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BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **MARCH 10, 2011**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Board was called to Order at 9:48 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chairman, James Verser.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ben K. Beitin
Ketrin Saud Maxwell
Jose Perez
Edward Reading
James Verser

Excused:

Gina M. Kassel
Eileen Thornton

Staff Present:

Deputy Attorney General, Jodi C. Krugman
Administrative Staff, Elaine L. DeMars
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly known as the Sunshine Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record, and The Courier Post.

Board Chair, James Verser announced the presence of a quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez the Board approved the public minutes of February 10, 2011 as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhoda Ondov, New Jersey Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (NJ-AMFT) lobbyist attended the public meeting.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Adopted Rule N.J.A.C. 13:42-12

Custody/Parenting Time Evaluations - State Board of Psychological Examiners

Regulatory Analyst Maryann Sheehan reviewed draft language based on the (Board of Psychological Examiners) adopted rule N.J.A.C. 13:42-12, to address custody/parenting time evaluations conducted by licensed marriage and family therapists. On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Ben Beitin the Board approved that the draft language be processed for publication as a proposal in the New Jersey Register.

B. N.J.A.C. 13:34-4.3(b)

Supervision Ratios

The Board discussed a possible revision to the supervision ratio for marriage and family therapy applicants. The Board determined to re-examine the basic supervisor qualifications and the number of weekly supervision hours. On a motion by Ben Beitin, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board determined to draft language to change the supervision ratio from one(1) hour of supervision for every five (5) hours of client contact to one (1) hour per week of face-to-face supervision per week. It was also noted that the Board had previously determined to propose language to clarify N.J.A.C. 13:34-9.2(b), the requirement for 5 contact hours of continuing education in ethical and legal standards related to marriage and family therapy.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Board Member Honorable Dana L. Redd

The Board reviewed the February 21, 2011 letter of resignation submitted by Board Member Dana L. Redd as informational. The letter had been forwarded to the Director's office.

B. Lois Paff Bergen, Executive Director

Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards

The Board reviewed the February 28, 2011 email forwarded by Mrs. Paff Bergen regarding an additional testing window (July 11, 2011 - August 6, 2011). The notification also included the 2012 dates. The Board accepted the email as informational.

C. The Board reviewed the February 10, 2011 letter written by Board Chair James Verser addressed to Division of Consumer Affairs Acting Director, Thomas Calcagni. In the letter Mr. Verser requests assistance from the Director with the Board's administrative demands. The Board asked Mr. Verser to highlight the need for assistance for both the Professional Counselor Examiners and Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committees during his meeting with Mr. Calcagni and Division Deputy Director Larry DeMarzo. Mr. Verser told the Board that he will also advise the Deputy Director of the lack of quorum and its impact.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

Three Board members reported their inability to attend the April 14, 2011 meeting. The meeting was therefore due to the lack of quorum. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 12, 2011.

2011 Meeting Dates

May 12, 2011	September 8, 2011
June 9, 2011	October 13, 2011
July 14, 2011	November 10, 2011
August 11, 2011	December 8, 2011

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board move to Executive Session to consider pending consumer complaints and disciplinary matters.

X. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Ben Beitin the Board returned to public session and adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.