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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair, William Green called the meeting to Order at 9:38 a.m. in the Sussex Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

I. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, Committee Chair
Diane Licht, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member
Peter Economou, Committee Member
Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member (left at 2:30 p.m.)

Excused:

Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General (arrived at 9:57 a.m.)
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum at 9:38 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 Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Committee's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 4, 2014 Public Minutes

Upon motion by Committee member, Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Committee member Peter Economou, the Committee members present voted to approve the September 4, 2014 minutes as corrected. Voting in favor: Dana Kaspereen, Peter Economou, and Bill Green. Michael Shea and Diane Licht abstained. The motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. John A. MacDonald, NJCA, NJMHCA, NJACES

Mr. MacDonald commented that the agenda was not posted in a timely matter.

The following members of the public were present and did not comment:

A. Ashley Shanahan, Caldwell University

B. Mia Zarro, Caldwell University

C. Olga Secgin, Felician College

D. Laura Schreiber, Caldwell University

E. Elizabeth Hilt, Caldwell University

F. Lauren Famas, Caldwell University

G. Marjone Francis, Felician College

VII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Senate Bill 324 ~ This Bill establishes a behavioral health insurance claims advocacy program. *Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee members present voted to table this matter until its December 4, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

B. Senate Bill 2373 ~ This Bill requires Division of Mental Health and Addictions Services to annually prepare, and make available to the public, a substance abuse treatment provider performance report. *Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee members present voted to table this matter until its December 4, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

C. Senate Bill 2375 ~ This Bill provides licensure of ambulatory care facilities to provide integrated primary care services including behavioral health care. *Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee members present voted to table this matter until its December 4, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

D. Senate Bill 2377 ~ Directs certain four-year public institutions of higher education to establish substance abuse recovery housing program. *Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee members present voted to table this matter until its December 4, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

E. Senate Bill 2378 ~ This Bill extends “Overdose Prevention Act” immunity provisions to certain professionals and professional entities, and permits needle exchange programs to obtain standing order for opioid antidote dispensation. *Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee members present voted to table this matter until its December 4, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

- F. Assembly Bill 3804** ~ This Bill requires State agencies to periodically review administrative rules and regulations to ensure continued efficacy. *Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee members present voted to table this matter until its December 4, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Collazo reported that there are currently 4,909 total active licensees and 1,409 applications are pending. There are also 30 reinstatements currently pending.

* In addition to applications pending final Committee review/approval, this category includes applications that are missing documentation, applications waiting on exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

The Committee members present discussed the delay in receiving the agenda information. *Executive Director Collazo stated that Committee staff is working on this matter internally.*

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee members present reviewed Ms. Deidre Arabadjis' October 20, 2014 e-mail regarding supervised experience. *Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee member present voted to refer Ms. Arabadjis to N.J.A.C. 13:34-10.2. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

X. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Nothing to report.

XI. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

Bill Green informed the Committee that they have been invited to present at the NJCA conference to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

XII. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)

Nothing to report.

XIII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Sub-Committee

Peter Economou reported that the regulations sub-committee is awaiting a draft of language of proposed regulations for sunset to be presented to the Committee at a later date.

B. FAQs Sub-Committee

Nothing to report.

C. Internet Counseling

Peter Economou reported that the Internet Counseling sub-committee is currently tabled

XV. FILED ORDERS

Nothing to report.

XV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for December 4, 2014.

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2014

December 4, 2014

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2015

January - <i>meeting canceled</i>	July 16, 2015
February 5, 2015	August - <i>meeting canceled</i>
March 5, 2015	September 3, 2015
April 2, 2015	October 1, 2015
May 7, 2015	November 5, 2015
June 4, 2015	December 3, 2015

XVI. APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

Applicants approved to take NCE Exam

David Alvarez
Caitlin Bizub
Jennifer L. Caiello
Jessica Connelly
Christina Cummins
Adria DeSimone
Rosario Finistrella
Andrea Gagliano
Veronica Gil
Yolando Hamilton
Deborah Hampton
Justine Hinge

Rebecca Kopp
Simone Kurtz-Dougherty,
Elizabeth Kussler
Peter Kuzma
Paul LaChance
Tracy Laing
Barbara Marotta
Mary McCabe
Mohammad Mobasseri
Danielle Moriarty
Madonna Nunez
Ygnacio Pena
Joseph Redmond
Leanne Sim
Shadlyne St. Fleur
Michelle Williams
Tracy Wrocklage

LAC approved

Marian Abdelmessih
Elizabeth Adair
Caitlin Archibald
Nicole M. Boston
Alexis Boyle
Lauren F. Brader
Ellen Brody
Sharon Cartwright
Jennifer Citarella
Melissa Cole
Melissa Crespo
Richard Creteau
Casia Cutler
Alyssa DeMonte
Steven Dowens
April Ebling
Jennifer England
CharityEverett
Joanne Gedeon
Amanda Gulino
Jessica Henninger
Allison Herman
Ashley Jones
Elisabeth Keeney
Lindsey Kirdahy
Andrea Licari
Lauren MCCarthy

Christopher McIntosh
Elizabeth Peri
Tina Pisani
Dana Puzio
Jose Rebustes, III
Alyson Resnick
Nicole Rooth
Angela Ruark
Angela Salerno
Isra Shaikh
Dana Stukenbroeker
Anna Sumerlin
Jennifer Tardogno
Maham Tariq
Amanda Troiano
Pangiotta Vitorous
Christina Williams
Siegna Willis

LPC approved

Sara Accordino
Mary Anne Alexander
Kathleen D. Bank
Todd Bennett
Jodi Bower-Maccioli
Katherine Cartwright
Kristen Cifuentes
Orlando Cruz
Susan Farley
Aynur Fox
Jason Frable
Michael Giacobbe
Allison Johnson
Matthew Liebl
Beige Malcolm
Zoya McCants
Colleen E. Montgomery
Melissa Piscitelli
Michelle Reuben
Jenna Rinaldi
Kelly Rosenberg
Isaac Schechter
Lauren Sheiner
Russell Smith
Joseph Stahl
Elizabeth Stanley
Lisa Steinhilber
Robert Wunderlich

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee members present voted to move to Executive session at 10:18 a.m to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Michael Shea, seconded by Diane Licht the Committee members present voted to return to Public session at 2:45 p.m. to adjourn the November 6, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.