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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order on October 1, 2015 at 9:53 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, Committee Chair
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair
Diane Licht, Committee Member
Peter Economou, Committee Member

Absent:

Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General
Terry Goldberg, Assistant Deputy Director (portion of the meeting)
Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst (portion of the meeting)
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum and read the Sunshine Law:

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 Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to approve the September 3, 2015 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present:

William (Randy) Clark, LPC, LCADC, President - NJCA

Taryn Foy Seton Hall

Alex Colon Seton Hall

William Petersen Seton Hall

Alexandria Lanza Caldwell University

Leanna Waller Caldwell University

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Committee review. There are currently 5,178 total active licenses (Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Associate Counselors and Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors.) Currently there are 1,525 applications and 42 reinstatements pending.

* Pending applications include applications pending final Committee review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting on exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Proposed Amendments for N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1, and 17.1

Comment period for the proposed amendment for N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1 and 17.1 which pertains to application and educational requirements and licensure endorsement began on September 21, 2015, and will end on November 21, 2015. Any formal comments should be submitted to Executive Director Collazo for review.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards

The Committee reviewed the FARB's letter regarding North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. FTC.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Advanced Counselor Training

The Committee reviewed the September 1, 2015 letter submitted by Glenn Duncan, LPC.

The Committee determined to advise Mr. Duncan that the regulation N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.1 a) clearly states that a qualified supervisor as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:34-10.2, shall meet the following requirements prior to supervising the provision of professional counseling services:

1) The individual shall have obtained 3,000 hours of work experience subsequent to holding a clinical license to provide mental health counseling services. The 3,000 hours shall have been obtained over a minimum of two years, but no more than six years.

B. Mid-Atlantic Society for Biofeedback and Behavioral Medicine

The Committee reviewed the August 11, 2015 letter from Executive Director Beatrice W. Haskins.

Executive Director Collazo will send Ms. Haskins a letter informing her that this will be reviewed during the sunset process of regulations.

C. Michael D. Loos, Ph.D., LPC

The Committee reviewed Mr. Loos' letter regarding reciprocity.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

The Committee reviewed the September 9, 2015 correspondence regarding Rule of Evidence 534- Mental Health Service Provider-Patient Privilege.

The Division of Consumer Affairs responded with comments upon review of draft, the Supreme Court adopted the rule and it will go into effect on July 1, 2016.

XI. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE COUNSELING BOARDS

The Committee reviewed the August 17, 2015 letter from the association.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

XI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Sub-Committee:

The Sub-Committee completed its initial review for Sunset in 2016. Draft will be presented for Committee review at a later date.

B. Internet Counseling:

Assistant Deputy Director Goldberg will request law intern to be assigned to assist the Committee with gathering regulations from other states on Internet Counseling, for review by the Committee.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 5, 2015.

Meeting Dates for 2015

November 5, 2015

December 3, 2015

Meeting dates for 2016 will be listed and reviewed at the November 5, 2015 meeting.

XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW:

National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval

Cevallos, Saby
Chait, Danielle
Cilente, Jerald
Davis Tyson, Ida
De Santis, Anne E.
Depol, Austin
Derisse, Jennifer

Deuel, Meghan
Duffy, Laura
Geffrand, Barbara
Grasso, Andrea
Hernandez, Gina
Kinder, Leah
Leach, Kristina
Levinsohn, Chaya
Mattson, Nicole
Mirashi, Vera
Opromollo, Alicia
Orner, Barbara
Panciello, Debra
Potorski, Noelle
Quijada, Carlos
Rubin, Marc
Rusnock, Corinne
Stevens, Bonnie
Stone, Devonne
Thomson, Darly
Tyrell, Caitlin
Volkert, Melissa
Wang, Yi

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval

Blum, Stephanie
Branch, Lakeitha
Brown, Jericka
Butt, Ahmad
Button, Amy
Catrambone, Carla
Cheung, Helen
Conti, Kristy
Cooper, Jocelyn
Daverio, Marie
Dawer, Janice
DeLaurentis, Lynn
Dooley, Shannon
Faracchio, Barbara
Garambone, Elizabeth
Goldfinger, Danielle
Gonzalez, Anais
Guldner, John
Gunter, Tricia
Harty, Mary-Kate
Kirshner, Alina
Kristbergs, Viktoria

LaBrutto, Justine
LaRosa, Stephanie
Mahoney, Shannon
Medellin, Jessica
Medina, Stacy
Murphy, Chelsea
O'Dell, Jennifer
Perez, Melissa
Quinn, Dennis
Rebenack, Allison
Rhyner, Gabrielle
Rutigliano, Dana
Ryan, Melissa
Schatzman, Corrine
Shanahan, Ashley
Spayd, Jessica
Tortorelli, Gina
Venutolo, Roberta
Williams, Camille
Williams, Jacqueline

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval

Alessio, Deana
Dauber, Kelly
Defino, Kathryn
Devone, James
Dunn, Michelle
Ghaly, Christine
Herwig, Meredith
Keipert, Vanessa
Kilduff, Alexis
Kopko-Vitale,
Deborah
Lemberg, Allison
Minton, Ashley
Moore, Danielle
Nicolosi, Angela
Noel, Estania
O'Connell, Christine
Reinhardt, Krista
Ryzuk, Emily
Sutch, Kristy
Tirrell, Matthew
Wang, Yi

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee

voted to move to Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. for review of applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. Voting in favor: all.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee adjourned the public meeting at 12:55. Voting in favor: all.