

**State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners  
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS EXAMINERS COMMITTEE  
Open Session Minutes**

September 4, 2003

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Committee Chair J. Barry Mascari who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Committee Chairman J. Barry Mascari  
Committee Member Abbey f. Bradway  
Committee Member Jerry Cohen  
Committee Member Ronald A. Rossell  
Committee Member Edward W. Stroh

**Staff Present:**

Executive Director Dennis E. Gonzalez  
Deputy Attorney General Marilyn Bair  
Jane Cofone, Administrative Staff

**C. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2003**

On a motion by R. Rossell, seconded by E. Stroh, minutes were approved with corrections.

**D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

None.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Rhoda Feigenbaum - Kean University**

Ms. Feigenbaum, who is the Counseling Coordinator at Kean University, wrote the Committee inquiring on whether recent changes to the counseling psychology program at Kean University still meet the licensing requirements for an LPC. The Committee asked the Executive Director to write to Ms. Feigenbaum to inform her that the recent changes for the program are okay. However, the Committee has proposed comprehensive changes to the regulations, which when adopted might affect this program at Kean University.

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. HIPPA Compliance**

Committee members were given the latest edition of the HIPPA Newsletter from the ACA.

## **2. Newsletter**

Executive Director informed the Committee that the Committee's newsletter will be finalized and mailed before the end of September.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Counseling Deputy Reassignments**

Committee members were provided with a copy of a memo from Sandra Dick, Section Chief of the Division of Law, informing the Committee that DAG Mileidy Perez was assigned as the Committee's new DAG to succeed former DAG, Marilyn Bair.

### **2. AASCB Portability Plan - Letter from Susan Schafer**

Committee members received a copy of the portability plan being offered by the American Association of State Counseling Boards. The AASCB is asking all member states to provide input into this plan. The Committee felt that the plan was fine and supports it. However, the Committee feels that the equivalency requirement of 5 additional hours of experience cannot be enforced legally since all states have their own regulations on experiential requirements.

### **3. Suspension Letters**

Committee member A. Bradway informed the Committee that a colleague had received a letter indicating that her LAC was suspended. Ms. Bradway informed the Committee that this colleague was no longer an LAC and has an active license as an LPC. The Executive Director informed Ms. Bradway and the Committee that the Division had mailed out thousands of letters, not only for this Committee, but for all Boards, erroneously informing people that their license was suspended. The Executive Director informed them that this was a computer glitch which has been corrected..

## **H. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **I. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is October 2, 2003.

## **J. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by A. Bradway, Committee went into Executive Session.

## **K. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS**

On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by A. Bradway , the Committee took the following action:

### **APPROVED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR**

Bressler, Randy A.

Eig, Brian S.

DeMaio, Jane

Hemmert, Brian T.

Ireland, Norma K.

Ludwig, Cathy A.  
Lygas, Laura A.  
McGuire, Harry C.  
Murphy, Joan  
Quinn, Kathleen E.  
Raymond, Diane M.  
Smith, Katherine A.  
Soucar, Elizabeth  
Villano, Amy L.  
Villano, Lisa K.  
Zeis, Heather H.  
Zieman-Swart, Amy

#### **DENIED FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR**

Georges-Van Heusen, Colleen  
Harshe, Prajakia S.  
Maguire, Julianne  
Rafalson, Luba  
Robinson, Jerome  
Valik, Anne

#### **APPROVED FOR ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR**

Gigante, AnneMarie  
Graham, Joyce L.  
Kaykov, Alla  
Mulder, Cynthia B.  
Whiteman, Michaela S.P.  
Williams, Carol Ann  
Yarton, Caroline L.

#### **DENIED FOR ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR**

Newson, Lucille C.

#### **L. APPROVED OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS**

Downes, Nancy F. - Maryland  
Fritz, Howard W. Jr. - Pennsylvania  
Wood-Hayes, Ronald - Pennsylvania

#### **M. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dennis E. Gonzalez  
Executive Director

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