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### **BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **OCTOBER 9, 2014**

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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 9:53 a.m., in the Hudson Room 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

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

##### **Present:**

Ben K. Beitin, LMFT, *Board Chair*  
Lorraine M. Barry, LMFT, *Board Member*  
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, *Board Member (Professional Counselor Committee Liason)*  
Jose Perez, LMFT, *Vice-Chair*  
Edward Reading, LCADC, *Board Member (Alcohol & Drug Committee Liason)*  
Michelle Weinberg, LMFT, *Board Member*  
Alyson Smith, LMFT, *Board Member*

##### **Excused:**

Johanna Klena, LCSW, *Board Member*  
Jennifer W. Plungis, LMFT, *Board Member*  
Mia Sena, *Board Member*  
Eileen Thornton, *Public Member*

##### **Also in attendance:**

Shirley Dickstein, *Deputy Attorney General*  
Jodi Krugman, *Deputy Attorney General*  
Rachel Glasgow, *Regulatory Analyst*  
Milagros B. Collazo, *Executive Director*  
Michela Ross, *Government Representative*  
Celeste Paige, *Administrative Assistant*

#### ***Announcement of Quorum***

Board Chair, Ben Beitin announced a quorum is present at 9:55 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 Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

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

#### **A. September 11, 2014 Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners Public Minutes**

*Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board members present voted to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2014 public meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners as amended. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

#### **B. July 25, 2014 Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee Public Minutes - Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee lacked a quorum at July 25, 2014 meeting**

*Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Alyson Smith, the Board members present voted to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2014 public meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee as amended. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*The following members of the public were present but did not comment:*

A. Rhoda Ondov

### **V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

*Nothing to report.*

### **VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

#### **A. Implementation of P.L. 2013, c. 49**

The Board members present reviewed the proposed language to P.L. 2013, c.49. This rule will grant credit toward licensure for education, training, and experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces. *Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board members present voted to accept this as informational. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

#### **B. Assembly Bill 3700**

The Board members present reviewed Assembly Bill 3700. This Bill seeks to provide licensure of ambulatory care facilities to provide integrated primary care services including behavioral health care. *Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board members present voted to oppose this Bill unless amended to include Marriage and Family Therapists, Professional Counselors, and Alcohol and Drug Counselors. The Board also voted to add language to include that those providing care should have evidenced based training in behavioral health and substance abuse and addictions. Voting in favor: all. The motion passed.*

### **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

*Nothing to report.*

**VIII. AAMFT/NJAMFT MATTERS**

The Board members present reviewed the April 1, 2014 letter from Lisa Chestnut-Jefferson requesting that Board Vice-Chair, Jose Perez attend the Lifeline Campaign workshop presented by NJAMFT. *Upon motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board members presented voted to contact the Division of Consumer Affairs' ethics officer prior to Mr. Perez' participation in this workshop. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. MFT Regulations Committee**

*The Marriage and Family Therapy Regulations committee has finished its initial review of the regulations and Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst will present the draft language to the regulations committee for its initial review.*

**B. Alcohol and Drug Counselors**

*The Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee regulations sub-committee is continuing the process to discuss proposed regulation changes in advance of Sunset in 2016.*

**C. Professional Counselors**

*The Professional Counselors regulations sub-committee has finished its initial review of the regulations and DAG Glasgow will present the draft language to the regulations sub-committee for its initial review. It was also reported that the FAQs have been approved by the Committee and will be submitted for posting on the Committee's website.*

**D. E-therapy/Internet Counseling Sub-Committee**

*Nothing to report.*

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report.*

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report.*

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **November 13, 2014** at **9:30 a.m.**, Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

**2014 Meeting Dates:**

November 13, 2014

December 11, 2014

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon a motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board members present moved to Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board members present returned to Public Session and voted to adjourn the October 9, 2014 at 1:55 p.m. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

