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## New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

Division of Consumer Affairs  
State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners  
Professional Counselor Examiners Committee  
124 Halsey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newark, NJ 07102

### PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

### PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

DECEMBER 1, 2011



PAULA T. DOW  
Attorney General

THOMAS R. CALCAGNI  
Director

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 9:40 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey in the Hudson Conference Room.

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#### II. ROLL CALL

##### Present:

Committee Chair, William Green  
Committee Vice-Chair, Ketrin Saud Maxwell  
Committee Member, Dana Kaspreen

##### Excused:

Committee Member, Barbara Maurer  
Committee Member, Maria D. Meehan

##### Also Present:

Susan Berger, Deputy Attorney General  
Elaine DeMars, Executive Director  
Agnes Almeida, Administrative Staff  
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. On a motion by Dana Kaspreen,, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell and due to the lack of a quorum the November 3, 2011public session minutes were recommended for approval by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public members present.

#### V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

##### A. N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.1(d)

The Committee reviewed N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.1(d) and will continue to work to ensure that the requirements for supervision clearly reflect and reference the regulations in the Proposed Plan of Supervision and the Documentation of Supervised Experience forms.

#### VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Elaine DeMars discussed the continued efforts of the Committee and staff in reviewing pending applications.

Executive Director Elaine DeMars announced her retirement, effective February 1, 2012.

## **VII. A. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

The Committee reviewed the following items and determined

### **1. Capella University**

Specialization in Professional Counseling meets the requirements for licensure.

Specialization in General Mental Health Counseling meets the requirements for licensure.

Specialization in Mental Health Counseling meets the requirements for licensure.

### **2. Curricula review:**

A. Arcadia University

B. Howard University - the curricula satisfies the statutory requirement

C. Lewis and Clark University - the curricula satisfies the statutory requirement

### **3. University of New Haven - Syllabi/Application review**

The Committee reviewed the licensure application submitted by Milana Alvarez .

The Committee determined that the Master of Arts degree in Community Psychology does not meet the statutory requirement for licensure.

### **4. College of St. Elizabeth**

The Committee reviewed the curricula and determined that the statutory requirements have been met. However, the course Psychology -620 and Field Experience should appear in the Helping Relationship course work distribution area. The Committee emphasized the importance of the students' responsibility to ensure that all distribution areas are completed.

### **5. Yeshiva University, Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology**

The Committee reviewed the November 3, 2011 letter submitted by Michael S. Gill, Program Director, Mental Health Counseling and determined that PSM 6405 - Social Psychology was unacceptable. The syllabus does not provide for a "broad understanding of societal changes and trends, human roles, societal subgroups, social mores and interaction patterns, multicultural and pluralistic trends, differing lifestyles, and major societal concerns including stress, person abuse, substance abuse, discrimination and methods of alleviating these concerns;" The Committee was also concerned that required readings were significantly outdated.

## **B. Approved Curricula - January 2011 – December 2013**

(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-40 ( c) and N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3)

Alliance Graduate School of Counseling at Nyack College  
MA in Mental Health Counseling

### **Caldwell College**

MA Counseling Psychology (Mental Health Counseling Specialization)

### **College of Saint Elizabeth**

MA in Counseling Psychology

**Eastern University**

MA in Counseling Psychology

**Georgian Court University**

MA in Counseling Psychology – (Curricula Prior to January 2011)

**John Jay College**

MA in Forensic Psychology and Counseling

**LaSalle University -**

MA in Clinical Counseling

**Liberty University**

MA in Professional Counseling

**Montclair State University**

MA in Community Agency Counseling – (Prior to 2007)

**Monmouth University**

MA in Professional Counseling (60 credits) (Prior to 2009)

MA in Psychological Counseling (30 credits) with the Post Master's Program in Professional Counseling (30 credits)

**New Jersey City University**

MA in Counseling Program (48 credits)

**Nova Southeastern University**

MA in Mental Health Counseling

**Rowan University**

MA Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Pre-2011)

Applicants are required to complete Committee approved course addressing counselor-identity by August 2012.

MA Clinical Mental Health Counseling (March 2011)

**Seton Hall University**

MA in Counseling/ EdS in Professional Counseling

**Temple University**

MA in Counseling Psychology

**Touro College**

MS in Mental Health Counseling

**Yeshiva University-Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology**

Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling

**On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Committee moved to Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. to address potential legal action**

**regarding issues with program curricula review.**

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**On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee returned to Public Session at 10:21 a.m.**

**VIII. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)**

**A.** The Committee reviewed the National Counselor Examination Statistical Score Report for September 2011 and accepted it as informational.

**B.** The Committee determined telephone NBCC during the January 19, 2012 meeting to get clarification of the statistical summary of the Computer Based Test (CBT).

**IX. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE COUNSELING BOARDS**

**Annual AASCB Conference**

The Annual AASCB Conference is scheduled for January 4-6, 2012.

**X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION**

**NJCA Annual Conference - April 27-29, 2012.**

On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Committee voted to forward the required forms to seek approval to present a PowerPoint segment regarding the New Jersey licensing procedure at the Annual Conference.

**XI. FILED ORDERS**

**A. Lori Garfinkel, LPC**

The December 1, 2011 Filed Consent Order for Lori Garfinkel for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling.

**B. Paul Mehaffey, LPC**

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Proposed Plan of Supervision submitted by approved supervisor, Michael Chenkin, LPC, LCADC was approved.

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 19, 2012.

**2012 Meeting Dates**

January	19, 2012	July	5, 2012
February	2, 2012	August	2, 2012
March	1, 2012	September	6, 2012
April	5, 2012	October	4, 2012
May	3, 2012	November	1, 2012
June	7, 2012	December	6, 2012

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee

moved to Executive Session at 11:04 a.m. to conduct two investigative inquiries, discuss one criminal history report, review four complaints and pending disciplinary matters.

**XIV. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS**

On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the following applicants were approved as recommended:

**Licensed Associate Counselor**

Arboleda, Elizabeth  
Mason, Lindsay  
Neals, Stacia  
Bavosa, Adriana  
Mattson, Bethany  
Carbonara, Carla  
Rinaldi, Jenna  
Ocasio, Jessica  
Palko, Patricia  
Eglow, Aynur

**Licensed Professional Counselor**

Welsh, Antoinette  
Young, Jillian  
Blank, Daniel  
Domis, Sarah  
Spodek-Schindler, Robyn  
Hauck, Thomas  
Shoemaker, Kathy  
Chou, Chi Shu  
Grady, John  
Dindinger, Amy

**Licensed Associate Counselors cont:**

Rabbitt, Katelyn  
Hernandez, Carlos  
Noel, Estania  
Chastain, Boglarka  
Murphy, Meaghan

**Licensed Professional Counselors cont:**

DiStasi, Stephanie  
Piren, Elizabeth  
Niedzielski, Christina  
Melendez, Lourdes  
Potozney, Carol  
Mahler, Katie  
Greco, Lydia  
Bessong, Augustine  
Besler, Lisa  
Langsam, Sheea  
Cruz, Daniel

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by William Green, the meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

