

**BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
JULY 17, 2008**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:24 a.m. by Board Chair, James Verser who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Board Member, Dawn M. Lacy  
Board Member, J. Barry Mascari  
Board Member, Amy E. Meckeler  
Board Member, Judith Owens  
Board Member, Edward Reading  
Board Member, James Verser  
Board Member, Ronald K. Walthall

Excused:

Board Member, Ben Beitin  
Board Member, Gina Kassel

Resigned:

Board Member, Samira Haddad

Staff Present:

Deputy Attorney General, Jodi C. Krugman  
Administrative Staff, Aishah Figueroa  
Elaine L. DeMars

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by James Verser, seconded by Ronald Walthall, and unanimous vote, the Public Session Minutes of the May 8, 2008 and June 12, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected.

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

A. David Szuchman, Esq. has been confirmed and now serves in the position of Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, Kimberly Ricketts, the former administrator for the Department of Law and Public Safety is serving as Acting Commissioner for Division of Children's Behavioral Health Services. Dan Foster has been appointed to serve as the Administrator for the Department of Law and Public Safety. The Division of Consumer Affairs is one of eleven divisions within the Department of Law and Public Safety.

B. License Renewal

The expiration date for all licenses in the active status is June 30, 2008. As of July 15, 2008 549 licensees have renewed, of which 497 were completed on-line. Also, 72 renewals are outstanding and 8 percent of renewals were completed by paper application.

## **V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-13, the Board conducted the Election of Officers for the period July 2008 - June 2009. The following appointed Board members were elected by acclamation to serve as officers of the Board:

James Verser - Chair  
Judith Owens - Vice Chair  
Amy Meckeler - Secretary

## **VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

Lynelle C. Yingling e-mailed the Board to request the completion of a survey regarding parenting coordination. Board member Ben Beitin will respond on behalf of the Board.

## **VII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

Regulation Review - Sunset March 22, 2009 - Maryann Sheehan Maryann Sheehan was in attendance to discuss the revisions which should be implemented into the latest version of the regulations.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Regulations Committee**

The regulations committee reports that work on the draft revisions to N.J.A.C. 13:34-1 through 9 continues. It is anticipated that a draft will be presented for review and approval by the full Board by October.

### **B. Professional Counselor Examiners Committee**

Dr. Barry Mascari reported that the Committee continues to work on a comprehensive review of the Professional Counselor regulations, N.J.A.C. 13:34 10 through 30

### **C. Alcohol and Drug Counselors Committee**

Dr. Edward Reading reported that the Committee continues to work to draft language to clarify the regulatory language at N.J.A.C. 13:34C -1 through 6.

The current regulations for the respective Board and Committees are scheduled to sunset during March, 2009.

## **IX. AAMFT MATTERS**

The American Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AAMFTRB) Annual Conference will be held in Memphis, Tennessee from October 30th through November 2nd The topic of discussion will focus on ethical and legal challenges in contemporary family therapy

## **X. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held September 11, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

## **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Ronald Walthall, seconded by J. Barry Mascari, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:23 a.m. to discuss pending complaints and confidential matters.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ronald Walthall, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.