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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 at 10:00 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Hunterdon Conference room, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ben K. Beitin, LMFT, *Board Chair*
Lorraine M. Barry, LMFT, *Board Member*
Johanna Klena, LMFT, *Board Member*
Jennifer W. Plungis, LMFT, *Board Member*
Ketrin S. Maxwell, LPC, *Board Member*
Edward Reading, LCADC, *Board Member*
Mia Sena, *Public Board Member*
Alyson Smith, LMFT, *Board Member*

Excused:

Jose Perez, LMFT, *Vice Chair*
Eileen Thornton, *Public Member*
Michelle Weinberg, LMFT, *Board Member*

Also in attendance:

Milagros B. Collazo, *Executive Director*
Shirley Dickstein, *Deputy Attorney General*
Michela Ross, *Government Representative*
Rachel Glasgow, *Regulatory Analyst*
Celeste Paige, *Administrative Assistant*

Chair Ben Beitin announced the presence of a quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Mia Sena, the minutes of the April 10, 2014 public meeting were approved as amended. Ketrin Saud Maxwell and Johanna Klena abstained from the vote: All other members voted in favor.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public members present.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Nothing to report.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Custody/Parenting Time Evaluations and/or Termination of Parental Rights Evaluations

The Board was informed that the official version of the regulation with updates will be published and distributed soon.

B. RULE 534

Mental Health Service Provider - Patient Privilege

The Board reviewed the Superior Court of New Jersey's draft of Rule 534, *Mental Health Service Provider - Patient Privilege*. The Board determined that the Rule should require equal privilege for all those who seek mental health services. The deadline for comments period has been extended. The Board formed a committee to review and present comments. The Committee consists of the following members: Ben Beitin, Johanna Klena, Jose Perez and Edward Reading.

C. Assembly Bill 1521

The Bill which modifies the process for contested case hearings by the Office of Administrative Law with regard to telephone and video conferencing, delegation of final decision authority, oral decisions, checklist decisions, electronic filings and settlements is currently in effect.

VII. AAMFTRB/NJ-AMFT

Nothing to report

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Web page postings

The Board commented on the inconsistent posting of minutes on the web page. The Board determined that efficiency is vital since the public is constantly referred to the website.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Regulations Committee

The Committee continues to review revisions for the regulations prior to Sunset 2016.

Professional Counselors Committee

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sub-committee presented revised FAQs for Committee review. The regulations sub-committee continues to review revision for the Regulations Sunset.

Alcohol and Drug Counselors Committee

The Committee continues to review revisions for the regulations prior to Sunset 2016.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Mia Sena, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:53 a.m. to review the transcript of a recent investigative inquiry and review permit and licensure applications.

XII. APPLICATION REVIEW

The Board reviewed and approved the following applications:

Three-year Temporary Permit

Claudia Salgado

Supervision Reports

1. Janet Pair
2. Naomi Steinhauser

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 17, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. .
124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2014 Meeting Dates

July 17, 2014	October 9, 2014
August 14, 2014	November 13, 2014
September 11, 2014	December 11, 2014

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ben Beitin, seconded by Edward Reading the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.