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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of
Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists

Regular Board Meeting and Application Hearings

August 21, 2007

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board members present were:

Tanya A. Williams, M.Ed., President, Chairperson LPC Standards Committee
Danny L. Garnett, M.Div., Vice President
Pamela G. Clark, PhD, Secretary-Treasurer, Chairperson, LMFT Standards
Committee
David L. Evans, Jr., M.A., Chairperson, LPES Standards Committee
Jackie H. Fleshman, Public Member
M. Ellenor Mahon, M.Ed., Chairperson, Continuing Education Committee
Linda E. Womack, Public member

Also present were:

Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
Gregory Dahl, Applicant
Sharon Dantzler, Assistant General Counsel
Pleas Faglie, Investigator - Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Annette Gore, Court Reporter
Susan F. Harrington, Administrative Assistant
Daniel Rotunda, Applicant

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

President Williams stated that Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108, at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210 and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act. President Williams called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. It was noted that a quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to approve the agenda as printed. Mr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting as presented. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

President Williams reported on the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) biennial meeting which she attended in Reno, Nevada with Mrs. Cox. She reported on the structure of NBCC and their ethics. She reported on the National Databanks where discipline is reported by the states as required by federal law. She reported on updates for CACREP and on the Center for Credentialing and Education (CCE) which the board uses for application reviews. She reviewed the availability of Computer Based Testing that many states are using through NBCC. President Williams also discussed the issue of test validity, clinical supervision, state laws and ethics, and test security from the information gathered at the meeting. Mrs. Cox noted that the need and availability of counseling internationally was reported at the meeting.

REPORTS/INFORMATION:

Administrative Information:

Mrs. Cox gave the administrative report on the work of the Board with numerical data provided by Ms. Harrington. It was reported that the Board has 2,505 licenses currently issued. She noted that a detailed administrative report on the work of the Board is provided in the Board members books as information. She reported that the 2007 renewal is moving smoothly as an on-line renewal process for all licensees.

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Cox reminded the Board that financial information is available upon request. She reported the Board is financially sound and has had no audit exceptions reported.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

Mr. Faglie presented the Investigative Review Committee's (IRC) report concerning disciplinary matters.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept the Investigative Review Committee's recommendations as presented by Mr. Faglie for Case Numbers: 2004-216, 2005-14, 2006-18 and 2007-10 for Dismissal and 2007-4 for Formal Complaint. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPLICATION APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD: Gregory Dahl, LPC-Intern Applicant

Mr. Dahl appeared before the Board regarding his application for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor Intern. Ms. Gore served as the court reporter. Mr. Dahl made a request concerning being able to proceed with his licensure application. The Board heard his request and asked appropriate questions of Mr. Dahl.

APPLICATION HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD: Daniel Rotunda, LPC-Intern Applicant

Mr. Rotunda appeared before the Board regarding his application for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor Intern. Ms. Gore served as the court reporter. Mr. Rotunda presented a request to proceed with his licensure application although he has had a Cease & Desist Order issued to him from the Board. The Board heard his request and asked appropriate questions of Mr. Rotunda.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Mahon to go into Executive Session regarding the two application hearings. Dr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to return to Regular Session. Ms. Fleshman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to allow Mr. Dahl to proceed with his application for licensure without conditions and to issue an Order to Mr. Rotunda. It was stated that the Order for Mr. Rotunda will state that Mr. Rotunda will be issued a license as a Licensed Professional Counselors Intern (LPC-I) upon payment of a penalty of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and be subject to public reprimand for engaging in unlicensed practice prior to his application for licensure. It was stated that the Order will note that Mr. Rotunda will not be given credit for any hours of supervised post-master's clinical experience prior to the date of licensure as an LPC-Intern. Dr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LEGAL ISSUES:

There were no legal issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed the proposed article on Disclosure Statements submitted by Dr. Chrys Harris for posting to the Board's web site. With a small edit the Board agreed to have the article on Disclosure Statements prepared to be posted on the Board's web site. The Board thanked Dr. Harris for his assistance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Computer Based Testing

President Williams discussed Computer Based Testing (CBT) which is being offered in nineteen states by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) for the applicants who are seeking a professional counselor's license. It was reported that CBT will facilitate the time involved line in getting a license and that the public is asking for technological advances in every area of licensure. Dr. Clark introduced the idea of keeping equality in the time it takes to become licensed for applicants between the professions of professional counseling and marriage and family therapy. Discussion followed.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Garnett to have a letter written to Marriage and Family Therapy regulatory groups regarding the use of CBT with more timely results. President Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to have a contract written for South Carolina to begin the use of CBT from NBCC for the licensure testing of professional counselor applicants. Ms Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APA Proposal

