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### **BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES JUNE 13, 2013**

#### **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 9:55 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

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

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

#### **Announcement of Quorum**

Board Chair, Ben Beitin announced a quorum is present at 9:56 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. May 8, 2013 Public Minutes**

The minutes of the May 8, 2013 public meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners were approved as amended upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell. 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 omission of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners in Bills A-732 and S-2543 which makes it a crime of the third degree to practice without certain mental health licenses. *Regulatory Analyst, Chuck Manning informed Ms. Ondov that he will look into the history of the Bills and report back at the July 11, 2013 meeting.*
- ii. Ms. Ondov also inquired as to the status of **N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3i** "Definition of "counselor" of "counseling" in the graduate degree title." *The Board informed Ms. Ondov that the Division of Law is reviewing the proposed change.*

### **V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

#### **A. Licensing Activity Report:**

Active - 579  
Inactive - 167  
\* Pending - 149  
\* Reinstatements Pending - 11  
Suspended - 3  
Voluntary Surrender - 5  
Withdrawn - 2  
3 year permits - 80  
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.

#### **B. Web Update:**

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

## **VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

- A. Senate Bill S-2828** ~ This Bill permits courts to order involuntary outpatient treatment in any county; concerns patient compliance with taking medication. *Upon motion by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board voted to support the Bill with the suggestion that all plenary mental health licensees be included in the Bill. Voting in favor: all.*
- B. Senate Bill S-2727** ~ This Bill establishes the “Study Commission on E-Licensing” *Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board voted to oppose the Bill because it is too vague. Voting in favor: all.*
- C. Assembly Bill A-4126** ~ This Bill seeks to establish the “Art Therapy Licensing Act.” *Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board voted to oppose the Bill because Art Therapy is a technique not broad enough for licensure. The Board suggests amending the Professional Counselor regulations to add “art therapy” as a speciality designation. Voting in favor: all.*
- D. Senate Bill S-2840** ~ This Bill provided confidentiality for emergency service peer counselors. *Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board voted to support the Bill with the suggestion that it provide for the protection of employment for those who seek mental health counseling. Voting in favor: all.*
- E. N.J.A.C 13:34-9A and 31** - The Board reviewed the proposed “State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners Professional Counselor Examiners Committee Custody/Parenting Time Evaluation and/or Termination of Parental Rights Evaluation.” *Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to adopt as proposed. Voting in favor: all.*
- F. Debra L. Wentz, Ph.D, Chief Executive Officer, The New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction 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.*

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE)**

The Board reviewed the June 5, 2013 letter from COAMFTE informing the Board that the University of Saint Joseph's MA program has been granted a Renewal of Accreditation. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

**VIII. AAMFT/NJAMFT MATTERS**

Board Chair, Ben Beitin informed the Board that as of January 1, 2014 approximately one-fourth of the examination questions will be related to crisis counseling.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **July 11, 2013** at 9:30 a.m., Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

**2013 Meeting Dates:**

July 11, 2013  
September 12, 2013  
October 10, 2013  
November 14, 2013  
December 12, 2013

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board moved to Executive Session at 12:33 p.m.

**X. APPLICATION REVIEW**

**A. License Examination**

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

*Penny Clark - denied, does not meet educational requirements*

*Sean Mangan - approved*

*James Woodley - approved*

*Kelly Seccamanie - denied, needs to show practice component in program*

**B. Three Year Temporary Permit**

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

*Debra D. Adamczyk - approved*

*Gwendolyn Hinton (re-review) - denied, does not meet educational requirements*

*Andrew Gauge (re-review) - a denied, does not meet educational requirements*

*Tracey Ryan - denied, she needs to submit the Kean transcript to reflect the MFT degree*

**C. Supervision Report**

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

*William Campbell - approved*

*Mitchell Cogan - pending receipt of supervisor's CV*

*Karishma Jain- approved*

*Nevolia Ogletree - approved*

**XI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board moved to Public Session at 1:39 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 1:40 p.m.

