

**BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**  
**May 12, 2005**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 a.m. by Board Member Barbara Andrews who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Board Member, Barbara Andrews  
Board Member, Samira Haddad  
Board Member, Edward Reading  
Board Member, Margaret Pipchick  
Board Member, Edward Stroh  
Board Member, James Verser  
Board Member, Ronald K. Walthall

Excused:

Board Chair, Florence Schatten  
Board Member, Roland A. Alum

Staff Present:

Deputy Attorney General, Mileidy Perez  
Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars  
Administrative Staff, Celeste Sweeper  
Administrative Staff, Aishah Figueroa

**III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

On a motion by James Verser, seconded by Ronald Walthall, the minutes of April 14, 2005 were approved as amended.

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. DeMars announced the appointment of Kimberly Ricketts as Acting Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs. It was noted that Ms. Ricketts served as the Executive Director for Acting Governor Richard Codey's Mental Health Task Force.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public members present.

**V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

Following Board review of draft revisions to N.J.A.C. 13:34, Board Member Jim Verser, Regulatory Analyst Daniel Swenson, Deputy Attorney General Mileidy Perez and Executive Director Elaine DeMars were authorized to continue to refine revisions to the regulations to conform with 2005 Chapter Law 49. The Board will review suggested changes during the June 9, 2005 agenda meeting.

## **VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed Nicole Safonte-Strumolo's submission of an article published in Trauma, Violence and Abuse, 5 (3), July 2004, entitled A Clinical Characteristic and Residential Treatments for Adolescent Delinquents with Mental Health Disorders: A Promising Residential Program she co-authored and her request for a confirmation of continuing education credits. Following the Board's review and discussion, Ms. Safonte-Strumolo will be advised that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-8.4 (b)3, the article will be approved for 15 continuing education contact hours.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

The Board agreed to table its review and revision of the licensure application and supervision forms until such time as amendments to the existing regulations are made in accordance with 2005 Public Law. 2005-Chapter 49.

## **X. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be June 9, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

## **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by James Verser, seconded by Margaret Pipchick, the Board moved to Executive Session at 11:21 a.m.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Edward Stroh, seconded by Samira Haddad the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars  
Executive Director