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I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 9:34 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Committee Chair, William Green
Committee Member, Ketrin Saud Maxwell
Committee Member, Maria D'Amico Meehan

Excused:

Committee Member, Dana Kaspereen
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer

Also Present:

Susan Berger, Deputy Attorney General
Elaine DeMars, Administrative Staff
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

There was not a quorum present.

Due to the lack of quorum, the minutes of the June 2, 2011 meeting will be forwarded to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy for ratification.

In accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 175, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law adequate notice of this meeting was provided, by mail, to the office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and Courier Post and also posted on the Committee's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Maria Meehan the minutes of the June 2, 2011 were recommended for approval with amendments and the discussion on the approval of the counselor education curricula will be tabled for further discussion. Due to the lack of a quorum the minutes will be forwarded to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners for ratification.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public attended the meeting:
Peggy Farrelly, Assistant Professor, Seton Hall University, Raymond Brock-Murray,
Monica Cammarata, Jennifer Geuther, Joanne Casseus-Preston and James Warner.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A-4101

The Committee reviewed the proposed Bill which seeks to eliminate licensure for rehabilitation counselors. The Committee determined to support the Bill with changes to page 5 line 29 and section 12 which refers to the Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Elaine DeMars informed the Committee that the 2010-2011 American Association of State Counseling Boards dues will be released for payment today.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Alternative Accreditation Body - MCAC

The Committee reviewed the MCAC Alternative Accreditation Body announcement of establishment and accepted it as informational.

B. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The FAQs were divided amongst the Committee members (for response) as follows:

William Green (questions 1-8)

Maria Meehan (questions 9 - 16)

Ketrin Saud Maxwell (questions 17-25)

VIII. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. John Jay College - MA in Forensic Psychology and Counseling

On a motion by Maria Meehan, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell approved the curricula as meeting the minimum requirement. It was recommended that given the population it would be beneficial to recommends a course in "Lifestyle and Career Development".

B. LaSalle University - MA in Clinical Counseling

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Maria Meehan approved the curricula as meeting the minimum requirement. It was recommended that applicants also complete PSCM 509 and an American Counseling Association (ACA) Code of Ethics course.

C. Caldwell College - MA Counseling Psychology

(Mental Health Counseling Specialization)

On a motion by Maria Meehan, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell approved the curricula as meeting the minimum requirement.

D. Grand Canyon University - MA in Professional Counseling

The Committee determined to request that Grand Canyon University comment on the Committee's review.

E. University of Pennsylvania - MA in Professional School Counseling

The Committee determined to request that the University of Pennsylvania comment on the Committee's review.

F. William Paterson University - MA in Psychology

The Committee determined to request that William Paterson University comment on the Committee's review.

G. Nova Southeastern University

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Maria Meehan approved the curricula as meeting the minimum requirement.

The Committee determined that the curricula of programs having less than two applicants will be divided amongst the Committee members for review.

IX Approved Curricula - January 2011 – December 2013

(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-40 (c) and N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3)

Alliance Graduate School of Counseling at Nyack College

MA in Mental Health Counseling

College of Saint Elizabeth

MA in Counseling Psychology

Georgian Court University

MA in Counseling Psychology – (Curricula Prior to January 2011)

Montclair State University

MA in Community Agency Counseling – (Prior to 2007)

Monmouth University

MA in Professional Counseling (60 credits) (Prior to 2009)

MA in Psychological Counseling (30 credits) with the Post Master's Program in Professional Counseling (30 credits)

New Jersey City University

MA in Counseling Program (48 credits)

Rowan University

MA Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Pre-2011)

Applicants are required to complete Committee approved course addressing counselor-identity by August 2012.

MA Clinical Mental Health Counseling (March 2011)

Seton Hall University

MA in Counseling/ EdS in Professional Counseling

Yeshiva University-Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology

Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling

X. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)

The Committee reviewed the NBC Statistical Summary Report for May 2011 and accepted it as informational.

XI. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE COUNSELING BOARDS (AASCB)

A. The Committee reviewed the Creative Management Alliance announcement and accepted it as informational.

B. The Committee reviewed the inquiry submitted by South Carolina regarding social media, ethics and confidentiality and accepted it as informational.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:49 a.m. a motion was made by Maria Meehan, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell to move to Executive Session to conduct three investigative inquiries and discuss pending confidential matters and complaints.

XIII. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

On a motion by Maria Meehan, seconded by William Green, the following applications were approved as recommended:

Licensed Associate Counselor

Smith, Diane S.
James III, Moses L.
DeSimone, Ariana
Coleman, Jennifer
McNamara, Natalie
Wagner, Amanda
Palmucci, Donald

Licensed Professional Counselor

Gattis III, Melvin
Vernarec, Emil
Robina, Jessica
Pitman, Kristen
Russell, Steven G.
Spezzacatena, Conrad D.
Dowd, Stephanie
Williams, Stephanie
Milkosky, Dawn
Coleman, Jennifer
Espinoza, Trisha
Juliano, Laurie
Fassett, Lisa
Vaughn, Tammy

Licensed Professional Counselors cont:

Vakkas, Damentra
Raines, Cynthia
Kalaitzis, John A.
Asselta, Ashley L.
Perez, Cecilia
Pajot, Bruce
Salminen, Erika
Panayiotou, Ana
Hofman, Sylvia
Hall, Jill D.
Guancione, Laura
Pauley, Barbara
Cook, Kevin
Smith, Cheryl

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Maria Meehan, seconded by William Green the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.