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### **PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JANUARY 3, 2013**

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair William Green called the meeting to Order at 9:44am in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Newark, New Jersey.

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

##### **Present:**

William Green, Committee Chair  
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair  
Peter Economou, Committee Member (arrived at 9:49am)

##### **Absent:**

Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member  
Diane Licht, Committee Member  
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member

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

Alexis Goldberger, Deputy Attorney General  
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director  
Michela Ross, Government Rep  
Agnes Almeida, Administrative Staff  
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

*Committee Chair, William Green announced a quorum of the Committee did not exist at 9:50am. Without the presence of a quorum the Committee can only recommend actions.*

*The motions discussed and accepted will be ratified at the next meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee meeting to be held on February 7, 2013.*

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 mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post

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

#### **A. October 4, 2012**

A recommendation for a motion made by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell to recommend approval of the October 4, 2012 minutes as amended. Peter Economou seconded. Voting in favor: all.

#### **B. December 6, 2012**

A recommendation for a motion made by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell to recommend approval of the December 6, 2012 minutes as amended. Peter Economou seconded. Voting in favor: all.

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robin Halpern inquired concerning the status of her Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) licence. The Committee informed Ms. Halpern they do not discuss individual applications in public session. Ms. Halpern also expressed concern regarding having her application approved due to lack of quorum. The Committee informed Ms. Halpern her application will go before the Board of Marriage and Family Examiners at their January 10, 2013 meeting for approval.

### **V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

#### **A. A3465 - withdrawn**

*This Bill seeks to limit actions against court-appointed psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, or other licensed mental health professionals in certain Family Court matters.*

The Committee accepted this as informational.

#### **B. A3427**

*This Bill seeks to provide professional or occupational licensure for qualified nonresident military spouses.*

The Committee accepted this as informational.

### **VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

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

	<u>Professional Counselor</u>	<u>Rehabilitation Counselor</u>
Active	3,083	137
Expired	682	161
Inactive	279	42
Pending	565	10
Reinstatements Pending	16	6
Suspended	4	0
Voluntary Surrender	12	1
Withdrawn	9	0

**B. Healthcare Professional Responsibility and Reporting Enhancement Act Reporting Form**

The Committee reviewed Chapter 83 pertaining to the Healthcare Professional Responsibility and Reporting Enhancement Act and accepted this as informational.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion on E-Therapy**

The Committee reviewed the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Report entitled "Considerations for the Provision of E-Therapy." The e-therapy sub-committee will initiate the research on internet counseling and supervision through Skype by starting an e-mail discussion among the sub-committee members.

**B. FAQ's**

FAQ's sub-committee chair, Ketrin Saud-Maxwell presented the Committee with a list of twenty-four (24) FAQ's that frequently come up with her students. Ms. Saud-Maxwell also reported on the website organization regarding FAQ's of the states with the most user friendly websites. The Committee staff will provide the sub-committee with a list of their most FAQ's from applicants.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. American Association of State Counseling Boards**

Committee chair, William Green reported he will be attending the American Association of State Counseling Boards' (AASCB) annual conference in New Orleans, LA January 9-11, 2013.

**IX. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**A. Cairn University (formally Philadelphia Biblical University)**

The Committee accepted this as informational.

**X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)**

Chair William Green, Vice-Chair Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, and Committee Member Dana Kaspereen presented at this conference last year and have been asked to present again at their April conference. Chair William Green and committee members Dana Kaspereen and Diane Licht will present this year.

**XI. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)**

The Committee will inquire with NBCC regarding the steps applicants must complete when requesting special accommodations for the National Counseling Exam (NCE).

**XII. FILED ORDERS**

**A. Orkeem Davis, LAC**

The Committee reviewed Mr. Davis' December 19, 2012 filed Consent Order. The Committee accepted this as informational.

**XIII. NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 7, 2013**

*2013 Meeting Dates:*

February 7, 2013

March 7, 2013

April 4, 2013

May 2, 2013

June 6, 2013

July 18, 2013

September 5, 2013

October 3, 2013

November 7, 2013

December 5, 2013

**IXV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A recommendation for a motion by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, seconded by Peter Economou the meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:02am.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

A recommendation for a motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the meeting adjourned at 1:57p.m.