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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **APRIL 4, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair William Green 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:

William Green, Committee Chair
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair (left at 1:45 p.m.)
Peter Economou, Committee Member
Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member (left at 2:30 p.m.)
Diane Licht, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member (arrived at 9:52 a.m.)

Also Present:

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

Committee Chair, William Green announced a quorum at 9:41 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 Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Committee's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 7, 2013

Committee member Peter Economou moved to approve the February 7, 2013 Public minutes with committee member Dana Kaspereen seconding. Voting in favor: all.

Due to a lack of quorum at the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee February 7, 2013 meeting, the following Professional Counselor Examiners Committee Public Session minutes were ratified by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners at its February 14, 2013 meeting.

B. January 19, 2012

The January 19, 2012 public minutes of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee were presented and ratified by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

C. February 2, 2012

The February 2, 2012 public minutes of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee were presented and ratified by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

D. January 3, 2013

The January 3, 2013 public minutes of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee were presented and ratified by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Barbara Azzuh, Counseling Psychology with a concentration in Art Therapy student at Caldwell College

Ms. Azzuh attended the meeting as part of her course requirement.

B. Carly Hess, Counseling Psychology with a concentration in Art Therapy student at Caldwell College

Ms. Hess attended the meeting as part of her course requirement.

C. Marie Hess, mother of Carly Hess and licensed nurse

Ms. Hess attended the meeting in support of her daughter.

D. John A. McDonald, North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education (NJACES) licensure Committee, student TCNJ

Mr. McDonald expressed concern the agenda was not on the website prior to the meeting. Mr. McDonald was informed there was an unexpected delay getting the agenda uploaded. Committee staff will be periodically checking the website to ensure the minutes have been uploaded.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. ACA Code of Ethics

The Committee discussed including a reference to the American Counseling Association (ACA)'s Code of Ethics. Regulatory Analyst, Rachel Glasgow and DAG Alexis Goldberger advised the Committee of existing discrepancies between the ACA Code of Ethics and the ethics currently outlined in the Committee's regulations.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Licensing Activity Report

	<u>Professional Counselor</u>	<u>Rehabilitation Counselor</u>
Active	3,060	126
Expired	771	170
Inactive	280	42
Pending *	553	10
Reinstatements Pending *	22	6
Suspended	4	0
Voluntary Surrender	12	1
Withdrawn	10	0

* “pending” incorporates all applications that are incomplete (ie. missing transcripts, NCE scores, supervision forms, etc), applicants that have been approved and have yet to pay their licensing fees, applicants that have been approved and are awaiting the results of their criminal history background check. Administrative staff is working with MIS to resolve these conflicts

B. Licensed Rehabilitation Counselor (LRC) Licensure

Robert J. Pare, wrote to inquire as to the future of the designation. Mr. Pare is concerned that the designation may be discontinued, and requested clarity as to the title status of the designation. *The Committee determined to send Mr. Pare a letter explaining that currently the Licensed Rehabilitation Counselor (LRC) is a Practice Act. The Committee is waiting on the final vote.*

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. LPC supervision by an LCADC

The Committee reviewed Chair of the Alcohol and Drug Committee, Edward Reading’s March 7, 2013 memorandum suggesting criteria for a LPC to be supervised by a LCADC.

The Committee accepted this as informational, and will revisit in the course of revising their supervision regulation.

B. Robert Mantia, LAC from the Kintock Group

The Committee reviewed Mr. Mantia’s letter regarding frequency of supervision requirements for LAC’s. Mr. Mantia inquired if the activities pursuant to **N.J.A.C 13:34-13.1(d)** should take place at certain regular intervals, or if the supervision frequency is at the discretion of the supervisor? *The Committee determined to write Mr. Mantia a letter informing him that N.J.A.C 13:34-13.1(d) does not specify frequency of supervision.*

C. Tennessee Board of Licensed Professional Counselors RE: License Reciprocity

The Committee reviewed the letter dated March 11, 2013 submitted by Ms. Sherry Owen, Board Administrator of the Tennessee Licensing Board regarding license reciprocity. William Green, Chair presented to the Committee Tennessee Counseling Bill HB 1185/ S514 indicating his concerns regarding entering into a reciprocity agreement with a state that supports legislation of a discriminatory nature.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

D. Clarification of the July 19, 2012 Public Minutes RE: Glenn Duncan’s Advanced Counselor Training (ACT) Program

Upon motion by W. Michael Shea, seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee clarified section VIII. A. “Correspondence” of the July 19, 2012 Public Minutes. In response to Mr. Glenn Duncan’s June 7, 2012 letter regarding supervisor qualifications. The Committee asked Mr. Duncan to provide the course content of his 30 hour workshop for informational purposes only. The Committee clarified that it is Not authorized to provide approval of courses, as required in preparation for obtaining the Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) certificate issued by the Center for Credentialing and Education (CCE) of the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC). The Committee reiterated the requirements for supervisor qualifications are laid out in: N.J.A.C 13:34-13.1:

“a) A qualified supervisor, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:34-10.2, shall meet the following requirements prior to supervising the provision of professional counseling services:

1) The individual shall have obtained 3,000 hours of work experience subsequent to holding a clinical license to provide mental health counseling services. The 3,000 hours shall have been obtained over a minimum of two years, but no more than six years; and

2) On or after October 5, 2011, the individual shall hold an approved clinical supervisor credential from the Center for Credentialing and Education of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) or an equivalent clinical supervisor credential recognized by the individual's respective professional healthcare licensing board, if applicable, or shall have completed a minimum of three graduate credits in clinical supervision from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.”

