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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Committee was called to Order in the Hudson Conference Room at 10:08 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, William Green
Committee Vice-Chair, Ketrin Saud Maxwell
Committee Member, Dana Kaspereen

Also Present:

Nancy Costello Miller, Deputy Attorney General
Elaine L. DeMars, Executive Director
Agnes Almeida, Administrative Staff
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

Due to the resignation of Committee members Barbara Maurer and Maria Meehan the Committee operated as a sub-Committee due to the lack of quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell the minutes of December 2011 public meeting were approved as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public attended the meeting:

Robin Halpern, LAC
Dr. Catherine Waters, Caldwell College
Dr. Peter Economu, Felician College
Denise Talotta, LAC applicant
Melissa Niles, LPC applicant

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Assembly Bill - 4384

The Bill seeks to allow out-of-state applicants certain special preferences for New Jersey licensure. The Committee determined that the preferences given to out-of-state applicants discriminates against New Jersey residents who apply for licensure. On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Committee determined to support the decision and recommendation of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy.

B. Assembly Bill 3121

This Bill clarifies the effect of abstention by a member of a public body.

The Committee accepted this Bill as written.

C. Assembly Bill 4400

This Bill seeks to exempt individuals with certain types of military service from certain fees and continuing education or professional competency requirements.

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Dana Kaspereen and a unanimous vote, the Committee supports the Bill as written.

D. N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2 and 11.5

The Committee reviewed the regulation for the application and educational requirements for professional and associate counselors and accepted as informational.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Elaine DeMars informed the Committee of the resignations of Committee Members Barbara Maurer and Maria Meehan.

Ms. DeMars also informed the Committee of her retirement effective February 1, 2012.

The Committee agreed to seek the Governor's assistance in filling the vacant positions that now exist as a result of the recent Committee resignations.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Plans of Supervision

The Committee reviewed the Proposed Plan of Supervision forms and determined to require that an individual who provides supervision have a minimum of 2 years of work experience as a licensed professional. The question:

"Have you completed a minimum of two years (3,000 hours) of work experience as a licensed professional with the credential you have indicated below?"

IX. COUNSELOR EDUCATOR PROGRAMS

A. Caldwell College

The correspondence submitted by Caldwell College was tabled for the March 2, 2012 agenda meeting.

B. Chestnut Hill College

The Committee reviewed the curricula submitted by Chestnut Hill College.

On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Committee determined to that the curricula met the minimum requirement for professional counselor licensure.

C. Nova Southeastern University

The Committee reviewed the December 1, 2011 letter submitted by Joyce Silverman, Program Administrator, Nova Southeastern University regarding the Committee's review of their Master's in Mental Health Counseling program. Ms. Silverman's letter informed the Committee of their receipt of the program approval and the Program's efforts to implement substantive changes to the curricula. The letter was accepted as informational.

X. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)

National Counselor Examination Score Report

Committee Chair William Green reported that he spoke with representatives at NBCC to clarify score report statistics.

XI. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE COUNSELING BOARDS (AASCB)

William Green reported that he attended the AASCB Annual Meeting this month (January 2012) where former Committee Chair J. Barry Mascari and New York State's Executive Director, David Kaplan served as speakers. Mr. Green reported that portability was discussed and that state boards plan to come together to discuss drafting legislation.

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **February 2, 2012.**

March 1, 2012	August 2, 2012	- <i>cancelled</i>
April 5, 2012	September 6, 2012	
May 3, 2012	October 4, 2012	
June 7, 2012	November 1, 2012	
July 19, 2012	December 6, 2012	

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell the Committee moved to Executive Session to conduct four investigative inquiries, six complaints, three license reinstatements and other pending confidential and disciplinary matters.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by William Green, the meeting adjourned 4:12 p.m.