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### **PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 9:37 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

Committee Chair, William Green, MS, LRC  
Committee Member, Maria D'Amico Meehan, MA, LPC

#### **Excused:**

Committee Member, Dana Kaspereen, Ph.D, LPC  
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer, MA, LPC  
Committee Member, Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Ph.D., LPC

#### **Also Present:**

Susan Berger, Deputy Attorney General  
Elaine DeMars, Administrative Staff  
Agnes Almeida, Administrative Staff  
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff  
Marc De Carlo, Paralegal

*William Green advised that due to the lack of quorum, the members present would function as a sub-Committee. Recommendations of the sub-Committee will be referred to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners 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**

The review of the July 7, 2011 public session minutes were tabled for approval by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following members of the public attended the meeting:  
Peggy Farrelly and Peggy Brady Amoon - Seton Hall University,  
Paulina Levinzon, Allyce Baron and Glen Duncan, LPC, LCADC.

## **V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

### **A. N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2 and 11.5 - New Jersey Register Proposal Comments**

Discussion of the comments received in response to the proposal was tabled for the October meeting. The Regulatory Analyst is scheduled to review the comments and adoption process during the October meeting.

## **VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Elaine DeMars acknowledged the efforts of Committee members in making a significant impact in the review of pending applications.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Karuri Munene**

The Committee reviewed the June 2, 2011 letter from Adams State College Counselor Education program, the attached program syllabi and Mr. Munene's July 20, 2011 letter. The Committee determined that Mr. Munene is required to complete the course work at Adams State College Counselor Education program before being considered for associate counselor licensure. In response to his request, the Committee determined to grant Mr. Munene an extension for applying for the credential so that he may complete the required course work.

### **B. Frequently Asked Questions**

The discussion for answers to the Frequently Asked Questions was tabled for the October 6, 2011 agenda meeting.

## **VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. Cynthia Sosnowski**

The Committee reviewed the August 22, 2011 email forwarded by Dr. Sosnowski regarding the description and language used to advertise the Richard Stockton College for the three (3) credit graduate course offering, designed to satisfy the requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.1(a)2, for the "Supervising Behavioral Health and Addiction Professionals." The Committee will request a copy of the course description.

### **B. Christi Santoli**

#### **Distance Learning**

In response to her email inquiry concerning distance counseling during a practicum, Ms. Santoli will be informed that the Committee does not have jurisdiction over school practicum or internship requirements.

## **IX. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

### **A. Biblical Theological Seminary**

The review of the Biblical Theological Seminary's graduate program was tabled. The Committee determined to request the submission of the missing syllabi.

**B. Boston University**

The review of the Boston University graduate program evaluation was tabled for full Committee review at the October 6, 2011 agenda meeting.

**C. Chestnut Hill College**

The Committee determined to write to Chestnut Hill College to ask if all program syllabi were submitted. If so, the school will be asked to demonstrate how the professional counselor ethics and standards ( American Counseling Association's Code of Ethics) and professional identity are addressed..

**D. Eastern University**

The Committee reviewed the graduate program evaluation and accepted Eastern University's program as having met the minimum requirement for licensure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2.

**E. Liberty University**

The Committee reviewed the graduate program evaluation and accepted Liberty University's program as having met the minimum requirement for licensure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2.

**F. Nova Southeastern University**

The Committee reviewed the graduate program evaluation and accepted Nova Southeastern University's program as having met the minimum requirement for licensure as set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2.

**G. Pace University**

The Committee reviewed the graduate program evaluation and conditionally accepted Pace University's program as having met the minimum requirement for licensure as set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:34-11 pending submission and review of missing syllabi for (PSY 677, PSY678, PSY 685 and PSY 686) will be requested to complete the review.

**H. Temple University**

The Committee reviewed the graduate program evaluation and accepted Temple University's program as having met the minimum requirement for licensure as set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2.

**I. Touro University**

The Committee reviewed the response submitted by Dr. Yair Maman to the initial curricula evaluation and accepted Touro University's program as having met the minimum requirement for licensure as set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2.

**X. 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

**Caldwell College**

**MA Counseling Psychology** (Mental Health Counseling Specialization0

**College of Saint Elizabeth**

MA in Counseling Psychology

**Georgian Court University**

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

**John Jay College**

MA in Forensic Psychology and Counseling

**LaSalle University -**

MA in Clinical Counseling

**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)

**Nova Southeastern University**

MA in Mental Health Counseling

**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

**XI. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)**

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

**XII. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE COUNSELING BOARDS (AASCB)**

**A. ListServ**

The sub Committee determined table discussion of the notice on the AASCB Executive Committee Response regarding CACREP.

**B. Carol Buchanan Jones**

The Committee reviewed the notice regarding the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Association of State Counseling Boards. The Committee will inform Mrs. Buchanan Jones that New Jersey cannot attend but may be able to participate in the conference in an alterative format. Skype, for example, would be a viable format. The Committee will continue discussion regarding the conference at the October 6, 2011 agenda meeting.

**XIII. FILED ORDERS**

The sub-Committee reviewed and accepted as informational, the following filed Consent Orders:

**A. Tina Marie Cook, LPC**

Consent Order filed on August 1, 2011 for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling.

**B. Michelle Iannucci, LPC, LCADC**

Consent Order filed August 1, 2011 for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling.

**C. Paul R. Lavella, Jr.**

Consent Order filed August 1, 2011 for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling.

**D. Molly McGoldrick, LAC**

Consent Order filed August 1, 2011 for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling

**E. Iryna Shemelyuk, LPC**

Consent Order filed June 2, 2011 for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling.

**XIV. NEXT MEETING**

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2011.

**2011 Meeting Dates**

October 6, 2011

November 3, 2011

December 1, 2011

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:58 a.m. a motion was made by Maria Meehan, seconded by William Green to move to Executive Session to discuss pending confidential matters and complaints.

**XVI. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS**

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

**Licensed Associate Counselor**

Cruickshank, Elizabeth  
Cynamon-Lowy, Toby  
Givens, Cynthia  
McPhoy-Farrell, Tess  
Fredericks, Kathleen  
Levinzon, Paulina  
Robinson, Ayeisha  
Pomposello, Veronica  
Chou, Chi Shu  
Riley, Alexandria  
Stanley, Elizabeth  
Falgares, Corinne  
Reuben, Michelle  
Kreutzberg, Lisa

**Licensed Associate Counselors Cont.**

Oland, Brian  
Paul, Michael  
Belkin, Alison  
Ducaine, Connie  
Koppisch, Linda  
Wojcik, Erica  
DeVries, Shana  
O'Neill, Donna

**Licensed Professional Counselors**

Tappin, Tristie  
Moses, Victoria  
Weiner, Cindy  
Eugene, Shawanna  
Rodriguez, Leslie  
Sohayda, Susan  
Hughes, Jessica  
Triano, Carol  
DeCotiis, Carly  
Munoz, Alicia  
Chawla, Karishma  
Micu, Aurora  
Palumbo, Lauren  
Shane, Keryn  
Wood, Joshua  
Brown, Jean  
Mulcahy, Kaitlin  
Pasquale, Christine  
Elliott, JoAnn  
Dean, Beverly

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Maria Meehan, seconded by William Green the meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

