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### **PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **MAY 2, 2013**

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#### **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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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. April 4, 2013**

*Committee member W. Michael Shea moved to approve the April 4, 2013 Public minutes with revisions, seconded by Committee member Dana Kaspereen. Voting in favor: all.*

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **A. Glenn Duncan, Advanced Counselor Training, Inc.**

1.) Mr. Duncan came before the Committee requesting clarification as to whether his program as presented at the July 19, 2012 meeting was approved by the Committee as another avenue for LPC's to obtain their approved supervisor credential.

*DAG Goldberger advised Mr. Duncan that the July 19, 2012 minutes were clarified in the April 4, 2013 minutes to reiterate that the Committee does not have authority to approve courses taken in preparation of obtaining the ACS.*

2.) Mr. Duncan inquired if an approved supervisor may have more than six (6) supervisees in an exempt setting.

*The Committee informed Mr. Duncan that the maximum number of supervisees an approved supervisor may have in any setting (exempt or not) is six (6) pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:34-13.1(f).*

3.) Mr. Duncan inquired with the Committee if a licensee may hold himself out as a "therapist."

*The Committee informed Mr. Duncan that it is a question for the Marriage and Family Examiners Board and will be put on the agenda for its June 13, 2013 meeting for clarification.*

4.) Mr. Duncan inquired if per the July 19, 2012 minutes, the Committee will approve someone to supervise if they are in the process of completing their 100 hours after completing a 30 hour course and are still in the process of completing the requirements, but have not yet obtained their ACS certificate.

*The Committee confirmed that an individual who is in the process of completing their 100 hours after completing a 30 hour course and are still in the process of completing the requirements, but have not yet obtained their ACS, may supervise a LAC in order to fulfill the NBCC's supervision experience requirement so long as that individual is supervised by a qualified supervisor.*

*\* At the July 18, 2013 meeting, upon further review and deliberation with legal counsel, the Committee clarified that an LPC who has yet to obtain their ACS cannot supervise an LAC even if the LPC themselves has an approved supervisor. A motion was made and carried. \**

##### **B. Randy Linick, family counselor, Spring House - Health Department of Bergen County**

Ms. Linick came before the Committee to express concern over approval of her supervisor's credentials. *The Committee advised Ms. Linick that they do not address any applications or credentials in public session.*

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

Mr. McDonald expressed concern with conflicts between the ACA Code of Ethics and the Committee's regulations concerning the issue of confidentiality.

- A. A-3754** ~ This Bill seeks to require licensees to report to the Attorney General in the event a patient is likely to engage in conduct that would result in serious harm to self or others.

*Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by W. Michael Shea, the Committee noted that their current process of contacting local law enforcement is sufficient, and adding a requirement to report to the Attorney General creates an additional layer of bureaucracy and an unnecessary reporting burden. The Committee agreed that law enforcement is in a better position to report than the Attorney General. Voting in favor: all.*

- B. A-1539** ~ This Bill seeks to eliminate licensure of rehabilitation counselors. *Upon motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Committee voted to support this Bill with the amendment that current licensed rehabilitation counselors (LRC) be grandfathered in as licensed professional counselors.*

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**A. Licensing Activity Report**

	<u>LAC</u>	<u>LPC</u>	<u>LRC</u>
Active	890	3,060	125
Expired	306	766	170
Inactive	41	280	42
Pending *	585	550	11
Reinstatements Pending *	4	17	6
Suspended	2	4	0
Voluntary Surrender	5	12	1
Withdrawn	7	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. Agendas and Minutes on the website**

Administrative staff has confirmed that all 2012 public session minutes have been received and will be posted on the Committee’s webpage. However, the minutes from the March 2012 meeting are missing due to needing Committee ratification.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Robert Pare, LRC**

The Committee reviewed Mr. Pare's April 23, 2013 letter regarding Assembly Bill A-1539, which eliminates rehabilitation counselor licensure.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Portability**

Committee Chair, William Green reported on the 20/20: A Vision for the Future of Counseling's educational accrediting bodies (CORE and CACREP) pertaining to portability. The goal of the 20/20 initiative is to streamline the counseling profession by the year 2020 for ease of license portability. *The Committee accepted this as informational.*

**B. LAC 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 LAC to be supervised by a LCADC. *The Committee tabled discussion of this matter until a later date.*

**C. E-Therapy**

The Committee reviewed the draft letter by Peter Economou to be sent to the Executive Directors of the other United States Mental Health Regulatory Boards regarding any telepsychology guidelines they may have implemented in their states.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ACA Code of Ethics**

*The Committee recognized the importance the ACA Code of Ethics but also recognized that it cannot be imported existing Professional Counselor Examiner regulations due to potential conflicts.*

