

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE
JULY 12, 2007
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Committee will be called to order at 9:30 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Hudson Conference room, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chairman, J. Barry Mascari
Committee Member, Abbey F. Bradway
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer

Other Staff Present:

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

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

Following his reading of the "Open Public Meetings Act" Committee Chair Mascari announced that due to the recent resignation of Committee member Mark O'Sullivan and the absence and anticipated resignation of Committee member Susan Devlin, there is no quorum. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-37, four members constitute a quorum. All agenda items, therefore, will be considered for recommendation to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners. On a motion made by Barbara Maurer, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the Committee will recommend the approval of the June 7, 2007 minutes with the correction of a typographical error.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gregory Fox, LPC Applicant addressed the Committee to support his licensure application. Glen Duncan, LPC, LCADC addressed the Committee in support of the application of supervisee, Gregory Fox.

The following Seton Hall University graduate program students attended the meeting Peter Calderon, Lauren Lawson and Brian Quiones. The Seton Hall University Graduate Counseling Program's Clinical Director, Jane Webber and Program Director, Pamela Foy were also in attendance.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

Committee Chair J. Barry Mascari reported that the Regulations Committee continues its work on language to revise sections of N.J.A.C. 13:34-10-30.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Elaine DeMars reported that the first continuing education audit letter was mailed to randomly selected licensees. Responses are due August 3, 2007. Licensees' submissions will be presented to the Committee for review.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Mark Italiano

Mr. Italiano's fax dated June 28, 2007 with additional requests for advise for the private practice of sexology was considered. The review also included the response sent by Executive Director Elaine DeMars in which Mr. Italiano is advised to consult with an attorney. The Committee opined that the activities described would be considered a specialty for a licensed mental health practitioner. The issue will be referred to the Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners and the Board of Social Work Examiners.

GRADUATE COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

Corrected screenprints for a FDU nine-hour power point presentation on the ethical and legal standards for the practice of professional counseling ethics course was reviewed. The Committee determined that since this corrected version was already presented to licensure applicants who are also graduates of the University's Clinical Counseling Psychology Program, it would be accepted for the list of students provided, only. Dr. Whitmarsh will be advised that if the course is considered for future students, it should first be submitted for Committee approval prior to scheduling and publicizing the class.

B. WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

1. Paula Danzinger, Ph.D.,

Director, Counseling Services Program, William Paterson University The Committee reviewed two letters dated June 21, 2007 in which Dr. Danzinger requests clarification on requirements for pre-licensure supervised practice in a private setting. A copy of the response sent by Executive Director Elaine DeMars was also reviewed in which Dr. Danzinger was referred to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.3(a) 1 and 2 and the option to apply a practicum as either pre-degree supervised experience hours or course work. The requirement for the associate licensed counselor credential for anyone seeking to engage in (supervised) practice in a for profit setting was emphasized.

2. Kathleen Torsney, Ph.D., Director,

MA Program in Clinical and Counseling Psychology, William Paterson University Following Dr. Torsney's June 7, 2007 appearance before the Committee to address questions related to the Clinical and Counseling Psychology master's program, the Committee suggested that corrections be made to the program's Web page. Dr. Torsney had indicated that the Web information was outdated, incorrect, and did not reflect the current program curriculum. Dr. Torsney informed the Committee that while the degree title was changed from Clinical Psychology to Clinical and Counseling Psychology to meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3i, the course work required for the graduate degree did not change.

Upon review of a June 25, 2007 e-mail, the Committee expressed its continued concern with the program, course work requirements and advertisement. The word "psychology" continues to be used throughout. A copy of a letter sent to Dr. Torsney by J. Michael Walker, Executive Director of the Board of Psychological Examiners was provided for review. On behalf of the Board, Dr. Walker referenced the "Practicing Psychology Licensing Act" and prohibitions for use of the word "psychology" and any of its derivatives. The Committee concurs with the Board's position and will await Dr. Torsney's response to the Board's July 6, 2007 letter.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Citizen Advocacy Center

A copy of the Citizen Advocacy Center's 2007 Annual Meeting announcement was reviewed and accepted as informational.

B. NPDB-HIDB Meeting

An e-mail invitation to attend the September 30, 2007 National Practitioner Data Bank-Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (NPDB-HIPDB) Policy Forum was reviewed. There is no registration fee. Paperwork will be submitted for the Committee members and Deputy Attorney General Susan Berger to attend.

C. NBCC - 2008 Examination Schedule/Registration Form

Upon review of the copy of the National Board for Certified Counselors 2008 New Jersey Licensure Examination Registration form, the Committee directed that NBCC be requested to correct the reference from "New Jersey Board of Professional Counselors" to the "New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee."

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for August 2, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2007 Meeting Dates

September 6, 2007 November 1, 2007
October 4, 2007 December 6, 2007

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Abbey Bradway and seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee moved to Executive Session to review applications and to discuss consumer complaints and pending disciplinary matters.

XI. CREDENTIAL REVIEW MINUTES

A. Committee Discussions:

1. Joseph Pantone, LAC applicant

The Committee reviewed information submitted by Mr. Pantone to supplement the official New York University transcript reviewed as part of his application. Mr. Pantone will be informed that the requirement for a revised official transcript demonstrating that credit was granted for two courses currently labeled "(not applicable)" stands.

2. Bianca Kazoun, LPC applicant

Course descriptions submitted by Ms. Kazoun were reviewed. It was determined that the courses in The Human Growth and Development content area do not meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:34-11(a)3ii. The Committee directed that New Jersey City University be schedule for a program review.

B. Licensure Approval

The following applicants were approved for licensure:

Professional Counselor Associate Counselor

Anason, Heather	Bozza-Hicks, Theresa
Arpaia, Rosa Anna	Davis, Orkeem
Berger, Deborah	Gupta, Michelle
Buck, Lorraine	Martin, Michael
Cays, Angela	Unger, Paulv

Causton, Paul Viglione, Vincent
Drozdowski, Sharon
Ely, Tara
Foster, Shelisa
Higgins, Tracey
Hutchinson, James
Hurwitz, Allison
Milligan, Keith
McCarren, Deborah
Reichert, Douglas
Simon, Anna
Stocklin, Maria
Templeton, Deborah

XII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Abbey Bradway, seconded by J. Barry Mascari the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.