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BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **MAY 9, 2013**

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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 10 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*)
(present by phone starting at 10:31 a.m.)

Excused:

Board Member, Eileen Thornton
Board Vice-Chair, Jose Perez, LMFT

Also Present:

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

Announcement of Quorum

Board Chair, Ben Beitin announced no quorum is present and the Board will be working in Committee until Ketrin is present over the phone for a vote.

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. April 11, 2013 Public Minutes

The minutes of the April 11, 2013 public meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapists were approved as amended upon motion by Ketrin Saud-Maxwel, seconded by Ed Reading. Voting in favor: all

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Rhoda Ondov, Legislative Chairperson, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT-NJ)

- i. Ms. Ondov came before the Committee to inquire about the status of Assembly Bill A-3754 which requires firearms seizure when mental health professional determines patient poses threat of harm to self or others. *The Board informed Ms. Ondov that this bill was introduced and not yet signed.*
- ii. At the Board's April 11, 2013 meeting, Ms. Ondov raised a question regarding the Waiver Rule and how it applies to medicaid. *The Board now informed Ms. Ondov that as a licensing board it is not something that it can under take, but encouraged Ms. Ondov to have AAMFT take this on.*

The Board informed Ms. Ondov that this bill was introduced and not yet signed. The Board also followed up with Ms. Ondov that the

B. Kevin Costigan

Mr. Costigan attended the Public Session to make the Board aware he has a pending complaint and to observe the Board process. The Board thanked Mr. Costigan and did not comment.

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
- * "pending" incorporates all applications that are incomplete (ie. missing transcripts, supervision forms, etc), applicants that have been approved and have yet to pay their licensing fees, applicants that have been approved and are awaiting the results of their criminal history background check. Administrative staff is working with MIS to resolve these conflicts.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Assembly Bill A-2882 ~ *requires professional boards to provide credits toward requirements for licensure for veterans with the substantially equivalent training.*

Regulatory Analyst Rachel Glasgow informed the Board that this has been signed into law and the Division of Consumer Affairs is currently working on division wide regulations. Ed Reading raised concerns regarding if Boards/Committees will be required to take credits from accredited institutions of higher education.

B. Debra L. Wentz, Ph.D, Chief Executive Officer, The New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addition Agencies, Inc. (NJAMHAA)

The Board reviewed Ms. Wentz's May 3, 2013 letter regarding the Custody/Parenting Time Evaluation and Termination of Parental Evaluations (**N.J.A.C 13:34-9A and 31**). NJAMHAA is requesting that specific rules about disability determinations be incorporated into these regulations.

The Board determined that this is beyond the scope of the current rule proposal and it can be addressed by a future rule proposal. Regulatory Analyst Rachel Glasgow will be drafting the adoption notice and presenting it at the Board's July 11, 2013 meeting.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Alcohol and Drug Counselors

Nothing to report.

B. Professional Counselors

Nothing to report.

C. E-therapy/Internet Counseling Committee

The e-therapy Committee is continuing to gather data and information.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **June 13, 2013** at 9:30 a.m., Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2013 Meeting Dates:

June 13, 2013

July 11, 2013

August 8, 2013

September 12, 2013

October 10, 2013

November 14, 2013

December 12, 2013

Upon a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ben Beitin, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:34 a.m.

X. APPLICATION REVIEW

A. License Examination

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

Milena Alvarez- denied, degree requirements not met

Colleen Marshall - approved

Berta Mendez - denied, needs to submit the post degree grad 2012

Kelly Seccamanie - denied, courses do not meet requirements

Tiffany Leone-Vespa - denied, degree requirements not met

B. Three Year Temporary Permit

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

Monique Hendricks - approved

Gwendolyn Hinton - denied, degree requirements not met

Allison Lara - approved

Alexa Squire - denied, she needs a different supervisor who has been practicing in the field long enough to meet the requirements.

C. Supervision Report

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

Philip Bracco - approved

Nevolia Ogletree - approved

Natalie Setliff - approved

Naomi Steinhauser - approved

XI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board moved to Public Session at 12:25 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board returned to Public Session and voted to adjourn the May 9, 2013 at 12:27 p.m.

