



CHRIS CHRISTIE
Governor

New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

Division of Consumer Affairs
State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners
124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102



JEFFREY S. CHIESA
Attorney General

KIM GUADAGNO
Lt. Governor

BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

ERIC T. KANEFSKY
Acting Director

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2013

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 45007
Newark, NJ 07101
(973) 504-6415

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners was called to Order by Chair Ben Beitin at 10:10am, in the Hudson Room 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Chair, Ben Beitin, Ph.D, LMFT
Board Vice-Chair, Jose Perez, LMFT
Board Member, Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, LPC (*Professional Counselor Committee Liason*)
Board Member, Edward Reading, Ph.D, LCADC (*Alcohol & Drug Committee Liason*)

Excused:

Board Member, Eileen Thornton

Also Present:

Deputy Attorney General, Jodi Krugman
Executive Director, Milagros Collazo
Government Rep., Michela Ross
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige

Announcement of Quorum

Board Chair, Ben Beitin announced the presence of a quorum at 10:02am.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 13, 2012 Marriage and Family Therapy public minutes

The minutes of the December 13, 2012 public meeting were approved as amended on motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez. Voting in favor: all.

B. October 4, 2012 Professional Counselor public minutes

The minutes of the October 4, 2012 meeting of the Professional Counselors Committee were approved on a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell. Voting in favor: all.

C. December 13, 2012 Professional Counselor public minutes

The minutes of the December 13, 2012 meeting of the Professional Counselors Committee were approved on a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public present.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Internet Counseling and Supervision

The staff has received inquiries regarding the use of the internet to provide counseling and supervision via Skype. The Professional Counselor Committee has formed a sub-committee to explore existing policies in other jurisdictions, procedures, etc. Montana and Puerto Rico both have specific requirement for e-therapist.

B. Informational:

The Board reviewed the Health Care Professional Responsibility and Reporting Enhancement Act - both Chapter 83 and the reporting form stemming from the Charles Cullen case.

C. <u>Licensing Activity Report:</u>	<u>1 Year Temp.</u>	<u>3 Year Temp</u>
Active - 570	1	73
Expired - 377	161	
Inactive - 167	44	24
Pending - 269	10	
Reinstatements Pending - 4	6	
Suspended - 4		
Voluntary Surrender - 5	1	
Withdrawn - 2		

D. Abandoned Applications

The Board discussed the possibility of drafting a letter to send to applicants who have not taken any action on their application for more than one (1) year.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. A3465 - withdrawn

This Bill seeks to limit actions against court-appointed psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, or other licensed mental health professionals in certain Family Court matters.

The Board accepted this as informational.

B. Regulation 13:34-4.3 proposed change

The Board tabled discussion on this matter until their February 14, 2013 meeting.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Jay Field re: Teleconference and Internet Counseling

The Board reviewed Mr. Field's email regarding counseling via telephone or Skype. The Board determined to direct Mr. Field to statute N.J.S.A 45-8B-6C.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Committee

Vice-Chair Jose Perez will provide the Board with a list of MFT programs in NJ at their February 14, 2013 meeting.

B. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee

Board member, Edward Reading set up a meeting with Rich Bowe and Milagros Collazo for clarification regarding examination process.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Supervision Forms

A. General Counseling Experience

The Board tabled a discussion on General Counseling Experience for the February 14, 2013 meeting.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **February 14, 2012** at 9:30 a.m.,

Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2013 Meeting Dates:

February 14, 2013

March 14, 2013 (tentatively canceled due to lack of quorum with Jose Perez unable to attend)

April 11, 2013

May 9, 2013

June 13, 2013

July 11, 2013

August 8, 2013

September 12, 2013

October 10, 2013

November 14, 2013

December 12, 2013

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:10am.

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon a motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board moved to Public Session at 12:30pm.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board moved to Executive Session at 12:31pm.