Mr. Evans reported on an issue of the American Psychological Association (APA) proposal to remove the exemption, or recommending removing the exemption, for non-doctoral practice in the public schools. He reported that there is the matter of would this potentially affect the Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist credential in South Carolina. He said he would follow this issue and report to the Board. It was discussed that this is also a matter for the State Legislature, the South Carolina Department of Education, and a testing issue for other professions. Mrs. Cox said she would ask for legislation to be monitored on this potential issue by the Agency. She also reported that there is a Fair Access Colilition on Testing (FACT) that would have interest in this issue too.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

There was no discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

REPORTS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

President Williams called for review and ratification of the reports submitted for the Standards Committees and Continuing Education Committee beginning May 16, 2007 through August 21, 2007.

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern:

Barnes-Young, Christian L.
Bollinger, Kelly M.
Dorman, J. Matthew
Falls, Leslee K.
Flynn, Valerie Ann
Gillette, Tracy L.
Gresh, Jodi M.
Halley, Crystal L.
Harrington, Kristi B.
Johnson, Damien E.
Jordan, Ruth E.
Kelaher, Pamela A.
Koon, Aimee L.
Libs, Amy L.
Lynes, Debi R.
Martin, Jo S.
Maurer, Erin C.
McIlwaine, Latasha S.
McKenzie-Pierce, Susan I.
Means, Cassandra J.
Neff, Dixie J.
Ousley, An-Na S.
Preer, Teresa D.
Rice, Jamie F.
Rogers, Rachel A.

Shalevly, Laura Lee
Shaw, Jennifer S.
Smith, Barbara E.
Strickland, Christina C.
Tanner, Angela Louise
Trimble, Melanie A.
Wittebort, Elizabeth A.

Recommended for Transfer from LPC-Intern Status to Professional Counselor:

Allen, Margaret
Ford, Meliza
Fox, James D.
Franklin, Laura
Frick, Stacy
Graddy, Linda
Hartnett, Lee
Jenkins, Michelle
Klauck, Cindy
Lewis, Sherry
Moore, Frankie
Patel, Aarti
Pitts, Terry
Read, David K.
Robinson, Kelly
Rozakos, Jennifer
Salley, Susan S.
Shaw, Patricia
Slawson, Karen
Turner, Carl
Willard, Tamara
Wright-Stone, Tonya

Recommended for Bypass from LPC-Intern Status to Professional Counselor (applied under the old law):

Williams, Derrick

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Endorsement:

Bushey, Kelly L.	Pennsylvania
Napolitano, Louise	NC
Taylor, Angela L.	NC

Recommended for Reinstatement of Licensure as a Professional Counselor:

Farrell, Sharon

Recommended for Extension of LPC Intern Licensure Status:

Butts, Elsa	6/15/07-09
Coatsworth, William	6/20/07-09
Dover, Melody	5/2/07-09 (retro-active extension)
Gibson, Donna	7/28/07-09
Havens, Joan	11/30/06-08 (retro-active extension)
Jenkins, Cynthia	6/20/07-09

McCrudden, Rebecca	7/17/07-09
McMahan, Dianne H.	7/17/07-09
Medlin, Larry B.	7/28/07-09
Moulton, Rachel	8/17/09-09
Simpson, Cordes	6/20/07-09

Recommended for Extension on LPC/S or LPC/SIT:

None

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor:

Lassiter, Dr. Kerry
Morrison, Holly S.

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern:

Jones, Tenelle O.

Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Therapist:

None

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist by Endorsement:

None

Recommended for an Extension of LMFT Intern Licensure Status:

Broome, Carmella	6/6/07-09
Burris, Kristin	5/17/07-09 (Retro-active extension)

Recommended for Transfer from LMFT/Intern to LMFT:

Cross, Elizabeth C.
Hamilton, Lindsey

Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Supervisor (LMFT/S):

None

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist:

None

One-Time Continuing Education Providership:

Ann Miraglia, Inc.
Brown, James, LPC
College of Charleston
Lighthouse Care Center of Conway
MUSC-Family Services Research Center (on-line course)
Queens University of Charleston-3 applications approved

Permanent Continuing Education Providership:

Psychotherapy Networker
Sawtelle, Kathleen, LPC
USC-Children's Law Center

Permanent Continuing Education Sponsor Renewals:

None

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to ratify the reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mahon. The motion passed.

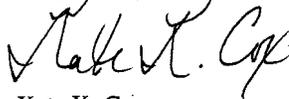
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Cox announced the remaining Board meeting in 2007 will be held on November 20, 2007. The scheduled Board meeting dates for 2008 were announced to be on February 19, May 20, August 19, and November 18, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate K. Cox
Administrator