

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chair J. Barry Mascari

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari
Committee Vice-Chair, Abbey F. Bradway
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer
Committee Member, Mark O'Sullivan

Excused:

Committee Member, Susan Devlin

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige
Administrative Staff, Agnes Almeida

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee approved the February 1, 2007 minutes as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Tom Crawley, Ed.D., LPC and New Jersey Counseling Association, Executive Committee member attended and invited the Committee to attend and present at the April 22- 24, 2006 annual conference.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

The Regulations Committee will meet March 29, 2007.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Elaine L. DeMars informed the Committee that Danielle Swenson will be leaving the Division and will no longer serve as the Regulatory Analyst for the Committee. A replacement has not yet been announced.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Jane Webber, Assistant Director, Seton Hall University J. Barry Mascari, Committee Chair, recused from the review and discussion of the correspondence based on his marital relationship with Dr. Webber. Vice-Chair Abbey Bradway presided over this segment of the agenda. The Committee reviewed (e-mail) letters dated

February 24, February 27 and February 28, 2007 submitted by Dr. Webber and specific questions relating to changes in the counseling program being considered by the University. The Committee voted to respond to Dr. Webber's letters and to address the following issues: the planned education program and graduate course content area requirement; the (professional counseling/ American Counseling Association, American Mental Health Counselors Association and the National Board of Certified Counselors codes of ethics) focus of the ethical and legal issues course work requirement; the emphasis of the CACREP course work content; and the need to employ clinical mental health professionals who are appropriately trained to teach courses specifically for professional counselors.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Portability

The Committee supports the intention of the AASCB's Portability proposal. The Committee agrees that the terms and procedures as they are written must be defined in terms of the New Jersey requirements. The matter is referred to the Regulations Committee.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, School of Health Related Professions - Kenneth J. Gill, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, David M. Gibson, Ed.D, Dean and Janice Oursler, Ph.D. Program Director, appeared before the Committee requesting that the Committee review the University's current Rehabilitation Counselor program curriculum and determine the courses required for the students to qualify for the licensure as a professional counselor as well as the rehabilitation counselor credential. The Committee voted to provide a redacted copy of the review completed for a graduate of the program detailing the course work that would meet the requirements for professional counselor licensure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2- 11.3, and for rehabilitation counselor licensure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-21.2- 21.3 and the course work deficiencies. The CACREP course content description will also be sent as a guide in determining how the current course work fits into each course content area. UMDNJ agreed to resubmit the program design with syllabi for each course. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled after UMDNJ's submission has been received.

B. Virginia Smith, Ph.D., MSW, LSW, Chair, Master of Human Services Program, Lincoln University In her letter, Dr. Smith asked the Committee to determine if the University's "Master of Human Services, Concentration in Counseling" would satisfy the requirement for New Jersey professional counselor licensure. The mailing included course descriptions for the 54 credit graduate program in addition to the 6 additional credits (with a concentration in counseling) program requirement. Upon Committee review and on a motion by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Barbara Maurer the Committee voted to write Dr. Smith informing her that the master's in human services program does not appear to meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2. It was determined that the course work does not sufficiently focus on professional counseling, and core courses are not included in the material provided.

C. National Certified Counselor Newsletter - Winter 2007

The Committee accepted the newsletter as informational.

D. Alan Downing, graduate student in the Counseling program at Rider University

Mr. Downing writes to invite the Committee to attend a seminar and meet with faculty to discuss issues regarding licensure, supervision and internships. On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by Mark O'Sullivan the Committee voted to write Mr. Downing to invite him to submit the specific question in writing for Committee review and response.

E. Division of Law Billing - FYI

The Committee accepted the report as informational.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is April 5, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

2007 Meeting Dates:

May 3, 2007 September 6, 2007

June 7, 2007 October 4, 2007

July 12, 2007 November 1, 2007

August 2, 2007 December 7, 2007

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:40 a.m., on a motion by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Barbara Maurer the Committee voted to move to Executive Session to review individual applications and pending disciplinary matters.

XII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

Professional Counselors

Gagliano, Tara McCallum, Juliet

Lam, Esther Scott, Nelson

Loffredo, Robert Rider, Margaret

Associate Counselors

Friedland, Sarah

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.