

**New Jersey State Board of
Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners
Professional Counselor Examiners Committee
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

March 1, 2001

A. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:33 A.M. by Chairman Stroh.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Staff Present:

Executive Director Dennis E. Gonzalez
Deputy Attorney General Marilyn Bair
Danielle Swenson, Regulatory Analyst
Celeste Sweeper, Supervising Clerk

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2001 OPEN SESSION

On a motion by B. Mascari and seconded by J. Cohen the minutes were approved with corrections.

D. REGULATORY

1. Continuing Education - The Committee discussed with regulatory analyst D. Swenson the CE requirements for rehabilitation counselors. D. Swenson will present a final draft at next meeting.
2. On a motion by B. Mascari, seconded by A. Bradway, Committee voted to eliminate "current and former employees" as examples of inappropriate supervisory relationships.
3. On a motion by B. Mascari, seconded by C. Todd, Committee approved, with modifications, the comprehensive changes relating to rehabilitation counselors.
4. Sexual Misconduct - Committee extensively discussed a draft proposal by E. Stroh regarding sexual misconduct. D. Swenson will present a final draft at next meeting for discussion.
5. Conflict of Interest - DAG Bair presented Committee with a draft proposal on conflict of interest; after a discussion Committee agreed to discuss this and other standards of practice issues at the next meeting.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee reviewed letter from Maria Caruso, in which she inquires as to whether she can use post master's degree client contact hours she worked under a licensed social worker. Executive Director Gonzalez was asked to write to her and seek additional information concerning the contact hours and her supervisor.

F. REVIEW CREDENTIALS

Professional Counselors

Approved	Denied
Michelle L. Bardugon	Bernadette Callanan
Sadi I. Delaney	Donna Gillhaus
Siobhan F. DeNichilo	Nicole M. Kangley
Wendy K. Gant	Lori S. O'Leary
Lynn M. Hahm	Jeanmarie Petrino
Robert J. Johnson	Robyn J. Ultan
Laurena A. Londregan-Staub	Annette M. Vaccaro
Pamela A. Martorana	
Calvin D. Starcher	

Associate Counselors

Approved

Margaret A. Gill
Beth A. Scheiderman
David R. Stefan

G. OLD BUSINESS

Letter from Felice Toonkel responding to Committee's request to explain the designation of "PsyA". Ms. Toonkel reported that this designation is for a certified psychoanalyst. Committee was satisfied with explanation, no further action needed.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. E. Stroh and A. Bradway discussed with Committee the 13th Annual Conference of the American Association of State Counseling Boards. A written report from E. Stroh was presented.
2. Senate Bill 1687 - After lengthy discussion, and on a motion by A. Bradway, seconded by C. Todd, the Committee voted not support this bill because it would give to the Director of the Division of

Consumer Affairs the authority that the boards currently have of disqualifying a potential licensee for previous criminal activity. Furthermore the Committee is concerned that the bill makes certain offenses automatic disqualifiers for a license. However, Committee would support criminal background checks of applicants if the authority to approve or disapprove an applicant, based on this background check, remains with the boards.

3. New Complaint Form - The Committee reviewed the new complaint form developed by the Division. On a motion by A. Rossel, seconded by A. Bradway, Committee voted to express strong concerns to the Division on the "public disclosure" aspect of the new form.

4. Supervisory Affidavit - DAG Bair reminded committee members that it is important that the supervisory affidavit used by some applicants be used in limited cases (i.e. death of the supervisor or supervisor's relocation with no forwarding address)

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

One member of the public asked questions relating to the regulations.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ronald Rossell, seconded by J. Cohen, Committee went into executive session to approve minutes of previous executive session and to discuss several items under old and new business.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.
