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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

Licensee Appearances, Applicant Hearing and Regular Board Meeting

August 19, 2008

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

Board members present were:

Danny L. Garnett, D. 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
Linda E. Womack, Public Member

Excused Absences were noted for:

Tanya A. Williams, M.Ed., President, Chairperson LPC Standards Committee
M. Ellenor Mahon, M.Ed., Chairperson, Continuing Education Committee

Also present were:

John N. Carter, LPC
Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
Charlton B. Hall, LMFT Applicant
Kathy Meadows, LLR Investigator
Janice Meetze, Recorder
Susan F. Harrington, Board Administrative Assistant
Marta D. McCollum, LPC
Kathleen H. Robbins, PhD, LPC
Robert L. Selman, Director LLR Office of Governmental Affairs
Frankie Sheheen, RPP
Sheridon Spoon, Advice Counsel
Julie Surlis, RPP
Richard Wilson, RPP

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Garnett 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. Vice President Garnett called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. It was noted that a quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Vice President Garnett noted that excused absences for Ms. Mahon and Ms. Williams have been accepted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Board reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to approve the agenda for the meeting. Ms. Womack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 20, 2008 meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Womack to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed. Ms. Fleshman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

Ms. Meadows presented the Investigative Review Committee's (IRC) report concerning disciplinary matters. There was discussion.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept the IRC's recommendations as presented by Ms. Meadows for one dismissal, one letter of caution, two authorizations of formal complaints, and one rescinding of an authorization for formal complaint. Ms. Womack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD:

John N. Carter, LPC - Suspended, appeared before the Board without counsel to request reinstatement of his suspended LPC license. He gave proof of having complied in full with his Final Order with the Board. Ms. Surles of RPP spoke on his behalf.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Clark to reinstate Mr. Carter's license as active as of today with the proper application for reinstatement being accepted and that Mr. Carter remain in the RPP program until his contract with RPP is completed. Ms. Womack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD:

Marta D. McCollum, LPC appeared before the Board without counsel and without witnesses to request that her license be removed from probation. She gave proof of having complied in full with her Final Order with the Board.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to remove the probation status from Ms. McCollum's license as of today. Ms. Fleshman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HEARING FOR APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE:

Dr. Clark asked to be recused in participating in the Charlton Hall Application Hearing. She was recused.

Charlton Hall, MFT Applicant, appeared before the Board without counsel or witnesses to request that he be allowed to proceed with his licensure application. Mrs. Cox noted that Mr. Hall answered "yes" to a disciplinary question on his application. Mr. Hall was questioned by the Board.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Fleshman to allow Mr. Hall to proceed with his licensure application. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS/INFORMATION:

Administrative Information:

Mrs. Cox gave the administrative report on the work of the Board with numerical data provided by Ms. Harrington. She reported that the Board licenses and regulates 2499 people at this time. She reported that the LLR Licensure study has been completed on initial licensure and renewal licensure processes. There will be some reallocations of staff at LLR and building renovations to accommodate an Office of Licensure and Compliance to begin to perform these functions. She noted that efforts will be made to streamline all processes and create as much similarity as possible in the processes.

Meeting rooms in the LLR building will be renovated and changed during the reallocation of staff and many offices will be moved into different areas in the building. New technology will be added to the conference and meeting rooms. Databases will continue to be improved, documents will be scanned, and equipment will be evaluated for cost saving means.

Ms. Cox discussed attendance at the AAMFT conference for Dr. Garnett on September 23-26, 2008.

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. She stated to the Board that financial reports regarding the Board are kept in the LLR Finance Department and monthly statements are also maintained in the Board's office.

LEGAL ISSUES:

There were no legal issues brought before the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review of the Policy on Unlicensed Practice due to Non Renewal

Vice President Garnett presented the suggestion for a Policy revision for the Policy on Unlicensed Practice due to Non Renewal from the committee that was formed at the last meeting to study the Policy for any needed revision(s). The revised was presented where Public Reprimands will not be issued until after 30 days. Discussion followed.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Womack to accept the new Policy on Unlicensed Practice due to Non Renewal, as revised, and to make the Policy retroactive to the 2007 renewal period. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Cox stated that she would have the new Policy placed under the Board News on the Board's web site home page and placed in the Policy Section of the Board's web site. She stated she would also contact the licensees who will need notice of the retroactive policy back to the 2007 renewal period.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health

