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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **APRIL 3, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Vice-Chair, Ketrin Saud-Maxwell called the meeting to Order at 9:40 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 7th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair
Peter Economou, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member
Diane Licht, Committee Member

Absent:

William Green, Committee Chair
Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff
Agnes Almeida, Administrative Staff

Committee Vice- Chair, Ketrin Saud-Maxwell announced the presence of a quorum at 9:40 a.m.

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 Record and The Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Committee's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 6, 2014 Professional Counselor Examiners Public Minutes

Upon motion by Committee member, Michael Shea, seconded by Committee member Peter Economou, the Committee voted to approve the March 6, 2014 Public minutes as corrected. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present and did not comment:

- A. **Gina Sabatino, student at Caldwell College**
- B. **Carly Hess, student at Caldwell College**
- C. **Mary Ellen McEllerny, adjunct faculty at Caldwell College**
- D. **Helen Caralajal student at Caldwell College**
- E. **Sister Catherine Walters, Professor at Caldwell College**

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

- A. **Assembly Bill 3321** ~ This Bill amends “Administrative Procedure Act” to require State agencies to use various electronic technologies procedures. *Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Michael Shea, the Committee voted to take a neutral position on this Bill. Voting in favor: all.*
- B. **Assembly Bill 1521** ~ This Bill modifies process for contested case hearings by OAL with regard to telephone and video conferences for delegation of final decision authority, oral decisions, electronic filings, and settlements. *Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Michael Shea, the Committee voted to take a neutral position on this Bill. Voting in favor: all.*
- C. **Assembly Bill 2332** ~ This Bill requires public bodies to publish notice of public meeting on official Internet website. *Upon motion by Diane Licht, seconded by Michael Shea, the Committee voted to support this Bill. Voting in favor: all.*
- D. **Assembly Bill 1254** ~ This Bill requires certain civil actions against certain licensed persons to be brought within two years. *Upon motion by Diane Licht, seconded by Peter Economou, the Committee voted to oppose this Bill because not all inquiries are discovered within two years. Voting in favor: all.*
- E. **Assembly Bill 2360** ~ This Bill waives certain professional and occupational licensing fees for veterans and spouses of veterans. *Upon motion by Diane Licht, seconded by Michael Shea, the Committee voted to support this Bill with the following changes 1) to only waive the initial licensing fee; and 2) to define the term “spouse” to include those in same sex domestic partnerships. Voting in favor: all.*
- F. **Assembly Bill 2557**~ This Bill requires counseling for certain domestic offenders. *Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Michael Shea, the Committee voted to take a neutral position on this Bill. Voting in favor: all.*
- G. **Senate Bill 1630** ~ This Bill requires health care providers to observe certain practices concerning collection of outstanding balances on patient accounts. *Upon motion by Michael Shea, seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to support this Bill. Voting in favor: all.*

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Licensing Activity Report - Professional Counselors

	LAC	PC	LRC
Active	1168	3292	126
Expired	301	760	170
Inactive	34	279	42
Pending	770	555	10
Reinstatements Pending	21	4	6
Suspended	1	4	0
Voluntary Surrender	0	12	1
Withdrawn	7	10	0

* in the pending category, aside from applications pending final Committee review/approval, are applications that are missing documentation, applications waiting on exam results, or have been abandoned.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

X. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Nothing to report. Nothing to report.

XI. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

Members of the Committee discussed the planned presentation at the NJCA conference April 5, 2014. The sub-Committee discussed adding slides discussing the Sunset process, the difference between Statutes and Regulations, and the Parenting Custody Time regulation.

XII. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)

Nothing to report.

XIII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Committee

Peter Economou reported that the Rules and Regulations sub-committee is next meeting April 11, 2014 to continue review of regulations prior to the 2016 Sunset date.

B. FAQs Committee

Ketrin Saud-Maxwell presented the Committee with a draft of the proposed Professional Counselor FAQs for their review. Additional discussion was tabled until the May 1, 2014 meeting.

C. Internet Counseling

Peter Economou reported that the Internet Counseling sub-committee is currently tabled.

XIV. FILED ORDERS

None to report.

XV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for May 1, 2014

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2014

May 1, 2014	October 2, 2014
June 5, 2014	November 6, 2014
July 10, 2014	December 4, 2014
August 7, 2014	
September 4, 2014	

XVI. APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

Applicants approved to take NCE Exam

Paula G. Alexander
Laura R. Araujo
Jennifer A. Avenoso
Irina Bashkirov
Amanda M. Bauer
Kimberly N. Beury
Donna M. Chambers
Amanda G. DeFuria
Adriana Delgado
Nicole Facchinei
Krista L. Herbert
Tammy C. Ives
Gary W. Kirkland
Stanley E. Kletkewicz
Kate M. McShane
Renee L. Rivera
Darryl R. Smith
Laura R. Thompson
Amy Vanderclute
Cheryl A. Verndermark
Jennie M. Vila
Kataura T. Washington-Simon

LAC approved

Erika M. Calvi
Cynthia L. Castaneda
Melissa B. Citron
Stella N. Diali
Megan A. DiCanio
Reginald S. Dorsey
Kathryn A. Doster
Ashley L. Espersen
Lauren A. Foley
Kelly L. Harris
Megan M. Henriquez
Jessica M. Jensen
Jennifer R. Jones
Marissa I. Kandel
Ashley R. LaRose
Kenneth T. Lemaszewski
Earl Lewis
Lauren A. Mazzaresse
Lindsay T. Neill
Jennifer L. Quiley
Victoria A. Resnick
Salvatore Ridente
Christine E. Reilly
Amy S. Ronquillo
Lauren H. Sacs
Lisa A. Schaad
Adrienne S. Simpkins
Melissa M. Stackpole
Hatsue Stoute
Melissa A. Szeliga
Gisela A. Troncoco-Chaples
Alyson L. Zilai

LPC approved

Angelica D. Allrich
Najah Z. Berry
Anthonia A. Eleanya
Jeanne L. Kane
Arthur Karwowski
Lauren J. Maguire
Phyllis M. Matichak
Abby G. Sangmeister
Kristen A. Szczech
Jennifer L. Tursi

Proposed Plans of Supervision approved

Katherine Paseka
Marissa Gitter
Jennifer C. Jones
Alicia Zielinski
Zaval Philip
Cynthis Mellitz
Racquel Rivero
Deborah Michelman
Michael Borowiec
Robbenmarie Insogno
Ebony Rao
Reena Panchal
Maria Spadaro
Tierney Farry
Marisa Petrozziello
Rocener Gille
Cynthia Whitecraft
Danielle Costa-McCobb
Robyn Shapiro
Han Seokmin
AnnMarie Woods
Stephanie DeRosa-Hillman
Christina Niobarek

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Michael Shea, seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to move to Executive session at 10:22 a.m to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Michael Shea, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Committee voted to return to Public session at 3:00 p.m. to adjourn the April 3, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all.

