

**Professional Counselor Committee Meeting
Open Session Minutes**

February 7, 2002

A. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Committee Chairman J. Barry Mascari who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chairman J. Barry Mascari
Committee Member Abbey F. Bradway
Committee Member Jerry Cohen
Committee Member Ronald A. Rossell
Committee Member Edward Stroh
Committee Member Connie Todd

Executive Director Dennis Gonzalez
Deputy Attorney General Joyce Brown
Supervising Clerk Celeste Sweeper
Jane Cofone Administrative Staff

C. APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2002 MEETING

On a motion by Abbey F. Bradway, seconded by Edward Stroh, minutes were approved with corrections.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

Senate Bill 1151 (now 5895) - Committee members reviewed and discussed this bill which re-opens the grandfather period for those who were unable to apply under the previous grandfather period. Committee members unanimously voted to oppose this bill for the following reasons: (a) The grandfather period was extended once before; (b) the previous grandfather period was well publicized and everyone was given ample opportunity to apply; (c) new regulations which are pending adoption will require a degree in counseling only for licensure.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mary Apol - Ms. Apol wrote the Committee a letter listing courses that she is taking and inquiring as to the appropriateness of these courses for her licensure application. Committee members requested the Executive Director to write Miss Apol and inform her that she must file an application in order for the Committee to review her course work.

2. Thomas A. D'Angelo - Mr. D'Angelo wrote the Board inquiring as to whether criminal convictions in his past

would preclude him from applying for a licensed professional counselor. Committee members requested the Executive Director to write Mr. D'Angelo and inform him that a criminal past does not necessarily disqualify a candidate. Upon applying, the Committee not only takes into consideration the degree of the offense, but also the rehabilitation that the individual has undergone.

3. Joan Kakascik - Ms. Kakascik sent an e-mail to the Executor Director inquiring as to whether a licensed professional counselor can use the terms "psychological" or "psychological assessment." The Board instructed the Executive Director to respond that a licensed professional counselor cannot use any terms associated with psychology or psychological.

4. Joanne Reilly LPC, LRC - Ms. Reilly sent an e-mail to the Executive Director inquiring whether a licensed professional counselor can use CPT codes. The Committee requested the Executive Director to respond to Ms. Reilly that these codes are acceptable and can be used by a licensed professional counselor.

5. James Maguire, LPC - Mr. Maguire sent an e-mail responding to the published sexual misconduct regulations for a licensed professional counselor and a licensed rehabilitation counselor. The Committee agreed with Mr. Maguire's comment and has instructed the Executive Director to forward to the Regulatory Analyst the needed changes in the language of this section.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Approved Supervisors - On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by A. Bradway, the Committee unanimously adopted the policy that the only acceptable supervisors are those individuals who are licensed mental health professionals in New Jersey or in another State and who are current and active licensees. Also acceptable as approved supervisors are licensees who are currently retired.

G. NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Director shared with the Committee members an invitation that he received from the NJCA inviting him to be the keynote speaker at the luncheon of our annual meeting which will be held March 5, 2002. It was decided that the Executive Director should be accompanied by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee during his presentation.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

John P. Egan of NJMHCA made a comment that there should be better communication between the NJCA and the Committee. He encouraged the Committee members to maintain a strong working relationship with the NJCA and felt that the participation of the Committee at the NJCA annual meeting on March 5th was a very positive step.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be March 7, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by J. Cohen, the Committee went into Executive Session.

K. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

On a motion by Edward Stroh, seconded by Connie Todd, the Committee took the following action:

APPROVED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Ruth T. Brookstein
Michael E. Considine
Georgina Fernandez
Margo A. Ferrin
Joel M. Levine
Frank Lopresti
Lisa A. Valeriani

DENIED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Paulette F. Brower-Garrett
Sandra E. Coppola
Monique L. Gabriele
Rachel Gingold
Ariana P. Gries
Irene Guarino
Carolyn A. Hannon
Kathleen McGovern
Anastasia M. Maravelias-Kakos
Nancy M. O'Brien
Stacey M. Solomon
William Sutterly
Andrea E. Westkamp

APPROVED FOR LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR

Nancy A. Abramson
Gabrielle D. Gatto
Shirley A. Roberts
Lisha Sakhrani

DENIED FOR LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR

Dorothy Hrynyk

APPROVED FOR SPECIALTY DESIGNATION

Beverly Baskin - Clinical Mental Health Counselor

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis E. Gonzalez
Executive Director