Mrs. Cox presented a letter from the South Carolina Department of Mental Health requesting the Board and the Board of Social Work to approve the use of telemedicine/videoconferencing equipment through state agencies for supervision of LMSWs supervisees who are in rural sites across South Carolina. The letter stated it would be interactive audio and video and would help with the delivery of services for Medicare and Medicaid. The letter also stated that this technology and its use would be considered for implementation by a plan being developed within the next four (4) years. It was stated that there would be a demonstration of the equipment in the future. The Board considered the letter as information.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

There were no discussion topics.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dr. Robbins thanked the Board for their study and work on the Policy for Unlicensed Practice Due to Non Renewal in considering a revision of the Policy. She also asked the Board to consider a longer period of time for announcing renewals, to consider sending a letter to tell licensees to inform them that the web site is an important source of information regarding Board activities and is used regularly, and to ask for more mailed letters of notification to be used by the Board regarding their activities. The Board took Dr. Robbins comments as information.

REPORTS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Vice President Garnett called for review and ratification of the reports submitted for the Standards Committees and Continuing Education Committee beginning on May 21, 2008 through August 19, 2008.

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern:

Calloway, Ann M.
Gandy, Diane Wallis
Hughes, Lindi L.
Hughes, Mary E.
Hunter, Beverly Lesaine
Johnson, Angel G.
Kokoszka, Natasha A.
Lassor, Aimee H.
McGee, Oliver J.
Messier, Phyllis J.
Montague-Smith, Tim
Nunnelley, Jeremy
O'Mara, Mikell A.
Richard, Elise F.
Scott, Shamika G.
Smith, Chaka P.

Wagner, Amanda M.
Washington, Janelle D.
Wheaton, Elaine
Whetsone, Jeanette M.
Young, Tiffany N.

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

Allison, Marla
Bryant, Toni
Bulsza, Susan
Darrone, LeeAnn
Eddings, Geoffrey
Haist, Jennifer
Kirby, Alice
Martin, Kenneth
Misdorn, Tammy
Parker, Eugenie
Reames, Ronald
Rosario, Denise
Troyer, Erik
Twitty, Kendra
Wimberley, Lisa

Recommended for Extension of LPC Intern Licensure Status: (two years)

Briggs, Erin	6/7/08 to 6/7/10
Evans, Michelle	6/29/08 to 6/29/10
Fijol, Amy	6/20/08 to 6/20/10
Kerr, Billie	7/19/08 to 7/19/10
Pittman-Spears, Lisa	8/31/08-8/31/10
Schirle, Cynthia	8/11/08 to 8/11/10
Sullivan, Elizabeth	4/10/08 to 4/10/10 (retro extension)
Walsh, Deborah A.	7/12/08 to 7/12/10
Warren, Susan	8/15/08 to 8/15/10

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Endorsement:

Quinn-Bliss, Judith	NC
Scott, Shannon Y.	VA

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Bypass (old law applicant):

None

Recommended for Reinstatement of Licensure or Re-application as a Professional Counselor:

Carter, John
McKnight, Lela Bostic
White, Ann Buko

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

None

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor:

Gordon, Lorell

Johnson, Sherri
Pooser, Frederick

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern:
None

Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Therapist:
None

Recommended for Reinstatement/Re-application of Licensure as a 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:
Buckner, Kellie 8/30/08 to 8/30/10

Recommended for Transfer from LMFT/Intern to LMFT:
Ford, Meliza
Mustard, Lisa

Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Supervisor (LMFT/S):
None

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist:
Preston, Andrew

One-Time Continuing Education Providership:
McKissock 100% Education 3 separate applications for distance learning
Mansson, Cheryl, (LPC/S) 3 separate applications
Office of Lieutenant Governor
USC-Upstate
Webster University

Permanent Continuing Education Providership:
Horry Georgetown Technical College
McKissock 100% Education - Distance Learning

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Clark to ratify the reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Womack. The motion passed.

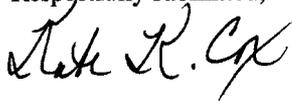
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Cox announced the remaining scheduled Board meeting in 2008 may need to be rescheduled due to the renovations in the building.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate K. Cox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct 'C'.

Kate K. Cox
Administrator