Voting in favor of motion: all.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACA Code of Ethics

The Committee reviewed the email from David Kaplan requesting the Committee’s feedback regarding the first draft of the 2014 ACA Code of Ethics.

The Committee tabled this matter for further discussion.

IX. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. Cairn University (formally Philadelphia Biblical)

The Committee reviewed the March 25, 2013 letter from Dr. Jeffrey Black of Cairn University and supporting documentation regarding course content. *The Committee determined to accept the degree title change from Masters of Science in Christian Counseling to Masters of Science in Counseling.*

B. Review of College Courses

Executive Director, Milagros Collazo reported many of the approved curriculum at area colleges/universities, will be requiring review for continued approval. Committee staff is requesting the Committee's guidance on the review process including: start date, materials to request, and the process for review/approval. *The Committee determined to have staff send letters to all colleges/universities that will be expiring to report substantive changes to their programs and to forward updated course curriculum to the Committee for review.*

X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

Chair William Green reported that he, Dana Kaspereen, and Diane Licht are scheduled to present at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ.

XI. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)

Committee Chair, William Green announced that the NBCC conference is to be held in August and the Committee is awaiting their formal invite.

XII. FILED ORDERS

None to report.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for May 2, 2013

2013 Meeting Dates:

May 2, 2013

June 6, 2013

July 18, 2013

September 5, 2013

October 3, 2013

November 7, 2013

December 5, 2013

XIV. APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

Applicants approved to take NCE exam

Timothy Callahan

GINNA P. CHAMPMAN

Kristina A. Colletti

Claudia E. Fernandez

Rocener Gille

Terry E. Griner

Michele J. Grippaldi

Monica Guzman
Megan E. Inglesby
Robbenmarie B. Insogno
Ladonna G. Johnson
ChrisAnn Karsen
ZaSah S. Kahademi
Amna J. Khan
Laura A. Klockner
Deborah L. Kopko Vitale
Sue Jung Lee
Rebecca K. Logunovskiy
Katherine Lowe
Teresa Martino Woods
Lisa A. McHale
Andrea C. Milo
Christina E. Morelli
Karen S. Ognibene
Adelaida Salmeron

LAC approved

Deana M. Alessio
Robert Baur
Amanda B. Buff
Elizabeth Greenberg
Dana Grinblat
Michael D. Hannon
Irene L. Hoylie
Jennifer C. Jones
Lindsay R. Kania
Christina M. Kaplan
Michelle M. Kerekes
Laura A. Klockner
Laura E. Koller
Laura A. Kootz
Kimberly A. Mancini-Parisi
Michael B. Marcinowski
Wendy S. Mckensie
Amanda R. Mohabir
Gricel A. Mello
Karen M. Mihalow
Kaitlin M. Najjar

Steven L. Newman
Eva M. Pena
Jessica L. Pieknik
Renata Rybalova
Barbara M. Teixeira
Reena Vyas
Colleen A. Young

LPC approved

Barbara Adams-Plyer
Elizabeth A. Dahlberg-Lee
Padma Desai
Susan L. Ebeling-Witte
George W. Halliwell
Sephania A. Henthorn
Erica D. Hill
Gwendolyn O. Hinton
Erin Kennedy-Swinney
Ashley E. Janosko
Jessica I. Kucz
Lisa M. Lakey
Danielle L. Lazzaro
Daniel J. Lemond
Troy R. Leonard
Dana K. Logandro
Brenda M. Luchetti
Rosa Mercado
Theresa C. O'Neill
Paul W. Pound
Brielle C. Senft
Kristina B. Vande Vrede
Denisha A. Warren
Crystal A. Wytenus

Reinstatements Approved

Karen Gorman, LPC
Maria Sista, LPC
Larissa Longberg, LPC
Keisha Sparrow, LPC
Malcolm Thompson, LPC
Jennifer Stevenson, LPC
Nadine Ryan, LPC
Francine Ruth Goldberg, LPC

Plans of Supervision Approved

Rebecca King
Emma Mammano
Luisa Marquez
Kristina L. Ogilvie
Naomi J. Pliskow
Jose M. Rodriguez
Linda Rosenberg
Adam W. Thomas
Doris Vallejo

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Peter Economou the meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:52 a.m. Voting in favor: all.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Diane Licht, seconded by Peter Economou, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m. Voting in favor: all.