

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 2006**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

**III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

On a motion made by Abbey F. Bradway, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee approved the March 2, 2006 minutes as presented.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Students from Montclair State University attended the meeting to fulfill part of the internship requirements of the professional counselor program offered at the University.

B. Christine Good

Ms. Good appeared before the Committee to discuss her application for licensure. Executive Director Elaine L. DeMars advised Ms. Good that while she is welcomed to make a statement the Committee would not discuss her application. Ms. Good provided written documents for consideration in the review of her application.

**V. REGULATORY ISSUES**

N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3i

A. Executive Director Elaine L. DeMars advised the Committee that applications postmarked prior to the April 19, 2006 cut off date will be processed for Committee review.

B. Regulations Committee Report

Vice-Chair Abbey F. Bradway and Committee Member Ronald Rossell reported that the members continue to discuss suggestions for the consideration of the Committee.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Elaine L. DeMars informed that there will be a meeting of representatives of the mental health boards on May 11 to discuss Internet Counseling (E-Therapy), the biennial continuing education requirement for 3 credit hours in "Cultural Competency" and a discussion regarding supervision requirements. Committee Chair J. Barry Mascari and Committee Vice-Chair Abbey F. Bradway volunteered to represent the Committee and attend the joint meeting.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. American Psychotherapy Association**

In her letter, Kelly J. Snider, Chief Association Officer of the American Psychotherapy Association (APA), requested recognition of individuals with the (APA) Diplomate status as an alternative for the licensure examination. The Committee determined that Ms. Snider is to be provided with a copy of the statute (N.J.S.A. 45:8B-40(e)) and regulations (N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.4) specifying the examination requirement.

### **B. Jennifer Pineles**

Ms. Pineles is a graduate student with William Paterson University and writes on behalf of the director Dr. Torsney advising the Committee that William Paterson University recently changed the program name from Applied Clinical Psychology to Clinical and Counseling Psychology. Ms. Pineles inquires as to the documentation that graduates need to submit in order to indicate the change in the name of the program. The Committee directed that reference be made to N.J.A.C 13:34-11.2(a)3(1) for the requirement that the word "Counseling" or "Counselor" is included in the title of the degree and that the institution offering the degree states in the catalog or in another format acceptable to the Committee that the purpose of the graduate degree is to prepare students for the professional practice of counseling. In addition, reference will be made to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3(ii) and the requirement for completion of a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours of which 45 graduate semester hours are distributed in at least eight of the core areas.

### **C. Robert Wesley**

Mr. Wesley writes the Committee requesting acceptance of continuing education credits he received in 2003 and 2004 for application toward the 2006 - 2008 biennial renewal requirement. On a motion made by Committee Vice-Chair Abbey F. Bradway and seconded by Committee Member Susan Devlin the Committee voted to deny the request pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-15.4 . The certificate submitted for the contact hours completed at Rutgers University does not indicate that the program is graduate course work. In addition, the Committee determined that the request does not meet the requirement for a waiver pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-15.7.

### **D. Susan Mixdorf**

In an e-mail, Ms. Mixdorf provides information about the organization and presents a series of questions related to practice utilizing electronic media, employee assistance counseling requirements and exempt settings. The Committee directed that the writer be provided with a copy of the statute and regulations for review and that she be informed that licensure is required to practice professional counseling in the State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a) and (b). Exempt activities and services are outlined under N.J.S.A. 45:8B-48. The correspondence will be referred to the other mental health boards for review.

## **VIII. Application Processing Issues**

### **A. Approval to sit for the examination.**

The Committee members discussed the review of applications and the need to approve applicants to sit for exam following approval of the graduate degree and course work requirements. It was noted that there are other states that require approval before sitting for the NCE. The Regulations Committee will discuss the issue and make

recommendations.

## **B. Reinstatement Requirements (after 5 years)**

The Committee previously discussed the requirements of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1 (d) and the requirement that a licensee seeking reinstatement of a license in the expired status for more than 5 years " shall successfully complete the examination required for initial licensure." The Committee reviewed the response of Patti Brown of NBCC. She provided information that such candidates would be required to obtain a registration form from the Committee and send it with the NCE exam fee. The applicant will be required to note on the form that they are seeking reinstatement of licensure.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Portability Policies and Procedures**

Executive Director Elaine L. DeMars informed the Committee in order to respond to AASCB's portability agreement, input is needed to determine what, if any provisions can be made for individuals licensed in other jurisdictions and have no disciplinary record. The Committee determined to contact AASCB and request a presentation to for the newly appointed Committee members to provide the information necessary to consider the proposal and the options.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS/ FYI**

NCE Statistical Summary Report for New Jersey 1/06 The report was accepted as informational.

## **X. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is May 4, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

### **2006 Committee Meeting Dates**

June 1, 2006 October 5, 2006  
July 6, 2006 November 2, 2006  
August 3, 2006 December 7, 2006  
September 7, 2006

## **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:42 a.m., on a motion by Ronald Rossell and seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session to discuss pending disciplinary matters.

## **XII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW**

On a motion by Abbey F. Bradway, seconded by Susan Devlin, the Committee voted to approve the following applications as noted:

### **PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS;**

Anderson, Rashaunda Nereo, Marilyn  
Canady, Beverly A. O'Rourke, Karen L.  
Canulette, Linda Palinskas-Chavez, Jennifer  
Carpio, Marysella P. Pendegrass, Linda L.  
Dopulos, Vincent Rehman, Sonia  
Elias, Dalia M. Roberts, Shirley A.  
Hammer, Elysa Smith, Michele R.

James, Robin F. Williams, Veronika  
Jean-Pierre, Danielle Willis, Valerie  
McCabe, Meredith Zdep-Mattocks, Barbara

**ASSOCIATE COUNSELORS;**

Angelo, Dorinda Cooper, Jennifer F. Quick, Amy M.  
Berger, Cresson A. Hiebsch, Danielle Sievers, Harry  
Buchanan, Joy Kovaleski, Julie A. Vogelaar, Sofia J.  
Cmur, Linda Labocki, Margareta Walton, Eileen C.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by Ronald Rossell, the meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars  
Executive Director