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### **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **Acting Director**

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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 9:57 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

Board Chair, Ben Beitin  
Board Vice-Chair, Jose Perez  
Board Member, Ketrin Saud Maxwell  
Board Member, Edward Reading

##### **Excused:**

Board Member, Eileen Thornton

##### **Also Present:**

Deputy Attorney General, Jodi Krugman  
Acting Executive Director, Terri Goldberg  
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the minutes of the April 12, 2012 public meeting were approved as amended.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rhoda Ondov, NJ-AMFT attended the public meeting.

#### **V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Acting Executive Director, Terri Goldberg provided the Board with the new Waiver Rule that has been signed by Governor Christie currently in effect. The waiver needs to be submitted in writing with documentation for placement on the public agenda. The Board will review waiver requests on a case by case basis.

Terri Goldberg announced that the continuing education audit for marriage and family therapists will begin once the renewal period ends. The application for license reinstatement will become available online once the renewal period ends.

## **VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. Beth Strum**

The Board reviewed Ms. Strum's email regarding the accumulation work experience. The Board determined to request that Ms. Strum submit a completed application. She will be informed that if she is working part time 10 hours of supervised work experience per week is permissible.

### **B. Gloria Sloane**

The Board reviewed Ms. Sloane's written request for an extension for completing the required continuing education needed to renew her marriage and family therapy license. The Board determined to granted Ms. Sloan a six month extension for completing the continuing education and to submit copies of the continuing education certifications after completing them.

### **C. Carol Rothstein**

The Board reviewed Ms. Rothstein's letter requesting permission to take an online Ethics course to fulfill the continuing education requirement. Ms. Rothstein will be informed that taking an online Ethics course is permissible as long as it does not exceed 20 credit online continuing education limit.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Professional Counselor Examiners Committee**

*Dr. Saud Maxwell reported that:*

- 1- DAG Alexis Goldberger has been assigned as legal counsel for Committee.
- 2- The Committee is working on proposing to draft a regulation that will exempt Board/Committee members from the obligation of completing continuing education for license renewal while actively serving in the Armed Forces.
- 3- The Committee presented an overview on the licensure process at the New Jersey Counseling Association Annual Conference on April 27, 2012 and the presentation was very favorably accepted.

### **B. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee**

Dr. Reading informed the Board that on May 18, 2012 a meeting was held with DAGs Susan Berger, Alexis Goldberger, Silva, Acting Executive Director, Terri Goldberg, himself and the attorney for a licensee to prepare for the trial of the said licensee who adopted a former client.

### **C. Regulations Committee**

Revisions were made to the Documentation of Supervised Marriage and Family Therapy Experience form. Dr. Beitin and Jose Perez will review the forms again to make necessary revisions.

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **June 14, 2012** at 9:30 a.m., Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

June 14, 2012	October 11, 2012
July 12, 2012	November 8, 2012
August 9, 2012 <i> canceled</i>	December 13, 2012
September 13, 2012	

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Marie Daverio**

The Board reviewed Ms. Daverio's letter regarding Professional Counselor license portability. Board Member Ketrin Saud Maxwell reported that there is much confusion as to the definition of counseling. Ms. Daverio writes to inform the Board that the organization's goal is to have a category for counselors and breakout into various specialties. The New Jersey alcohol and drug counselor field is experiencing the same issue in terms of licensees with different degrees, levels of training and modalities. The Board determined to accept the letter as informational and write to Ms. Daverio and ask that she keep the Board abreast of the efforts in getting this goal met.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Board moved to Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss pending consumer complaints, disciplinary and confidential matters.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

