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BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JANUARY 14, 2016**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners was called to Order by Board Chair Ben Beitin at 9:45 a.m., in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ben K. Beitin, LMFT, *Board Chair*
Jose Perez, *Vice Chair* (left at 1:30PM)
Lorraine M. Barry, LMFT, *Board Member*
Michelle Weinberg, LMFT, *Board Member*
Johanna Klena, LCSW, *Board Member* (left at 12:45PM)
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, *Board Member (Professional Counselor Committee Liaison)* (left at 12:30PM)
Edward Reading, LCADC, *Board Member (Alcohol & Drug Committee Liaison)*

Excused:

Alyson Smith, *Board Member*
Mia Sena, *Public Member*

Absent:

Eileen Thornton, *Public Member*

Also in attendance:

Carmen Rodriguez, *Deputy Attorney General*
Rachel Glasgow, *Regulatory Analyst*
Milagros B. Collazo, *Executive Director*
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, *Government Representative*
Celeste Paige, *Administrative Assistant*

Announcement of Quorum

Board Chair Ben Beitin announced the presence of quorum at 9:45 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 mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2015 PUBLIC MINUTES

Upon motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to approve the November 12, 2015 public minutes as presented. Voting in favor: all.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 7, 2016 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE PUBLIC MINUTES

Upon motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Johanna Klena, the Board voted to ratify all determinations made to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee public minutes for January 7, 2016. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

*The following members of the public were present, but did not comment:
Inga Schnee, NJAMFT*

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Board review:

There are currently 576 total active Marriage and Family Therapy licenses, 184 applications pending and 14 reinstatements pending.

There are currently 2,670 total active licenses for Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LCADC & CADC), 1,163 applications pending and 14 reinstatements pending.

There are currently 5,418 total active licenses for Professional Counselors (LAC, LPC, LRC), 1,422 applications pending and 33 reinstatements pending.

* Applications in pending include applications pending final Board review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting for exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5 and 12.1

(PRN 2015-119 - Professional Counselor Education Requirements)

The Board reviewed the proposed regulation change for Professional Counselor Examiners Committee presented by Ketrin Saud Maxwell.

The Board accepted this as informational.

B. Art Therapy Licensing Act

The Board reviewed the Art Therapy Licensing Act.

The Board accepted this as informational.

C. Assembly Bill 4582

The Board reviewed the Drama Therapists and Dance/ Movement Therapists Licensing Act.

Upon motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to not support this bill with the following comments: The Board has concerns about the lack of educational requirements, as well as details with regard to supervision, who will rate the exam and what is considered an approved human service setting. The Board further commented that there are areas of education missing such as research and evidence

based practice, and allowing clinical practice in a private setting after only 1,200 hours of supervision is a concern of the Board. The Board notes that if degrees for Drama/ Dance therapy are available online, how do potential applicants practice and teach? Drama and Dance therapy should not be an independent practice, but part of a sub-speciality to an existing mental health license. If the Drama and Dance therapy act is approved, there should be one combined Committee for all creative arts, instead of individual ones. Voting in favor: all.

D. Senate Joint Resolution 98

The Board reviewed Senate Joint Resolution 98, which seeks to designate one night in November each year as a “Night of Conversation” about drug and alcohol addiction. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

E. Assembly Bill 4831

The Board reviewed Senate Bill 4831, which makes reforms to mental health treatment; clarifies law governing purchase of firearms by a person with a history of mental illness. *Upon motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to support the bill with the following suggestions; to coordinate with HIPAA and to add language that mental health screener should include LMFT, LPC, LCADC as well. Voting in favor: all.*

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. James Verser, LMFT

The Board reviewed Mr. Verser’s December 18, 2015 letter regarding HIPAA compliance and electronic devices.

Upon motion made by Jose Perez, and seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board voted to have Executive Director Collazo will respond to Mr. Verser’s and inform him that the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, are currently composing data on existing laws and regulations in other states for review and consideration for use in New Jersey.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No items to report.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No items to report.

X. AAMFT/NJAMFT MATTERS

No items to report.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MFT Regulations Sub-Committee

- Has completed its first review of proposed changes to existing regulations, and is adjourned at this time.
- The Board formed a Committee to review application forms and supervision forms to update and be completed by the March 10, 2016 meeting.

Upon motion made by Michelle Weinberg, and seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board voted to approve a Committee of Michelle Weinberg, Lorraine Barry, and Jose Perez to review and update applications and supervision forms. Voting in favor: all.

B. Alcohol and Drug Sub-Committee

- Need to schedule a regulations sub-committee meeting for continued review of regulations.
- Dr. Reading compiled the information from the Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network (ATTC) workshop on remote therapy and remote supervision.
- Dr. Reading addressed the Board regarding the Governor's proposed plan to have "recovery coaches" in emergency rooms, so that they can talk to overdose patients about rehabilitation. The Board voiced their concerns about how the public is to be protected from unlicensed "recovery coaches" in mental health facilities who will be referring the patients to specific treatment centers.

C. PC Regulations Sub-Committee

- Has completed its initial review of updated regulations, and is adjourned at this time.
- The information Dr. Reading compiled from the Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network (ATTC) workshop on remote therapy and remote supervision will be added to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee to review. A law intern has been assigned to organize all data on remote and tele-therapy.

XII. FILED ORDERS

No items to report.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **February 11, 2016** at 9:30 a.m., Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2016 Meeting Dates:

February 11, 2016

March 10, 2016

April 14, 2016

May 12, 2016

June 9, 2016

July 14, 2016

August 11, 2016

September 8, 2016

October 13, 2016

November 10, 2016

December 8, 2016

XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW

Upon motion by Lorraine Barry, seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board members voted to approve the recommendations below. Voting in favor: all.

A. LICENSURE

1. Donjae Catanzariti
2. Nancy Denis
3. Katherine Dilks

B. 3 YEAR TEMPORARY PERMIT

1. Lindsay A. Doback

C. SUPERVISION REPORTS

1. Katherine Funk
2. Selvin Galvan
3. Blake Jonas
4. Jason Lang
5. Diane Mussoline

D. EXAMINATION AUTHORIZATION

1. Nevolia Ogletree

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Jose Perez, and seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board voted to move to Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. Voting in favor: all.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board members present returned to Public Session and voted to adjourn the public meeting at 1:17 p.m. Voting in favor: all.