jersey, School of Health Related Professions, Interim Dean, Julie O'Sullivan and her request for a meeting with the Committee to review the CACREP approved Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling, Community Counseling Track program and applicants presenting the UMDNJ transcript.

The Committee will respond and request clarification of the Rehabilitation Counselor and Professional Counselor tracks.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

2010-2012 Biennial Renewal

Elaine DeMars reported that the renewal application form was approved. The 2010-2012 renewal application will include a question asking whether LACs have completed the required continuing education. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-15.1(b) all LACs have been licensed as an associate counselor for 2 or more biennial periods are required to complete 40 continuing education contact hours.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Rider University

The Committee reviewed the September 3, 2010 letter submitted by Angelo Sitto III, Esq., on behalf of his client, Rider University. Mr. Sitto responding to questions previously presented by the Committee regarding the regarding Rider University's Educational Specialist degree program. The Committee determined to obtain specific information and determine how other programs will establish the criteria for admission to Educational Specialist degree programs.

Rowan University

(Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari recused from the discussion and left the meeting room.)

The Committee reviewed the email forwarded by Dr. Anglelone who asked if the Committee would accept a program evaluation by Dr. Juneau Gary. The Committee determined to request a copy of the curriculum vitae for Dr. Gary.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Jersey Counseling Association- Clinical Supervision Course

The Committee reviewed the July 29, 2010 letter submitted by Denise Jarvis, LPC and information regarding the workshop scheduled on clinical supervision. The Committee asked that Ms. Jarvis be referred to the NBCC/CCE requirements and procedures for the supervisor training requirements.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Cydney Savage, LPC - Director of AtlantiCare Behavioral Health

In her letter, Ms. Savage requested approval of previous training as qualifications for supervision of qualified candidates for the professional counselor licensure credential. Ms. Savage will be referred to the NBCC/CCE requirements and procedures for approval of the supervisor training. The Committee also determined to request a list of Ms. Savage's current supervisees

XI. FILED ORDERS

A. Pamela Fawcett Pressman

The August 18, 2010 filed Consent Order for Pamela Fawcett Pressman for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling was presented.

B. Paul Anyeji

The September 15, 2010 filed Consent Order for Paul Anyeji for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling was presented.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee moved to Executive Session at 10:49 a.m. to discuss confidential matters and conduct an investigative inquiry.

XIII. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

On a motion by William Green, seconded by J. Barry Mascari the following applications will be recommended for approval:

XIV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for October 7, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

November 4, 2010

December 2, 2010

XV. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee recommended the following applicants for approval by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

Professional Counselors

Chloe Colosimo

Michael D'Adonna

Kathleen Ertel

Jason Heymer

Justin Kahn

Linda Lanni

Heather Praml
Theresa Sacchetti
Kristina Silvestry
Denise Vercoski
Donald Whitney
Associate Counselors
Caroline Adamo
Jamie Barry
Kathleen Dennis
Susan Elling
Jill Franco
Ronni Garcia
Jillellen Herzog
Jodi Hess
Devon Humphrey
Ashley Janosko
Alexis Kilduff
Matthew Leibowitz
Walicia Jackson-Morse
Lauren Ordner
Natalie Ponsoda
Brian Propfe
Nicolettee Salerno-Wallace

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by William Green, seconded by J. Barry Mascari, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.