

**BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 15, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:26 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, Ben Beitin  
Board Member, Gina Kassel  
Board Member, Dawn M. Lacy  
Board Member, Amy E. Meckeler  
Board Member, Judith Owens  
Board Member, Edward Reading  
Board Member, James Verser

Excused:

Board Member, Samira Haddad  
Board Member, J. Barry Mascari  
Board Member, Verice Mason  
Board Member, Ronald K. Walthall

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars  
Deputy Attorney General, John D. Hugelmeyer  
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige  
Administrative Staff, Aishah Figueroa

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Edward Reading, seconded by Dawn Lacy, and unanimous vote, the Public Session Minutes of the October 11, 2007 meeting were approved as corrected.

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Attorney General's review for improvement plan for 42 licensing Boards

The Board reviewed the Attorney General's October 18, 2007 Press Release regarding the improvement plan for licensing boards. Executive Director Elaine DeMars informed the Board of the in-depth study of the boards which resulted in recommendations to Attorney General Milgram. A plan is being devised to improve the services provided by the 42 licensing boards.

**V. LEGISLATIVE REGULATORY**

A. Cultural Competency - Continuing Education

N.J.A.C. 13:34-8.2 and 8.3; N.J.A.C. 13:34-15.2, 15.4, 24.2 and 24.3.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Regulations Committee**

The 3-Year Temporary Permit draft was reviewed by the Board. Additional changes will be presented to the Board at the January 10, 2008 Board meeting.

### **B. Professional Counselors Committee**

Counselor Educator Graduate Program Meeting - December 5, 2007 The Committee's scheduled meeting of graduate counselor education program directors took place at 9:00 a.m., before the regular public meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify the requirements for the degree title, purpose and requisite course work for professional and rehabilitation counselor licensure. This clarification was also intended review the Committee's regulations and stress the importance of teaching students about the requirements for licensure. The following graduate programs were represented: Alliance Graduate School of Counseling, Caldwell College, Centenary College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Georgian Court, Kean University, Monmouth University, Philadelphia Biblical University, Rider University, Rowan University, Seton Hall University, The College of New Jersey, The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and William Paterson University.

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

The Committee continues to work on the revisions of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor regulations.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. Joseph Kabali - ESL Accommodation**

Licensure applicant, Joseph Kabali previously submitted correspondence requesting the Board's guidance regarding an ESL (English As A Second Language) accommodation. AMFTRB has informed the Board that they do not grant ESL accommodations. On a motion by Judith Owens, seconded by Dawn Lacy and unanimous vote, the Board will inform Mr. Kabali that his request for an ESL accommodation could not be granted.

### **B. Stephen DeLuca**

Mr. DeLuca writes to the Board to express his difficulty in verifying supervision for the three year experience requirement. Mr. DeLuca's correspondence will be tabled for the January 10, 2008 Board meeting further review.

## **VIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held January 10, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

## **IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Judith Owens, the Board moved to Executive Session at 9:59 a.m. to discuss pending confidential matters.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Amy Meckeler, seconded by Judith Owens, the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.