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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JUNE 6, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Committee Chair Dana Kaspereen called the meeting to Order at 9:55 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 7th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Peter Economou, Committee Member
Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member

Absent:

William Green, Committee Chair
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair
Diane Licht, Committee Member

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

Acting Committee Chair, Dana Kaspereen announced a quorum of the Committee did not exist at 10:15 a.m. Without the presence of a quorum the Committee can only recommend actions.

The recommendations discussed will be presented for approval and ratification at the next meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee meeting to be held on July 18, 2013.

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. May 2, 2013

The Committee members present determined to table review of the May 2, 2013 Public Session minutes until its July 18, 2013 meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

B. March 1, 2012

The Committee members present determined to table review of the March 1, 2012 Public Session minutes until its July 18, 2013 meeting due to a lack of quorum

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present, but did not comment during this time:

- A. **Sister Catherine Waters, Caldwell College**
- B. **Helen Carabajal, student, Caldwell College**
- C. **Alexis Bayle, student, Caldwell College**
- D. **Alyssa Hoeskstra, student, Caldwell College**
- E. **Carly Hess, student, Caldwell College**

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Debra L. Wentz, Ph.D, Chief Executive Officer, The New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addition Agencies, Inc. (NJAMHAA)

The Board reviewed Ms. Wentz's May 3, 2013 letter regarding the Custody/Parenting Time Evaluation and Termination of Parental Evaluations (**N.J.A.C 13:34-9A and 31**). NJAMHAA is requesting that specific rules about disability determinations be incorporated into these regulations.

The Committee members present determined to agree with the stance taken by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners ("the Board") at its May 9, 2013 meeting. The Board determined that this is beyond the scope of the current rule proposal and it may be addressed by a future role proposal.

B. S-2882 ~ This Bill permits court to order involuntary outpatient treatment in any county; concerns patient compliance with taking medications.

The Committee members present determined to accept this as informational.

C. A-4126 ~ "Art Therapist Licensing Act"

The Committee members present reviewed Bill A-4126 that seeks to create a separate licensing Committee for Art Therapists. Students from Caldwell College's M.A. program "Counseling with a specialization in Art Therapy" spoke to show their support the Bill.

The Committee members present had concerns with specializations having their own license especially with the current move to eliminate Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors (LRCs). The Committee members present recognized the portability issues this separate license would create. The Committee members present also had concerns that an Art Therapist would not have adequate training regarding crisis situations.

D. S-2840 ~ This Bill provides confidentiality for emergency services peer

counselors.

The Committee members present did not provide comment on this legislation.

E. S-2727 ~ This Bill establishes a study commission on E-licensing.

The Committee members present did not provide comment on this legislation.

F. Clarification on the Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) credential and its 100 supervision hour requirement

Regulatory Analyst Rachel Glasgow clarified that regulation **N.J.A.C 13:34-13.1** requires an LPC to have fully obtained their ACS before supervising an LAC. She further clarified that an LPC who has yet to obtain their ACS cannot supervise an LAC even if the LPC themselves has an approved supervisor. *The Committee members present recommended a motion that the Committee accept and abide by the clarification.*

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Licensing Activity Report

	<u>LAC</u>	<u>LPC</u>	<u>LRC</u>
Active	933	3,106	125
Expired	306	766	170
Inactive	41	280	43
Pending *	601	544	10
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, applicants who have been denied based on having non-qualifying degrees or course work.

B. Pending Complaints

There are five (5) complaints that have had no activity for over six (6) months. The names and related information are on the Executive session addendum for Committee review.

As of May 31, 2013 there are three (3) active complaints pending documentation from respondent for the Committee’s final review and determination.

