

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2005**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselors Examiners Committee was called to order at 9:47 a.m. by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. 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 D. Stroh

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Mileidy Perez
Administrative Staff, Celeste Sweeper
Administrative Staff, Agnes Almeida

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

On a motion by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Ronald Rossell, the minutes of February 3, 2005 were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jamall Angoy, Carol Boyer, Billy Guerrier and Jeannette Horner-Stein, graduate students at Montclair State University attended as part of their program requirements to complete six hours of observation of a professional meeting. In response to the request of the Committee, the students introduced themselves and identified their programs of study.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Assembly Bill 3757

The Committee reviewed a copy of Assembly Bill 3757 which revises licensure and certification requirements for certain persons who engage in practice of social work. While the Committee accepted the Bill as informational they agree that this proposal increases the protection of the public through the requirement of a bachelor's level social examination.

B. Senate Bill 2321

The Committee reviewed a copy of Senate Bill 2321 which would require that conditionally discharged drug dependent persons to undergo assessment and drug treatment.

The Committee is in favor of this Bill with the following questions/ comments/ recommendations:

- 1) Who will pay the cost for the evaluation?
- 2) What are the provision if the area does not have the necessary facilities?
- 3) The assessment should be performed by a licensed professional.
- 4) Has consideration been given to the case in which the defendant does not adhere to the court's recommendation for treatment?
- 5) There is great emphasis put on testing, however, there are other behavioral factors that should also be taken into consideration.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. License Renewal

It was reported that to date there are 2,156 active professional, 208 active rehabilitation and 98 active associate counselors. Seventy-three (73) professional counselors, 19 rehabilitation and 6 associate counselors have elected to place their licences on inactive status. There are currently 429 professional counselors and 101 rehabilitation counselors with expired licenses. To date there are 193 professional counselors, 3 rehabilitation counselors and 30 associate counselor pending licensure. The expiration date for the current biennial cycle was November 30, 2004.

B. Jan McMillan, AASCB

Jan McMillan, Past President and coordinator for the American Association of State Counseling Boards portability effort will be scheduled to attend a Committee meeting to discuss licensure portability and AASCB's Credential Data Bank

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Thomas Flaherty

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Thomas Flaherty in which a request was made for the Committee to accept continuing education course that were completed prior to 12/01/04. All continuing education waivers will be considered in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:34-15.7. The Executive Director will review the timetable of notices forwarded to licensees regarding continuing education. The matter will be discussed at the April meeting.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is April 21, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Jerry Cohen, seconded by Ronald Rossell, the Committee voted to move into Executive Session at 10:25 a.m. to review applications for licensure, consumer complaints and disciplinary matters.

X. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by Edward Stroh, seconded by Jerry Cohen, the Committee voted to approve the following applications:

Professional Counselors

Bravo, Ociel
Keller, Heidi
Carlson, Jeffrey
Klein, Denise
Coletta, Annette L

MacPherson, Sherry
DePola, Karen.
Matiko, Ruthann
Galan, Jaime
Maxwell, Ketrin
Gluchoski, Katherine
Spurrier, Jane
Kaplan, Michael
Zydzik, Victoria
Karten, Elan

Associate Counselors
Harkay, Judith A.
Standish, Janine

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Edward Stroh, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars
Executive Director