

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2006**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselors Committee was called to order at 9:39 a.m., by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari  
Committee Vice-Chair, Abbey F. Bradway  
Committee Member, Ronald Rossell  
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer  
Committee Member, Mark O'Sullivan  
Committee Member, Susan Devlin

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars  
Deputy Attorney General, Mileidy Perez  
Administrative Staff, Celeste Sweeper  
Administrative Staff, Agnes Almeida

**III. APROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

On a motion by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Mark O'Sullivan the Committee approved the August 1, 2006 minutes as presented.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Licensed professional counselor applicant, Amy Kaboski, addressed the Committee to appeal the denial of her application for professional counselor licensure. Following review of the application and supplemental documentation sent in support of the application (in executive session), the Committee determined to reaffirm its decision to deny professional counselor licensure at this time based on the deficiencies in the course work and experience requirements. Ms. Kaboski's application for rehabilitation counselor licensure was approved at the June 2, 2006 meeting.

**V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3i April 20, 2006 The Committee discussed the review of application for licensure with a non-qualifying degree. N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3i requires that an acceptable graduate degree means that the word "Counseling" or the word "Counselor" appears in the title of the graduate degree awarded and that the institution offering the degree states in the catalog that the purpose of the program is to prepare students for the professional practice of counseling. Pursuant to the regulation, applicants with degrees such as "clinical psychology" and "human services" do not meet the education requirement for licensure.

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
BIENNIAL LICENSE RENEWAL**

Executive Director Elaine DeMars informed the Committee that the license renewal notice will be mailed to all

active licensees. The letter includes instructions for completing the license renewal process on-line and for those who cannot use the on-line option, the procedure for requesting a paper renewal application form. Frequently asked questions and other renewal-related information will be posted on the Committee's Web page.

## **VII. FILED CONSENT ORDERS**

A. Judith Page (Yorio), Kiyosha Watts-Yorio, Courtney Yorio and David Yorio, d/b/a Roberta Medi-Spa are permanently enjoined, pursuant N.J.S.A. 45:8B-5, N.J.S.A 45:8B-39, N.J.S.A 45:14B-5 and N.J.S.A 45:15BB-4, from engaging in, offering to engage in , advertising, or holding themselves out as able to engage in, the practice of psychology, psychotherapy, social work , professional counseling, marriage and family therapy and/or any other mental health therapy including, but not limited, to performing counseling, evaluations, and/or treatment plans, any activity within the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling and or engaging in or advertising the practice of medicine and surgery.

B. Christopher Hoyer, LPC

The Committee reviewed a report (forwarded by the Division of Criminal Justice) that on 7/19/06 an indictment has been entered against Christopher M. Hoyer, LPC. The indictment charges Mr. Hoyer with 18 counts of criminal conduct involving a minor. Deputy Attorney General Mileidy Perez informed the Committee that an Interim Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Licensure was filed on September 7, 2006, in which Mr. Hoyer agreed to cease and desist from practice as a professional counselor pending the outcome of the criminal matter.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

Psychological Counseling Services - Gerard Lee, Jr.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Gerald Lee, LPC, asking for the Committee's authorization and support for psychologists and counselors who are licensed professional counselors to conduct psycho-social evaluations for New Jersey State agencies such as DYFS. The Committee will inform Mr. Lee in writing that it is not within Committee jurisdiction to determine the scope of practice for psychologists. Further, additional information is necessary regarding the professional designation of psychological counselor and the services that are provided. Generally, in order to provide and advertise specific services the provider must be appropriately licensed.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

NBCC Statistical Score Report

The Committee reviewed the statistical score report provided by the National Board of Certified Counselors. The report was accepted as informational. Executive Director Elaine L. DeMars led a discussion focused on the process for the examination highlighting that approval by National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) to take the examination does not mean that the individual will qualify for licensure. There are a number of applicants who have passed the National Counselor Examination but do not meet the education requirements set by New Jersey statute and regulations at N.J.S.A. 45:8B-40 and N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2. The Committee also preliminarily discussed the computer-based examination currently available through NBCC. The computer-based examination is scheduled for one week each month at two New Jersey test-sites (in Wayne and Robbinsville, NJ). The Committee determined to resume discussion following the receipt of additional information.

## **IX. AASCB MATTERS**

A. National Credentials Registry and Portability

Jan F. McMillan, Ph.D., LPC, Chair of (AASCB's) National Credentials Registry will attend the October 5th meeting to discuss the proposed standards with the members of the Committee.

## B. CACREP Draft Standards Revision

Committee Chair J. Barry Mascari asked Committee members to provide written comments related to their review of the draft revision. Committee member Mark O'Sullivan initially noted that the revision does not address supervision.

## X. NEXT MEETING

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is October 5, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

### 2006 Committee Meeting Dates

November 2, 2006

December 7, 2006

## XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:52 a.m., on a motion by Ronald Rossell, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session to discuss pending disciplinary matters.

## XII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by Mark O'Sullivan, seconded by Ronald Rossell, the Committee voted to approve the following applications as noted:

### Licensed Professional Counselor:

Gould, Melissa Malek, Joanne  
Grinberg, Marina Merimonde, Linda  
Indukuri, Satya Mondaca, Marisol  
Kerlinger, Stephen Snider, Tina

### Licensed Associate Counselor:

Bhatt, Meera Letizia, Georae  
Haynes, Stacy Markon, Laurie D.  
Kunish, Jordan Moore, Clifford

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Abbey F. Bradway, seconded by Mark O'Sullivan, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars  
Executive Director