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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 10:20 a.m. in the Hudson Conference room at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, Chair
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Vice Chair
Peter Economou, Committee Member
Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member
Diane Licht, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member

Also Present:

Toby Palan, Deputy Attorney General
Terri Goldberg, Acting Executive Director
Agnes Almeida, Administrative Staff
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

Committee Chair, William Green announced a quorum.

III. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DAG Toby Palan read the Oath of Alliance and the Oath of Office and swore in new Committee members, Peter Economou, Diane Licht and W. Michael Shea and William Green who was reappointed to the Committee.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:8B-3, the Committee election took place. On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by W. Michael Shea, and a unanimous vote, the Committee re-elected William Green as the Committee Chair and re-elected Ketrin Saud Maxwell as the Vice Chair.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the minutes of the May 3, 2012 public meeting were approved as amended.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public attended the public session meeting: David Gold and John Stone, Marie Wilson, Barbara Atwood, Sherry Grover, Barbara Seleb, Rachel Kuillard and Dr. Catherine Waters all of Caldwell College. Glen Duncan, LPC and Anne Marie Lubitz were also in attendance.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

The Committee bid Deputy Attorney General Susan Berger farewell and good luck in her retirement from State service.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Assembly Bill 2882

This Bill seeks to require professional boards to provide waivers or exemptions from requirements for licensure for veterans with substantially equivalent training.

On a motion by Peter Economou, seconded by W. Michael Shea, the Committee determined to support the Bill as well as require an evaluation of the applicants.

B. Senate Bill 1902

This Bill seeks to require individuals to provide proof of the issuance of a certificate of rehabilitation to certain offenders with substance abuse disorders.

On a motion by W. Michael Shea, seconded by Diane Licht the Committee determined to support the Bill as written.

C. Regulation Revisions

1. Continuing Education for Committee Members

Regulatory Analyst Chuck Manning attended the meeting to discuss the Committee's request for information regarding receipt of continuing education credit for Committee member service. Mr. Manning informed the Committee that members are prohibited from receiving continuing education credit for serving on the Committee, as per Governor of New Jersey, the Attorney General and the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs. The Committee would like to request credit for the ethics continuing education requirement only. Mr. Manning suggested the Committee seek to revise the regulation.

2. Specialty Designations

The Committee discussed implementing a continuing education regulation for licensees who have specialty designations. The National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) requires the renewal of the specialty designation every five years and 50% of the continuing education must be regarding the specialty. The Committee agreed to draft a regulation for specialty designation renewal.

3. Regulatory Analyst Chuck Manning and the Committee members were urged to bring questions and information for discussion for the next meeting on:

- a.** endorsement regulation and substance abuse and human sexuality courses
- b.** regulations for the definition of counselor or counseling in the degree title.
- c.** E-therapy
- d.** refining the continuing education Ethics course regulation

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Philadelphia Biblical curricula has been tabled for review for the July 19, 2013 agenda meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Continuing Psychology Education - *Richard Schulman*

The Committee reviewed two continuing education course books and determined not to support the program. Mr. Schulman will be advised to contact the National Board of Certified Counselors to receive approval to advertise. On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Dana Kaspereen the matter will be forwarded to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy.

B. Counseling Today

The Committee reviewed the Counseling Today article, “*CACREP PERSPECTIVE: Making a case for CACREP curriculum standards*”. The Committee had questions regarding the author’s research methods. The Committee did, however, accept the article as informational.

XI. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Caldwell College

The Committee reviewed the June 1, 2012 letter submitted by Caldwell College. The Committee determined to approve the 45 credit core curricula. The Art Therapy courses may count towards the additional 15 credits required to meet the 60 credit requirement. Art Therapy course can not be used to fulfill the 45 core courses. The Committee determined to request that Dr. Waters submit a revised course description and have a program representative attend the next meeting to clarify.

Dr. Catherine Waters will be advised that if she would like the Art Therapy courses included she must submit a revised course description and have a program representative attend the meeting to clarify and provide additional information.

XII. FILED ORDERS

Anglea Betances, LPC

The Committee reviewed the filed Consent Order for Ms. Betances and accepted it as informational.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **July 19, 2012.**

2012 Meeting Dates

July 19, 2012	October 4, 2012
August 2, 2012 - <i>canceled</i>	November 1, 2012
September 6, 2012	December 6, 2012

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by W. Michael Shea, the Committee moved to Executive Session at 12:30 p.m. to conduct an investigative inquiry, review two (2) complaints, three (3) criminal history reports and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by W. Michael Shea, seconded by Peter Economu, the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

