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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 Motion Hearings for Licensees
October 2, 2012

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board members present were:

Danny L. Garnett, Vice-President
David L. Evans, Jr., M.A.Ed.
Jackie H. Fleshman, Public Member (excused)
Ronald H. Reames, M.A.
.Samer G. Touma, PhD

Board members absent were:

M. Ellenor Mahon, M.Ed (excused)

Also present were:

Patricia Glenn, LLR Administrator
Susan Harrington, Board Administrative Assistant
David Love, LLR Investigator – OIE
Andrew Rogers- LLR Attorney
Cheryl McNair, LLR Investigator – OIE
Serrena Swartz, LLR Investigator - OIE
Jamie Saxon, LLR Advice Attorney
Larue J. Bettis, American Mental Health Counselor's Association (SC)
Karen-Cooper-Haber- SCMFT

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 105, 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 9:10 a.m. It was noted that a quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

NOTE: These Minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and a brief summary of the meeting.

AGENDA and APPROVAL OF MINUTES 9:10 a.m.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Fleshman to approve the October 2, 2012 Agenda and the June 19, 2012 Minutes. Dr. Touma seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS 9:12 A.M.:

Vice-President Garnett welcomed new board member Ronald Reames from Simpsonville, SC. and thanked former board members Tanya Williams, Pam Clark and Linda Womack for their service to the Board. Mr. Garnett reviewed issues discussed at the national AAMFT meeting which he recently attended re: continuing competency, on-line therapy, use of social media, model law for reciprocity among states and "Batching"- therapists working with military families.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

IRC Report 9:15 a.m.:

David Love, Investigator from Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE), presented the Investigative Review Committee's (IRC) reports concerning disciplinary matters.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Fleshman to accept the IRC recommendations for Dismissal of cases 2012-12, 2012-17, 2012-21, 2012-24, 2012-26; for Authorization of Formal Complaints for 2012-10 & 2012-13. Dr. Touma seconded the motion. The motion carried.

David Love, Chief Investigator with OIE gave the statistical report from the Office of Investigation and Enforcement cases. The Board accepted this as information.

Patti Glenn gave the statistical report for Melina Mann from the Office of General Counsel's (OGC) cases. The Board accepted this as information.

PRESENTATION: CHANGING TITLE OF "INTERN" TO "ASSOCIATE" IN LICENSURE TITLES:

Karen Cooper-Haber of SCMFT and Larue Bettis of AMHCSC- GAVE THE PRESENTATION TO BOARD MEMBERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL REPORT:

Patti Glenn gave the Administrative Report and the Financial Report of the Board. She gave statistical reports as handouts in her reports. Mrs. Glenn noted the OIE and OGC reports and licensure information. She discussed 2012 legislation which affected the board:

S. 1127 - Changed the make-up of boards affected by a 7th congressional district being added to the state.

Discussed the up-coming national meetings of interest:

NBCC- Annual meeting was held Aug. 9-11, 2012

AAMFT- Annual meeting was held Sept. 13-16, 2012

AASCB- Annual meeting to be held Jan. 9-11, 2013.

LEGAL ISSUES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

REPORTS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Vice-President Garnett called for the ratification of the electronic reports of the Standards Committees and Continuing Education Committee beginning on June 20, 2012 through October 1, 2012. It was reported that the records are electronically maintained and can be for categories:

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern;
Recommended for Extension of LPC Intern Licensure Status for 2 years;
Recommended for Transfer from LPC-Intern to Professional Counselor;
Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Endorsement;
Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor;

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern;
Recommended for an Extension of LMFT Intern Licensure Status for 2 years;
Recommended for Transfer from LMFT/Intern to LMFT;
Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist by Endorsement;
Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Supervisor (LMFT/S);

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist;
Recommended for Licensure as a Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist by Endorsement;

Recommended for Reinstatement of Licensure or Re-application (all license types);

Approval of One-Time Continuing Education Providership;
Approval of Permanent Continuing Education Providership

Motion: A motion was made by to ratify the reports by Dr. Touma and seconded by Ms.Fleshman. The motion passed.

Motion for Reconsideration:

Robert M. Knight, D. Min. appeared before the Board to request to be re-grandfathered in as an LPC, waiving the Board examination and coursework requirement.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Fleshman to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Dr. Touma seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Ms. Fleshman. The motion carried.

Motion: a motion was made by Dr. Touma and seconded by Mr. Evans to deny Dr. Knight's motion for reconsideration of the Board's Order of June 22, 2012 which denied the re-grandfathering of his LPC license. The motion carried.

Hearings:

OIE#2011-19- Consent Agreement

Andrew Rogers, LLR General Counsel presented a Consent Agreement signed and agreed to by respondent, Mary S. Cumming, Ed. D. for a Public Reprimand with sanctions. See attached Order

Motion: a motion was made by Dr. Touma and seconded by Mr. Evans to accept the Consent Agreement. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It was announced the next meetings of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists will be April 2, 2013 and October 8, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrator
Patricia F. Glenn