

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
MAY 3, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Chair J. Barry Mascari.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

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

Excused:

Committee Member, Susan Devlin

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars  
Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger  
Administrative Staff, Agnes Almeida

**III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

On a motion by Mark O'Sullivan, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the Committee approved the April 5, 2007 minutes with amendments.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Aarti Kakkar

Ms. Kakkar appeared to comment and present additional information to support her application for licensure.

**V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

A. State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners Rule Proposal: N.J.A.C. 13:34 - 13:34-9 The Committee reviewed the proposal and voted to accept the proposal as informational.

E. Regulations Committee

The Committee was informed that the Regulation Committee is working to schedule a second meeting to discuss issues including the course work, degree title, and supervision requirements. The Regulations Committee will continue to work on recommendations and report to the Committee upon completion of the recommended regulatory revisions.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

New Jersey Counseling Association Annual Conference

Committee Chair Mascari and Executive Director DeMars reported on the April 23-25, 2007 presentation of a conference workshop focusing on statutory and regulatory requirements for licensure and practice. It was reported that a number of attendees suggested that the Committee provide a presentation on the regulations each year. Following a discussion of some of the conference highlights, suggestions were made to have a Committee member attend the conference every year.

National Board of Certified Counselors Annual Meeting - August 2007 The National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) annual meeting will be held August 14-15, 2007 in Reno, Nevada. NBCC will fund travel and related expenses for a representative from each state board. On a motion by Barbara Mauer, seconded by Mark O'Sullivan, the Committee approved Abbey Bradway to attend.

## **IX. GRADUATE COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

### **A. Fairleigh Dickinson University**

A PowerPoint presentation submitted by Dr. Lona Whitmarsh and designed to supplement the graduate ethics course, PSYC 8880 - The Professional Counselor, was reviewed. The Committee determined that the first part of the submission was acceptable, however, the lesson plans were determined to be unacceptable. The Committee wrote Dr. Whitmarsh with their concerns and requested that the course include a comprehensive review of the regulations and discussion of the relevance to practice and client protection. Dr. Whitmarsh's April 30, 2007 response to the Committee's request for a comprehensive course review of the regulations was discussed. The Committee will request that Dr. Whitmarsh provide a copy of the revised program for future course approval. The Committee awaits an FDU report on the changes to the M.A. in Counseling program (formerly M.A. in Psychology: Counseling) addressing changes in the program pursuant to the statutory and regulatory course work requirements.

## **XI. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is June 7, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

### **2007 Meeting Dates:**

June 7, 2007 October 4, 2007  
July 12, 2007 November 1, 2007  
August 2, 2007 December 7, 2007  
September 6, 2007

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:10 a.m., on a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by Mark O'Sullivan, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session to review individual applications and pending disciplinary matters.

## **XIII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW**

On a motion by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee approved the following applicants for licensure:

### **Professional Counselors**

Bhatt, Meera Kay, Yvonne  
Boyce, Robert J. Letizia, Georae  
Cybulsky, Karen Mullen, David  
DelRusso, Jennifer Sanchez, Azilde  
Feuer, Suzanne Sarrett-Cooper, Abby

Rehabilitation Counselor

Grasso, Christina

Associate Counselors

Berger, Amanda Lubke, Getchel H.  
D'Alessio, Melissa Macaluso, Teresa  
Griseta, April Nasser-Shiloach, Hana  
Heyliger, Stevette P. Sherman, Cindy  
Kurkin, Renee M. Yakavonis, Cheryl

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Mark O'Sullivan, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m..