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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 10:03 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Chair, Ben Beitin
Board Vice-Chair, Jose Peres
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 May 10, 2012 public meeting were approved as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhoda Ondov, NJ-AMFT attended the public meeting.
Ms. Ondov presented the question: What title should a clinician who is working in an exempt setting refer to themselves as?
The Board determined to table the discussion for the July 12, 2012 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.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Online Therapy

The Board reviewed the e-mail submitted by Dr. Branden H. Henline regarding Internet counseling in Arizona. The Board will request that Dr. Henline forward a copy of review. The Board determined that Dr. Henline may meet N.J.S.A. 45:8b(6)c which states that therapy may be done 15 sessions in a 90 day period or within ten consecutive days.

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell the Board approved Dr. Henline to provide the therapy.

Dr. Reading suggested a meeting with the multiple disciplines to begin discussing E-therapy.

B. Supervision Regulation

The proposed revision to the supervision regulation is pending review.

C. Parent/Custody Time Evaluation

The Board Psychological Examiners' Parent/Custody Time Evaluation rules is pending approval.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Beth Strum

The Board reviewed Ms. Strum's email regarding the accumulation work experience. The Board determined to inform Ms. Strum, again, to submit a completed application. Acting Executive Director, Terri Goldberg will contact Ms. Strum to obtain clarification regarding the exact number of hours she will work and the exact number of client contact hours she intends to receive.

B. Jasine Torres

The Board reviewed the correspondence submitted by Jasine Torres regarding securing and documenting supervised work experience. The Board will inform Ms. Torres that if her agency does not provide on-site supervision she can meet with an outside supervisor. The supervisor does not have to have agency affiliation but must be familiar with the requirements. Mr. Torres will be instructed to refer to the Board's supervision agreement.

**VII. AAMFTRB/NJAMFT
Miles T. Burklow, LMFT**

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 **July 12, 2012** at 9:30 a.m., Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

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

