

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 9:37 a.m by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari, at the State Office Building, located at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Sussex Conference Room, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chairman, J. Barry Mascari
Committee Member, William Green
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer
Committee Member, Abbey Bradway (Participated by Phone)

Also Present:

Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger
Staff Member, Elaine DeMars
Administrative Staff, Agnes Almeida
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the minutes of the July 10, 2008 public session meeting were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public members present.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. First Quarter Legislative Report

The Committee reviewed the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee's First Quarter Legislative Report (April 1, 2008 - June 30, 2008) and accepted the report as informational.

B. N.J.A.C. 13:34-10 through 30: Regulation Sunset

The Committee continues to review draft regulations. The Regulations Committee will finalize a draft for presentation to the full Committee on October 2.

VI. GRADUATE COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. Rowan University - Dr. Janet Cahill

The Committee reviewed Dr. Cahill's e-mail dated September 3, 2008 regarding the Rowan University programs and course work. The Committee will write to Dr. Cahill to inform her that although the program may have been discussed five years ago with the Executive Director, the Committee did not review or approve the Rowan program. Although the statute at N.J.S.A. 45:8B-38 allows the Committee to approve

programs, there have not been any program approvals to date. The Committee will continue to review applications on an individual basis.

The Committee noted that there has been no update following the lengthy meeting with Drs. Cahill, Haugh and Angelone. The meeting summary was recorded in the March 6, 2008 Public Minutes when the Committee expressed concern with the current and proposed program presented.

Dr. D.J. Angelone, Dr. Jim Haugh and Program Director, Dr. Janet Cahill appeared in response to the Committee request, to discuss the University's current and proposed graduate program. Following a detailed review and discussion of the course work, the Committee emphasized their concern with the integration of the term and principles of "psychology" throughout the programs. Course work is required to meet the requirements and prepare students for practice as professional counselors, a mixture of disciplines is not acceptable. The program representatives stated that they will seek the perspective of a counselor educator to evaluate/revise the language, references and interpretations in both programs. CACREP accreditation will be pursued.

B. Seton Hall University - Dr. Pamela Foley

The Committee reviewed Dr. Foley's July 16, 2008 letter regarding the online ethics supplement made available to students. The course was designed to supplement a course within the on-campus program which was determined to be incomplete in the focus on the statute and regulations governing the practice of professional counseling, professional counselor identity and professional counselor ethical codes. The Committee determined to write to Dr. Foley to inform her that the online counselor education program was never reviewed by the Committee. The supplemental ethics (campus) course was approved for a limited number of applicants who completed the Seton Hall University graduate counseling program for a specific time period, however, that time period has expired. Dr. Foley will be asked to provide the Committee with a copy of the University's online counseling program curriculum for review and to supplement the list of graduates with additional information .

C. Fairleigh Dickinson University - Dr. Yolanda Hawkins Rodgers

The Committee reviewed Dr. Hawkins-Rodgers' September 3, 2008 correspondence regarding the FDU program and program evaluation. The Committee will inform Dr. Hawkins-Rodgers that any applicant who writes to appeal the committee's decision regarding their application will be re-reviewed if the student was matriculated in the program during 2004-2006, with the appropriate course work. The Committee will also ask Dr. Hawkins-Rodgers to provide documentation that the referenced changes to the FDU professional counseling graduate program have been made.

The Committee will also write to Dr. Paula Danzinger regarding the evaluation of the FDU M.A. in Counseling program and ask for additional information.

VII. NBCC MATTERS

1. The Committee reviewed the July 19, 2008 National Counselor Examination score report and accepted the report as informational, although it was noted that the Theory and Practice portion of the examination was not included.
2. The Committee was informed that the contract to implement the Computer Based Test (NCE) has not yet received final State approval.
3. The Committee reviewed the 2009 examination registration form.

VIII. AASCB MATTERS

The Committee reviewed the American Association of State Counseling Boards 22nd Annual Conference

announcement to be held January 8 - 10, 2009. On a motion by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee determined to approve the attendance of Chair J. Barry Mascari and Vice-Chair Abbey Bradway as representatives of the Committee. Committee member William Green informed the Committee that he plans to attend on his own, as an AASCB member.

IX. FILED CONSENT ORDERS

A. Cynthia Lischick,
Consent Order Filed August 27, 2008
For the unlicensed practice of professional counseling

B. Jillian Brown,
Consent Order Filed September 11, 2008
For the unlicensed practice of professional counseling

C. James Barnett,
Consent Order Filed September 11, 2008
For the unlicensed practice of professional counseling

D. Bradley H. Jenkins
Consent Order Filed September 11, 2008
Voluntary surrender of license to practice professional counseling

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for October 2, 2008.

October 2, 2008
November 6, 2008
December 4, 2008

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee moved to Executive Session at 12:32 to discuss pending disciplinary matters.

XII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by William Green the following applicants were approved for licensure:

Professional Counselor Associate Counselor
Arnott, Melissa Eben, Craig
Mastro, Dara Galvin, Cheryl
Sawers, Jill McCrone, Marianne
Taylor, David Miller, Holly
Pajot, Bruce Wranitz, Travis

Specialty Designations (N.J.A.C. 13:34-14.1)
Clinical Mental Health Counselor:
Susanne Mars

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

