

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 6, 2005  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselors Examiners Committee was called to order at 10:34 a.m. by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Committee Chairman, J. Barry Mascari  
Committee Vice-Chair, Abbey Bradway  
Committee Member, Jerry Cohen  
Committee Member, Ronald A. Rossell  
Committee Member, Edward Stroh

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine DeMars  
Deputy Attorney General, Mileidy Perez  
Regulatory Analyst, Danielle Swenson

Administrative Staff: Celeste Sweeper  
Administrative Staff: Agnes Almeida

**III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

On a motion by Jerry Cohen, seconded by Ronald Rossell the Public Session minutes of the December 2, 2004 meeting were approved as amended.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

**V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:8B-37 the Committee held an election to select new Committee officers. On a motion by Jerry Cohen, seconded Abbey Bradway, J. Barry Mascari was nominated for Committee Chair. On a motion by Ronald Rossell, seconded by Jerry Cohen, Abbey Bradway was nominated for Committee Vice-Chair,. By unanimous vote, J. Barry Mascari was reelected Committee Chair and Abbey Bradway was reelected as Vice-Chair.

**VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

A. N.J.A.C. 13:11.2(a)3i

Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson appeared to discuss the current requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:11.2(a)3i which requires that an acceptable degree means that word "counseling" or "counselor" appears in the degree title beginning April 20, 2006. The Committee determined that the requirement will not be amended.

## B. N.J.A.C. 13:42A- Proposed Rules -Certified Psychoanalyst Advisory Committee

The Committee reviewed the regulations regarding the certification of psychoanalysts in the State of New Jersey. The Committee commented favorably on the detail and clarity of the proposed regulations.

## VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It was reported that there are currently 2337 active licensees (professional and rehabilitation counselors). 198 licensees have not completed the renewal process.

## VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Michael James, LPC, LCADC, Ph.D.

The Committee received a letter from Michael D. James, LPC in which he questioned the reimbursement policies of major insurance companies which recognize the Master's degree provider rather than recognizing and reimbursing based on the Ph.D. credential. A letter will be sent to Dr. James informing him that the Committee does not have jurisdiction over insurance company reimbursement rates.

### B. Judy Kulstad, Ed.D

The Committee discussed correspondence submitted by Jody Kulstad regarding the documentation of supervised experience hours (N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.3.). Ms. Kulstad inquired about having her practicum/internship (pre-Masters) count toward the experience requirements for licensure. Ms. Kulstad will be informed, in writing, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.3 graduate level practicums and internships may be used to either satisfy the requirement for supervision or educational requirements, but may not be used for both.

### C. Leah Katz

The Committee reviewed a letter submitted by Ms. Katz, who inquired about professional counselor licensure. Ms. Katz presented questions for the Committee regarding CACREP accreditation (Council for Accreditation of Counseling Related Education Programs), field work experience and the time frame for completing supervision. The Committee will respond to Ms. Katz , by informing her that there is nothing in the New Jersey regulations which state that she obtain her degree from a CACREP accredited institution. She will be informed that hours of supervised fieldwork can be applied in appropriate categories in either course work or experience, not both. Ms. Kulstad will be referred to regulation N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.3(b) which specifically states that an applicant for licensure may take up to a maximum of six (6) years to satisfy the supervised professional counseling experience requirement as stated in N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.1.

### D. Deborah Ennis

The Committee received an e-mail from Ms. Ennis regarding the approval of continuing education courses. Ms. Ennis will be informed that the Committee is bound by the regulatory requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:34-15.4(b), which states that "prior to seeking approval of continuing education credit from the Committee for attending or presenting a course or program that has not been approved by any of the organizations listed in [N.J.A.C.. 13:34-15.4(a)1], the professional counselor shall first apply to and obtain approval from one of the listed organizations."

### E. Johanna DeBenedetto

The Committee reviewed an e-mail from Ms. DeBenedetto regarding supervision for licensure. Ms. DeBenedetto will be informed that based on the information provided, the individual she lists is not approved to provide supervision. The Committee cautioned the writer to avoid any arrangements that have the potential for conflict of interest or dual relationship. The Committee will also advise Ms. DeBenedetto that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.3, three calendar years of supervised professional counseling experience must be in a professional counseling

setting.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

### Continuing Education

The Committee discussed the reported frustration that a number of licensees have been experiencing regarding locating continuing education courses. Licensees who contact the Committee will be informed that the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC), the American Psychology Association (AMA) and the American Counseling Association's (ACA) web sites have links to qualifying continuing education providers.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

On a motion by Edward Stroh, seconded by Abbey Bradway, and unanimous vote the Committee agreed that if a meeting is canceled or special circumstances exist that each member review and approve applications in the interim. The approved applicants will be placed on the record at the Committee's next agenda meeting.

## **X. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 3, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey. The Committee agreed to cancel its April 7 and May 5, 2005 meetings due to scheduling conflicts. The Committee will meet on April 21, 2005.

## **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion made by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Ronald Rossell, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 10:36 a.m. to consider consumer complaints, individual licensure applications and pending disciplinary matters.

## **XII. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS**

On a motion made by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Edward Stroh, the Committee approved the following list of candidates for licensure.

### Professional Counselors

Karen Bright-Papeo  
Susan Loscalzo  
Donna Crotti  
Fred Lubinger  
Brie Donzella  
Barbara McDermott  
Christy Drapala  
Linda Nagy  
Kristie Ferrara  
Leslie A. Smith  
DeJaye Galbierczyk  
Roseanne C. Tobey  
Sonia Granato  
Alicia A. Williams  
Donna K. Hayden  
Mary Zambito  
Anne Hinton

### Associate Counselors

Sandra Chaves-Levine  
Ivana V. Pareja  
Nicole E. Frank  
Michelle Rivkin  
Washington McLelland  
Wendy Savarese  
Susan Mullen  
Kerri M. Scully  
Heather Murphy

Out of State

Kimberly L. Fredericks  
Angela R. Clack

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Jerry Cohen, seconded by Ed Stroh, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars  
Executive Director