C. National Practioner Data Bank

Executive Director Collazo reported all Consent Orders have been sent to the Data Bank and the Committee is now in compliance.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. James Wulach, Ph.D

The Committee members present reviewed Dr. Wulach's letter inquiring whether an LAC can be employed by an LPC in private practice, but supervised by another LPC not employed at the private practice. *The Committee members present determined to inform Dr. Wulach that the LAC must submit a plan of supervision for Committee approval, a supervisor must have the qualification to supervise pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:34-13.1(a)1 and 2.*

VIII. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Nothing to report.

IX. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

Nothing to report.

X. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)

Nothing to report.

XI. FILED ORDERS

None to report.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 18, 2013

2013 Meeting Dates:

July 18, 2013

September 5, 2013

October 3, 2013

November 7, 2013

December 5, 2013

XV. APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

Applicants approved to take NCE exam

Bellie J. Bailey

Margaret M. Bruce

Sheri B. Chaitman

Ritajeanne M. Culp

Constance Daramola

Shannen Dawli

Jill M. DePeri

Nancy F. DiFrancesco-Coretes

Jamie T. Doshi

Melissa H. Durlap

Melissa A. Franz
Blaire A. Franklin
Jayme S. Ganey
Melanie C. Gibbons
Megan M. Gogerty
Stephanie A. Henthorn
Nelson L. Hernandez
Shaheerah J. Jamison
Deidra A. Kozlowski
Jennifer A. Kuntz
Phyllis Lieberman
Jessica Mooring
Timothy Panek
Cynthia Rubino
Francesca L. Savotok
Cassie E. Sullivan
Jayme L. Knodle
Jussety V. Monterrey

LAC approved

Carlo Alvare
Amanda D. Attina
Nicole Bonventure
Jodina M. Brizell
Lee J. Brescia
Kristel J. Caffrey
Deanna M. DeBlais
Debra L. Dvito
Paul G. DiGiacomo, Jr.
Elizabeth W. Flannagan
Gabriella Gerard
Ashley C. Gerolstein
Wendy A. Hartmann
Edilia P. Kelly
April M. McMorro
Christina M. Mobarek
Naresh M. Patel
Julie A. Rand
Borahm Song
DaRon M. Stephens
Dana M. Verdia
Katie E. Lynn

LPC approved

Toshus Aldrich
Beth Bromberg
Jamie Denning
Lauren A. Floroff
Michelle B. Foster
Tammy Freeman
Christie Giacobble
Rachel M. Gramsch
Lauren B. Green
Leslie E. Kooyman
Jill E. Mackey
Alaina J. Magrini
Ester Nam
Rosalind Pagliano
Maryellen T. Parcero
Melissa Ramos
Robert T. Rosenheine
Kevin R. Santiago
Jennifer L. Yarussi

Reinstatements Approved

None

Plans of Supervision Approved

Davita L. Allen
Jessica Anglely
Jenna Bachman
Daniel Brewer
Amanda Buff
Heather Bycer
Shanna Canty
Melissa Card
David Ciauro
Natasha P. Collins
Lorriane Cuber
Jennifer DaSilva
Kathryn Defino
Mark DiFilippo
Dawn Dolezal
Felicia E. Eтуke
Charde A. Gorrell
Kathleen M. Hughes
Erin Kenny
Michelle B. Kerekes

Yau-hing Sally Lam
Catherine A. Lawrence
Tamu King Lewis
Matthew K. Liebl
Vivian M. Lombardo
Sheri P. Luberto
Jasmin S. McCloud
Molly L. McGoldrick
Angela Nikolovski
Colleen D. O'Meara
Reena N. Panchal
Yvette Perdomo
Callandra E. Peters
Jessica Piernik
Erica B. Ritter
Laura B. Schrade
Tamara Segel
Melissa A. Smith
DaRon Stephens
Kelly Thompson
Elvin Vallejo
Joe T. Varughese
Ivette S. Velez
Evelyn W. Wade
Emily Walters
Colleen A. Young

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee members present unanimously determined to move to Executive session at returned to Public Session at 2:17 p.m.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee members present unanimously determined to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m.