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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES FEBRUARY 5, 2015

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I. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to Order at 9:39 a.m. in the Monmouth Conference Room, 7th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, Committee Chair
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair
Peter Economou, Committee Member
Diane Licht, Committee Member

Excused:

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

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

Committee Chair, William Green announced the lack of a quorum and read the Sunshine Law:

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 Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by Diane Licht, seconded by Peter Economou the minutes of the December 4, 2014 public session meeting were approved as amended. *Voting in favor: all*
The motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Renee Folzenlogen, *Caldwell College*
Lillesol Kane
Megan Kelley, *Caldwell College*
Rosmary McGhee
Dr. Catherine Waters, *Caldwell College*

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Nothing to report

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.8, 11.9 and 21.6

On a motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell the Committee recommended the approval to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy the rule adoption which will “allow applicants who are veterans to receive credit for experience and education towards licensure”.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to Report

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis’

The Committee reviewed the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis’ request for program evaluation. On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Peter Economou, the Committee determined to inform the College that the curricula was approved.

IX. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

The Committee was invited to speak and present at the Annual NJCA Conference, April 2015. The Committee accepted the invitation and William Green, Dana Kaspereen and Diane Licht will present at the Conference.

X. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE COUNSELING BOARDS

Chairman Green attended the AASCB annual conference in January 2015, and reported that out of 38 states who are members, 22 state boards were represented, with 13 state board administrators in attendance.

Highlights of the conference:

1. The keynote speaker addressed the issues related to the safety, inclusion and well-being of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer youth everywhere;
2. CACREP Reports that OH will require a degree from a CACREP accredited program beginning 2018; 661 programs at 296 institutions of higher education are CACREP accredited;
3. NBCC will require candidates for the NCC to have earned a master’s degree from a CACREP –accredited counseling program beginning January 1, 2022;
4. ACES approved the recommendation for educational standards for LPCs as being graduates from a CACREP-accredited institution;
5. NJ was recognized as having the strongest regs in the country, and is considered a leader and has a strong voice in the regulatory process of the counseling profession;
6. 30 of the 31 professional organizations that were a part of the 20/20 Building Blocks to Portability Project came to an agreement on:

Consensus Definition of Counseling:

Counseling is a professional relationship that empowers diverse individuals, families, and groups to accomplish mental health, wellness, educational, and career goals

Approved Licensure title:

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Approved Scope of Practice:

The independent practice of counseling encompasses the provision of professional counseling services to individuals, groups, families, couples and organizations through the application of accepted and established mental health counseling principles, methods, procedures and ethics.

Counseling promotes mental health wellness, which includes the achievement of social, career, and emotional development across the lifespan, as well as preventing and treating mental disorders and providing crisis intervention.

Counseling includes, but is not limited to, psychotherapy, diagnosis, evaluation; administration of assessments, tests and appraisals; referral; and the establishment of counseling plans for the treatment of individuals, couples, groups and families with emotional, mental, addiction and physical disorders.

Counseling encompasses consultation and program evaluation, program administration within and to schools and organizations, and training and supervision of interns, trainees, and pre-licensed professional counselors through accepted and established principles, methods, procedures, and ethics of counselor supervision.

The practice of counseling doesn't not include functions or practices that are not within the professional's training or education;

- 7. A joint letter from ACA and AASCB will be sent to all state licensing boards, proposing a plan for license portability. States will be asked to:
 - a. Accept definition, title and scope of practice definitions; and
 - b. Consider establishing an Interstate Compact: License AND 5 year experience; and
- 8. Committee Chair William Green received the AASCB Distinguished Service Award.

The Committee accepted Mr. Green's report as informational.

XI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Regulations Committee -pending draft of proposed changes to be completed for presentation to the full Committee
FAQ Committee - awaiting FAQs to be posted to the web page
Internet Counseling Committee - *tabled*

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **March 5, 2015**

Meeting Dates for 2015

March 5, 2015	August - <i>canceled</i>
April 2, 2015	September 3, 2015
May 7, 2015	October 1, 2015
June 4, 2015	November 5, 2015
July 16, 2015	December 3, 2015

XIII. APPLICATION REVIEW:

National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval

Jennifer Fria
Traci Gerckens
Caroline Roach

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval

Sandra Ciampitti
Aharon Ciment
Tatiana Grant
Patricia Guarino
Nanci Hiller
Brian Kennedy
Jayne Reagan
Mahan Ryan-Hannaway
Melissa Sampath
Arielle Treich
Kristen Wisniewski
Christian Wreiole
Melissa Yeger

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval

Nicole Esposito
Joseph Feola
Vivian Gemian
Robert Mazzucco

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 10:58 a.m. to conduct two investigative inquiries, reviews applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee adjourned the public meeting at 3:25. *Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*