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PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

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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 9:40 a.m., 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, Edward Reading, Ph.D, LCADC (*Alcohol & Drug Committee Liason*)
Board Member, Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, LPC (*Professional Counselor Committee Liason*)

Excused:

Board Member, Eileen Thornton
Deputy Attorney General, Jodi Krugman

Also Present:

Deputy Attorney General, Nancy Costello-Miller
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 9:41 a.m.

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. February 14, 2013 Public Minutes

The minutes of the February 14, 2013 public meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapists were approved as amended upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez. Ketrin Saud-Maxwell abstained.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Rhoda Ondov, NJ-AMFT, Legislative Chairperson

- i. Ms. Ondov raised a question regarding the Waiver Rule and how it applies to medicaid. *The Board determined to table this matter until its May 9, 2013 meeting.*
- ii. Ms. Ondov also inquired about N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3i: “Definition of “counselor” or “counseling” in the graduate degree title” *The Board informed Ms Ondov that the regulation change has not been posted for public comment as yet.*

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Licensing Activity Report:

Active - 576
Inactive - 167
Pending - 143
Reinstatements Pending - 11
Suspended - 3
Voluntary Surrender - 5
Withdrawn - 2
3 year permits - 78
1 year permits - 1

B. Web Update

The missing minutes and agendas for 2012 have been retrieved and are being posted to the MFT web page.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Tennessee Board for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Counselors RE: requirements for reciprocity

The Committee reviewed the letter dated March 11, 2013 submitted by Ms. Sherry Owen, Board Administrator of the Tennessee Licensing Board regarding license reciprocity.

Upon motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board voted to accept this as informational.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Doctorate degree in Marriage and Family Therapy

The reviewed an email inquiring about a doctoral program in Marriage and Family Therapy. *The Board determined to inform the applicant it would need to review the course distribution for this program. The Board informs the applicant that they must meet the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C 13:34-4.1 including taking the National Marriage and Family Therapy examination.*

B. Internet Therapy from New Mexico

The Board reviewed an email from an LMFT formally from Pennsylvania who moved to New Mexico. The LMFT inquired if she may continue therapy with a couple who currently resides in New Jersey. *The Board determined to inform the LMFT that to provide services in New Jersey, they must be licensed in the State of New Jersey. The Board will send this LMFT a copy of statute N.J.S.A 45:8B-6(c). The Board will not comment on Pennsylvania laws and regulations.*

C. Heather DiDomenico, LMFT

The Board reviewed Ms. DiDomenico's February 22, 2013 letter inquiring if as an Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in private practice at Bridges Counseling Center for Child and Family Wellness can she supervise marriage and family therapy interns. *The Board determined to table this matter until its May 9, 2013 meeting. Jose Perez recused.*

D. Elise Cirelli & Lee G. Ruszyczk, LCSW

The Board reviewed the Ms. Cirelli's April 8, 2013 letter and her supervisor Mr. Ruszyczk's March 13, 2013 letter describing the company Vital Decisions. Ms. Cirelli previously inquired with the Board if she can accrue the require 4,500 hours over the phone. *The Board determined that a phone call only setting is not an acceptable form of supervised training and does not meet the standing of training set forth in the regulations.*

E. Jenny Liu-Melita

The Board reviewed Ms. Liu-Melita's March 8, 2013 email inquiring if she can have two supervisors and if they both have to be AAMFT approved. *The Board determined there is not a limit to how many supervisors a permit holder may have so long as they meet the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C 13:34-5.3.*

D. Emily Lozada-Kirlew

The Board reviewed Ms. Lozada-Kirlew's April 2, 2013 letter regarding the accreditation of the Distance Learning and Training Council through California Southern University. *The Board determined California Southern University is not an regionally accredited school.*

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Supervision Forms

A. General Counseling Experience

The Board informed staff the updated forms need to be posted on the Board's website.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Alcohol and Drug Counselors

Committee will meet with representatives of the DMHAS in May 2013.

B. Professional Counselors

Committee Chair, William Green and committee members Diane Licht and Dana Kaspereen will be presenting at the New Jersey Counselors Association conference on April 20, 2013.

C. E-therapy/Internet Counseling Comm

Peter Economou of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee is taking the lead in researching and information concerning what other states are doing and will report to the full Committee for its review.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. License Reinstatements

The Board determined that License reinstatements for those whose licenses have expired more than 5 years must retake the licensing exam.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **May 9, 2013** at 9:30 a.m., Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2013 Meeting Dates:

May 9, 2013

June 13, 2013

July 11, 2013

August 8, 2013

September 12, 2013

October 10, 2013

November 14, 2013

December 12, 2013

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board moved to Executive Session at 12:08 p.m.

XIII. APPLICATION REVIEW

A. License Examination

Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to approve the recommendations below. Voting in favor: all.

Daphne Berkovits - approved

Sarai (Mola) Manuel - approved

Maria C. Maya - approved

B. Three Year Temporary Permit

Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to approve the recommendations below. Voting in favor: all.

Raymond Corbo, Jr. - approved

Rose Kormanyos - approved

Andrew J. Guage - denied

Gloria Narvaez - must submit 3 year temp permit

C. Supervision Report

Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to approve the recommendations below. Voting in favor: all.

Nevolia Ogletree - approved

Natalie Setliff (Request to change supervisor) - approved

Xuhua Zhang - approved

XIV. APPROVALS MFT

The Score Report for the January 14 - February 9, 2013 examination window was received. On February 15, 2013, Board Chair, Ben Beitin reviewed and approved the following applications as noted:

Licensure

Natalie Jiminez

Kerry-Pearson Sanders

Susan Waldon

Examination Approval

Candace Ebbesen

Regina Stanley

Melissa Von der Heide

XV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board moved to Public Session at 1:52pm.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board moved to Executive Session at 1:53pm.

