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BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **SEPTEMBER 12, 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 9:41 a.m., in the Hudson Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Chair, Ben Beitin, LMFT
Board Vice-Chair, Jose Perez, LMFT
Board Member, Edward Reading, LCADC (*Alcohol and Drug Counselor 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, Rachel Glasgow
Government Representative, Michela Ross
Administrative Assistant, Celeste Paige

Announcement of Quorum

Board Chair, Ben Beitin announced the presence of a quorum.

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. Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners

On a motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading the minutes of the July 11, 2013 public meeting were approved as presented.

B. Professional Counselor Examiners Committee

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the minutes of the **March 12, 2012** public meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee were approved as presented.

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the minutes of the **June 6, 2013** public meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhoda Ondov, Chris DeSilvestri and Krishna Jain attended the public meeting.

Ms. Ondov asked the Board about the status of the ruling to change the regulation regarding marriage and family therapy supervision.

Mr. DeSilvestri attended the meeting to receive clarification on the status of his application for licensure.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. A3371 - Conversion Therapy Bill

On August 26, 2013, the following individuals were served a summons and complaint following a notice of relief for N.J.S.A. A3371, which was signed by Governor Christie on August 19, 2013. Named on the complaint are Governor Chris Christie; Consumer Affairs Director Kanefsky; J. Michael Walker; Executive Director for the Social Work Board, Psychological Examiner Board; Paul Jordan, (former) President of the NJ Board of Medical Examiners; and Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director for the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

B. The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners' regulations will sunset on September 16, 2016. The formation of a Regulations Committee is required.

C. As of September 9, 2013, the following stats have been reported:

Active	583	3 year permits - 86
Inactive	167	1 year permits - 1
Pending	154	
Reinstatements Pending	11	
Suspended	3	
Voluntary surrender	5	
Withdrawn	2	

Note: Applicants listed in pending include inactive/abandoned applications as well those who are yet completing their requirements for licensure and/or permits.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

The regulation N.J.A.C. 13:42-3.6 and 13:42-12 - Parent Time Custody Evaluation is in the Governor's office awaiting signature.

VII. AAMFT/NJAMFT MATTERS

Changes to the National Marital and Family Therapy Examination administered by ProExam will take effect January 2014.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Professional Counselor Examiners Committee

1. The Committee has formed a sub-committee to work on regulations changes.
2. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) have been completed
3. Committee Chair, William Green, who attended National Board for Certified Counselors conference in August reported the anticipated merger of **CACREP** (*Council on Accreditation for Counseling and Related Educational Programs*) and **CORE** (*Credentialing Body for Rehabilitation Counselors*). Mr. Green will provide updates on the merger and changes.

B. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee

The Committee will form a sub-committee to begin working on regulation changes.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. OLD BUSINESS

None

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **October 10, 2013.**

October 10, 2013

November 14, 2013

December 12, 2013

XII. APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Examination Approval

1. LaShonda Johnson

B. 3 year temporary permits

1. Rebecca S. Gillespie
2. Jenny Liu-Melita
3. Jennifer Summerlin

C. Supervision Reports

1. Mitchell Cogan
2. Jamie Fraser
3. Teresa Messina
4. Gloria Narvaez-Emera
5. Marisa O'Keefe
6. Rhoda Ondov
7. Xuhua Zhang

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. to review pending complaints and other disciplinary matters.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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