

**Professional Counselor Committee Meeting
Open Session Minutes**

September 5, 2002

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 Stroh
Committee Member Connie Todd

Staff Present:

Executive Director Dennis E. Gonzalez
Deputy Attorney General Marilyn Bair
Theresa Harvey-Administrative Staff

C. APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2002

On a motion by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Edward Stroh, minutes were approved with corrections.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Comprehensive Regulations - Committee members discussed with Regulatory Analyst, Danielle Swenson the comprehensive changes to the regulations. Committee re-affirmed that regulations can proceed through the approval process as is.

2. Committee reviewed the following legislative bills:

A 146 - Committee had no comment.

A 443 - Committee had no comment.

A-1080 - On a motion by A. Bradway, seconded by E. Stroh, Committee approved.

S-641 - On a motion by A. Bradway, seconded J. Cohen Committee strongly disapproved because this bill might keep parents and/or youth from seeking help.

S-1515 - While the Committee supports the intent of the bill, it cannot approve because the bill does not specifically prohibit the identification of a suicidal individual.

S-769 - On a motion by R. Rossell, seconded by J. Cohen, Committee approved without comments.

A - 810 - Committee did not take a position on this bill because it needs clarification on the language. It appears that in one section of the bill, written authorization is required for release of information. However, in a later section of the bill, it appears that under certain circumstances, the authorization can be verbal or inferred by conduct.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Roger J. Kinard - Willowglen Academy - Mr. Kinard wrote the Committee inquiring as to the scope of practice of an LPC and whether an LPC can utilize the emergency restraint on a client. The Executive Director will respond that the law doesn't specifically address this issue, therefore, the Committee will not take a position.

2. Chris Mussell, LCSW - Catholic Charities - Mr. Mussell wrote the Committee indicating that it is his understanding that the Committee abides by the American Counselors Association's code of ethics and standards of practice. The Executive Director will write to Mr. Mussell and clarify that the Committee does not abide by the American Counselors Association code of ethics, but recognizes them and may use them as a guide.

3. Eli Karlen - Mr. Karlen wrote the Committee asking whether he can submit letters from his supervisors in lieu of the supervisors documentation form. The Executive Director will respond that the Committee will only accept the approved supervised documentation form.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Committee members were informed that the newsletter is on hold upon appointment of a new newsletter coordinator.

2. Committee members were informed that due to new travel restrictions, only one Board member can attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Regulatory Boards.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Board member Jerry Cohen expressed that he felt that recent civil penalties might be excessive compared to civil penalties issued by other boards. Committee requested that the Executive Director prepare a list of all violations and civil penalties the Committee has issued in the last couple of years in order to make an analysis.

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H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paula Danzinger, President of the ACA informed the Committee that there is growing opposition to the bill that would reopen the grandfather period for LPC's. She will keep the Committee informed of new developments.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee will be November 7, 2002, at 9:30 a.m.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by J. Cohen, seconded by C. Todd the Committee went into Executive Session.

K. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

On a motion by J. Cohen, seconded by R. Rossell the Committee took the following action:

APPROVED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Hilary P. Archer
Lynn P. Bennert
Wendy Bordeau
Rose Bornstein
John P. Cavanaugh
Debra Crider
David Cudia
Debra I. Ettinger
Sue Fallon
Erica S. Hollander
Barbara A. Kellner
Sharon Kennedy
RoseJean LaPiere
Polina Levit
Meredith A. Meade
Hollis J. Nemiroff
Lori O'Leary
Gail Pellicone
Mary E. Quirk
Vanessa K. Rozzelle
William Sutterley
Nancy A. Williams

DENIED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Ginean Giannndrea
Louis LaTorre

APPROVED FOR LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR

Cindy E. Dvorin
Jacqueline M. Giordano

DENIED FOR LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR

Catherine Becker
Margaret E. Behar

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis E. Gonzalez
Executive Director

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