

**State Board of Marriage And Family Therapy Examiners
Open Session Minutes**

October 10, 2002

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Board Chair Florence Schatten, who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Chair Florence Schatten
Board Member Roland A. Alum
Board Member Barbara Andrews
Board Member Samira Haddad
Board Member Edward Reading
Board Member E. Stroh
Board Member James Verser
Board Member Ronald Walthall

Staff Present:

Executive Director Dennis E. Gonzalez
Deputy Attorney General Marilyn Bair
Jane Cofone Administrative Staff

C. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2002

On a motion by J. Verser, seconded by S. Haddad, the minutes of September 12, 2002 were approved with corrections.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

The Board requested to have a copy of the bill that requires criminal background checks for any person applying for a license as a health professional.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

Diana Laugelli - Ms. Laugelli wrote the Board requesting an extension of her three year permit which expired two years ago. The Board requested the Executive Director write to her and obtain an update of her experience since she was awarded the permit in 1997, and also to inquire why she waited two years to request an extension of her expired permit.

F. OLD BUSINESS

A. Seton Hall University - Messrs. Wesley Matsui, Assistant Professor, and Robert Massey, Professor of Seton Hall University appeared to discuss the certificate offered at Seton Hall in marriage & family therapy. After a lengthy discussion, the Board requested to have this issue placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

B. Kean University - Messrs. Dennis Finger, Professor, and Kit S. Ng, Assistant Professor of Kean University appeared to discuss the professional diploma in marriage and family therapy at Kean University. On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by B. Andrews, the Board voted to recognize this professional diploma offered by Kean University as a post graduate degree in marriage and family therapy.

C. Andrea Shaw - The Board received an e-mail from Ms. Shaw, who is an LMFT in North Carolina asking whether she can provide telephone therapy to someone who lives in New Jersey. The Board determined that Ms. Shaw cannot provide this therapy because she is not licensed in New Jersey.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Credential Review Form

The Board reviewed and approved of the new Credentials Review form which is to be completed at the time an applicant's application is reviewed.

H. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

1. Nicole-Safonte-Strumolo - On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by J. Verser, Ms. Strumolo was approved to take the Marriage & Family Therapy examination.

2. Anna Du Bois - In response to a letter from Ms. DuBois and upon re-review of her application, the Board requested that the Executive Director write Ms. DuBois and inform her that her hours of marriage and family therapy experience are fewer than what she was informed in a previous letter.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

K. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be November 14, 2002 at 9:00 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by R. Alum, seconded by S. Haddad the Board went into Executive Session.

M. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by J. Verser, seconded by E. Stroh, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis E. Gonzalez
Executive Director

