

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR COMMITTEE MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

MAY 6, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER The regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chairman, J. Barry Mascari
Committee Member Abbey F. Bradway
Committee Member Jerry Cohen
Committee Member Ronald A. Rossell

Excused:

Committee Member Edward D. Stroh

Staff Present:

Executive Director Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Mileidy Perez
Administrative Staff, Celeste Sweeper

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

On a motion by Ronald Rossell, seconded by Jerry Cohen, the minutes of April 1, 2004 were approved as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter D'Souza introduced himself and informed the Committee that he had submitted a letter inquiring about the professional counselor licensure but had not heard from the Committee. He told the Committee that he has been working in the field for more than thirty years and inquired as to how that would apply to the licensure requirements. The Committee informed Mr. D'Souza that the period for grandfathering/waiver provided under N.J.S.A. 45:8B-41.2 has expired. The Committee thanked Mr. D'Souza for attending the meeting and provided an application for licensure with a copy of the statute and regulations that govern professional counselor practice in the State of New Jersey.

IV. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. S-1254

Executive Director Elaine DeMars reported that the proposed legislation that would provide for a second period of licensure based on credentials (grandfathering) has not had any additional activity since it was introduced on February 24, 2004.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Elizabeth Frier

The Committee reviewed a letter from Elizabeth Frier, a licensed professional counselor, who works in an exempt setting. Ms. Frier is asking the Committee for approval to provide continuing education courses in this setting. The Committee will respond to Ms. Frier in writing informing her that she must apply to one of the organizations listed in N.J.A.C. 13:34-15.4 to receive approval. A copy of the professional counselor's statutes and regulations will accompany her letter.

B. Laura Greenstone

The Committee reviewed a letter from Ms. Greenstone, who wrote on behalf of the New Jersey Creative Arts Therapy Association. Ms. Greenstone is seeking clarification of the language in the new regulations that seems to exclude art therapists from professional counselor licensure. The current requirements under N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2 (a)(3)(i) provide for a degree in "counseling or a related area as deemed acceptable by the Committee." This regulation also requires that beginning April 20, 2006, an acceptable graduate degree means that the word "Counseling" or the word "Counselor" appears in the title of the graduate degree. The New Jersey Creative Arts Therapy Association will be informed that the Committee does not have discretionary power to revise the regulatory language to include art therapists or determine that non-counseling degrees are equivalent.

C. Amy Kamenir

The Committee received an e-mail from Amy Kamenir, who had questions regarding her licensed professional counselor course work. Ms. Kamenir will be informed that it is the role of the school to provide guidance in light of the licensure requirements. The Committee agreed that Ms. Kamenir is to be sent the regulations and application for licensure. She will be advised that it is only upon the submission of a completed application that the Committee can make a determination of eligibility.

D. Mark Littmann

The Committee received an e-mail from Mark Littmann, who had questions concerning continuing his practice as a hypnotist and fulfilling his course work requirement to obtain his professional counselor licensure. The Committee agreed to ask Mr. Littmann to submit information regarding the scope of his private practice. Mr. Littmann will also be informed that he should refer clients to the appropriate licensed professionals for counseling. The Committee will provide Mr. Littmann with a copy of the regulations that outline the scope of practice of a licensed professional counselor under N.J.A.C. 13:34-10.

E. Bruce Maltzman, LPC

The Committee received a letter from Bruce Maltzman, in which he provided information regarding his background as a continuing education provider for the New Jersey Department of Education. Mr. Maltzman is requesting continuing education credit for this work. The Committee will refer Mr. Maltzman to N.J.A.C. 13:34-15.4, which specifies organizations that are approved continuing education providers.

F. Susan Maron, LPC

The Committee received an e-mail from Susan Maron, who had a legal/ethical question regarding the termination of a client and the requirements for the provision of continued care. The Committee will respond to Ms. Maron by informing her that she should provide referrals so that the client can obtain additional treatment. The Committee will send Ms. Maron a copy of the regulations N.J.A.C. 13:34-30.5, which address "Termination of Services" and also advise her of the need to document the client record.

G. Lisa Schweizer

The Committee received a letter from Lisa Schweizer, who is inquiring about course work and supervision requirements for professional counselor licensure in New Jersey. The Committee agreed to provide her an application and the regulations which specify the course work and supervision requirements. She will be advised that it is only upon the submission of a completed application that a determination of eligibility can be made.

H. John Twaddell

The Committee received a letter from John Twaddell, Family Service Association. Mr. Twaddell is requesting continuing education credit approval for a training he attended.

The Committee will refer Mr. Twaddell to the regulations regarding continuing education. N.J.A.C. 13:34-15.4 lists continuing education providers approved by the Committee.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Bennie Martin: Provisional Order of Discipline

DAG Mileidy Perez reported that a Provisional Order Discipline ("POD") seeking the revocation of Mr. Martin's license to practice professional counseling and his license to practice rehabilitation counseling in the State of New Jersey was issued on April 20, 2004. DAG Perez reported that Mr. Martin was served with the POD on April 26, 2004. Pursuant to the terms of the POD, Mr. Martin has 30 days from the date of service to respond to the POD.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

2004-2006 Renewal Application

The Committee reviewed a draft copy of the renewal application for the upcoming 2004-2006 licensure period. All members agreed to approve the draft as presented.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is June 3, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Jerry Cohen, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

XI. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by Ronald Rossell, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the Committee voted to approve the following applications:

Professional Counselors

Sherry B. Artz
Michelle L. Gaito
Elizabeth Gorman Errico
Yessenia Gugliemi
Carol M. Karamus
Leslie G. Kubisiak
Katherine Liu
Shayne McKinsey
Dawn L. Pasko
Constance J. Salhany
Letitia Schuman
Casey J. Sirvant

Associate Counselors

Meghann A. Collins
Eileen M. Miller

Out -of-State

Joan Cybulski (with conditions)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ronald Rossell, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars
Executive Director