**X. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**A. John Jay College - Ketrin Saud-Maxwell**

Committee Vice-Chair Ketrin Saud-Maxwell presented the Committee with a course distribution she prepared based on the available courses John Jay College offers for their Masters in Forensic Mental Health Counseling degree. *Upon motion by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to accept this course distribution as a sample for use when reviewing applicants who obtained their Masters in Forensic Mental Health Counseling from John Jay College. The Committee also voted to send John Jay College a letter approving the curricula in Mental Health Counseling for the Committee's review. The approval extended to the 42 credits that were submitted for review. The Committee will also request a course description of the "Psychology of Terrorism Course" as well as course descriptions for other electives offered under the Masters in Forensic Mental Health degree, and suggested that they include a "Lifestyle and Career" course to their current curriculum as it is required for the NCE exam. Lastly, the Committee voted to request John Jay College submit updated course descriptions and syllabi. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. Rowan University**

The Committee voted at its February 7, 2013 meeting to grant Rowan University's curriculum continued approval upon receipt of confirmation that there have been no substantive changes.

The Committee reviewed Ms. Ginean Crawford's April 17, 2013 letter confirming there have been no changes to Rowan's curriculum for their Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling since the Committee last reviewed the program. *Upon motion by Committee member Peter Economou, seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to grant Rowan University's curriculum continued approval. Voting in favor: all.*

**XI. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)**

Committee Member Dana Kaspereen reported on the well received presentation by herself and fellow Committee member, Diane Licht and Committee Chair, William Green as well as some of the concerns of attendees at the April 20, 2013 NJCA conference, including difficulty navigating the state website and difficulty accessing the minutes online.

**XII. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)**

The Committee reviewed the April 5, 2013 letter from Thomas W. Clawson, President and CEO of NBCC inviting one top staff member and one Committee member as state representatives at their annual meeting to be held August 8, 2013 - August 9, 2013. Chair William Green reported he will be attending.

**XIII. FILED ORDERS**

Patricia DeLorenzo - *The Committee accepted this as informational.*

**XIV. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 6, 2013

2013 Meeting Dates:

June 6, 2013

July 18, 2013

September 5, 2013

October 3, 2013

November 7, 2013

December 5, 2013

**Applicants approved to take NCE exam**

Carolyn Appell  
Suzannah B.C. Brothman  
Tashia R. Burton  
Richard P. Campbell  
Melissa A. Card  
Melissa Conover  
Jeffrey W. Cox, Jr.  
Cheryl A. Dahl-Monahan  
Danisha A. Dean  
Alexandra L. Fantl  
Jill D. Nydam  
Dana M. Olesen  
Christine A. Ouellette  
Jennifer L. Russo  
Amy L. Sadler  
Ashley M. Schaffer  
Anne M. Scypinski  
Jodi E. Smith  
Joyce C. Whiting

**LAC approved**

Noelle L. Arera  
Andrew J. Assini  
Michael J. Balestrieri  
Robert Baur  
Laurie E. Beland  
Jenny M. Blankenship  
Jerard Cilente  
Dawn C. Dolezal  
Preceidus D. Duho-Acolatse  
Leidy Espinosa  
Kendra R. Fiorvanta  
Maya Fleyshamakher  
Dana M. Gabriel  
Ashley N. Graham  
Herbert Jones  
Juliana Natiello  
Angela Nicolosi  
Joanne Oleske  
Erika J. Pietzsch  
Jamie L. Prschil  
Joyce M. Risalvato

Lisa E. Schechter  
Melissa M. Stiller  
Jessica M. Vicari  
Jill M. Virguers  
Heather L. Vitollo  
Donna M. Wess  
Kara L. Winans  
Coby L. Wuillermin  
Amanda K. Young

**LPC approved**

Kristin A. Birchenough  
David U. Burkholder  
LaShauna M. Dean  
Chelsea E. Decker  
Nicolle DeLuca  
Robert J. Denmark  
Jo Ann Esfahani  
Katherine E. Glick  
Jessica A. Ocasio  
Deborah L. Pinto  
Lisa A. Shohen  
Crystal A. White  
Elena Yesekevskaya

**Reinstatements Approved**

Lourdes Gonzalez, LPC  
Martine Lamour, LAC

**Plans of Supervision Approved**

Summer B. Brancoccio  
Laura Buckley  
Vanessa Chafos  
Tim Fredrik E. Edquilag  
Christine I. Faccione  
Christine Ghaly  
Nicole M. Guzman  
Aida E. Hernandez  
Jaemnavheb Javanese-Pisani  
Colin M. Kelly  
Monica M. Keogh  
Kayla M. Hodkiewicz  
Siobhan C. McDermott  
Rosemarie Papaleo

Neena L. Tucker  
Christine A. D'Avirro

**XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Diane Licht the meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:48 a.m. Voting in favor: all.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by W. Michael Shea, seconded by Peter Economou, the meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m. Voting in favor: all.



