

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
September 16, 2009**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 9:40 a.m., by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari, at the State Office Building, located at 124 Halsey Street, 7th floor Cape May Conference Room, Newark, New Jersey.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Committee Chairman, J. Barry Mascari Committee Member, Barbara Maurer

Excused:

William Green

Also Present:

Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger

Administrative Staff: Elaine L. DeMars

Agnes Almeida

Celeste Paige

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, 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 the Courier Post.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by J. Barry Mascari a recommendation to accept the July 9, 2009 minutes as presented will be forwarded to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy for approval.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dashau Hinton, LAC

Ms. Hinton attended the public meeting to provide information and receive clarification regarding her application status for the professional and rehabilitation counselor credentials.

**V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

**A. Assembly Bill 3934**

The Committee reviewed the Bill which concerns the use of health information technology products and the comment submitted by the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee. The Committee voted to join the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee in submitting the comment.

**B. Psychology Board Regulation Proposal**

The Committee reviewed the Psychology Board 's Regulation Draft Proposal for Custody/Parenting Time Evaluations and found the proposal to thorough, needed regulation. The Committee will endeavor to

include a similar regulation.

#### C. Committee revisions to the definition of “counseling”

The Committee also discussed a revision to the regulation definition of the word “counseling”. The Committee is to change the regulation which currently allows counselor educators to obtain licensure using their teaching employment as experience.

#### D. Music Therapy License Proposal

The Committee reviewed a copy of the music therapy license draft proposal and accepted it as informational.

### VI. GRADUATE COUNSELOR PROGRAMS

#### A. Philadelphia Biblical University Dr. Todd J. Williams

The Committee received a copy of the course descriptions for the University and determined to table its discussion for the October 1, 2009 meeting.

#### B. Newark Abbey Right Rev. Melvin Valvano

The Committee reviewed correspondence submitted by Rt. Rev. Valvano regarding licensure for those with a Masters in Psychoanalytic Counseling. The Committee will inform Rt. Rev. Valvano that the therapeutic course work for psychoanalytic counseling is different from what is traditional counseling course work. The Rt. Rev. Valvano will be asked to provide course descriptions from the program.

### VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Elaine DeMars reported that the Continuing Education Audit for professional, rehabilitation and association counselors had been mailed. Ninety-nine percent (99%) of those audited have responded. Committee Member Barbara Maurer has volunteered to review the materials submitted as proof of continuing education compliance.

### VIII. FILED CONSENT ORDERS

#### 1. Alice Briggs September 2, 2009

Consent Order for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling.

#### 2. Carmen Diaz Cuervas, LPC September 2, 2009

Consent Order for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling

#### 3. Gina M. Karnisovas September 10, 2009

Consent Order for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling.

#### 4. Michael V. Palmer, LPC September 10, 2009

Consent Order for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling.

#### 5. Bruce Buchanan, LPC September 16, 2009

Consent Order for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling

## IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by J. Barry Mascari, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee moved to executive session at 10:39 a.m. to discuss pending confidential matters.

## X. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by J. Barry Mascari the following applicants were approved for licensure:

Associate Counselors Professional Counselors

Abreu, Kristina Bernardo, Michelle

Alongi, Phyllis Birnbaum, Clara

Betts, Jennifer Braverman, Jennifer

Bekheet, Maureen Coppola, Sandra

Bruni, James Creagh-Kaiser, Maureen

Cardaccio, Joanna Davis, Elaine

Conner, Jaime DiCesare-Bailey,

Faccone, Christine Dubanowich, Margaret

Maliano, Peter Hall, Stephanie

Opit, Nicole Kelliam, Mia

Scmielz, Lance Knocke, Samantha

Vona, Sally Quirk, Jerilyn

Schneider, Kimberly

Sutton, Andree

Torzczyn, Heather

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by J. Barry Mascari, the Committee adjourned at 4:17 p.m.