

New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners

November 8, 2001

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairman James Verser who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Board President James Verser
Board Member Barbara Andrews
Board Member Edward Reading
Board Member Edward W. Stroh
Board Member Roland Alum
Board Vice President Florence A. Schatten
Board Member Ronald Walthall

Absent:

Board Member Steven Kovel
Board Member J. David Niemeyer
Board Member Samira Haddad

Staff Present:

Executive Director Dennis E. Gonzalez
Deputy Attorney General Marilyn Bair
Celeste Sweeper, Supervising Clerk
Jane Cofone, Administrative Staff

C. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2001 OPEN SESSION MINUTES

On a motion by R. Walthall, seconded by R. Alum, the minutes were approved with corrections.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

Rachel Gingold

Ms. Gingold wrote an e-mail to the Board inquiring as to whether someone who is not licensed can be a

supervisor and also inquired as to whether research can be utilized to meet the supervised experience requirement.

On a motion by R. Walthall and seconded by F. Schatten, the Board instructed the Executive Director to respond to Ms. Gingold that someone who is not licensed can be a supervisor as long as they are licensed eligible, and that research cannot be used to meet the supervised experienced requirement.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Retreat - The Board was informed that the retreat scheduled for November has been postponed because the Division did not approve the venue of this retreat.

2. AAMFT Nashville Conference - Board members J. Verser and F. Schatten shared with the Board their experience as delegates to the annual conference of the AAMFT conference which was held in Nashville. Among the major topics of discussion were supervision, portability, and Continuing Education. There was also a presentation of the computer exam process by PES. A written report will be submitted to the Executive Director.

3. Board member J. Verser informed the Board that he has been asked to complete an unexpired term as treasurer of the AMFTRB. He requested the Board's support. On a motion by E. Reading, seconded by R. Walthall, the Board voted to support Mr. Verser and congratulate him.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Newsletter/Web Page - The Board reviewed samples of web pages of other states and held a discussion on the contents of a newsletter and web page for our Board. It was decided that incoming Chairman, F. Schatten create a committee to work with the Executive Director to develop a newsletter and web page.

2. Professional Diploma Certificate - Board member J. Verser informed the Committee that he had become aware that Kean University was offering a professional diploma in Marriage & Family Therapy and that Seton Hall University was offering a certificate in Marriage & Family Therapy. Mr. Verser was concerned that these credentials might not meet the statutory requirement of a "degree". After a lengthy Board discussion, it was decided that a letter will be written to both universities to obtain a description of their programs and then the Board would make a determination.

3. Board member F. Schatten recommended to the Board members that they read a book written by William Bennett entitled "The Broken Heart" which deals with family relationships.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board will be December 13, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by R. Walthall, seconded by E. Reading, the Board voted to go into Executive Session.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by R. Alum, seconded by R. Walthall, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis E. Gonzalez
Executive Director

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