

**Professional Counselor Committee Meeting
Open Session Minutes**

October 3, 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
Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson
Jane Cofone - Administrative Staff

C. APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2002

On a motion by R. Rossell, seconded by C. Todd, minutes were approved with corrections.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Professional Conduct Regulations - The Board reviewed a draft submitted by Regulatory Analyst D. Swenson on proposed professional conduct regulations. It was decided that a subcommittee of the Committee would look at the draft and make recommendations to be presented at the next Committee meeting.

A. Senate Bill S-641 Withdrawal - Committee members were informed that the Senate Bill - 641, which required a registry of attempted suicides, was withdrawn from consideration by the Senate.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stephen S. Craig, Ph.D. The Committee received a letter from Mr. Craig inquiring on the advertisement of Marion Hecht, a licensed professional counselor, on whether her advertisement exceeds her scope of practice as

an LPC. Committee asked the Executive Director to write Ms. Hecht and asked her to describe her practice and explain the advertisement.

2. Anthony Cross - Mr. Cross wrote the Committee in response to the Consent Order between the Committee and Sarah Crane, LPC. Mr. Cross felt that Ms. Crane should write a letter of apology in addition to the Consent Order. The Committee asked the Executive Director to write to Mr. Cross and inform him that the consent order is final and that this matter is closed.

3. Carmen L. Hodges - The Committee received a letter from Ms. Hodges in which she complains that the NBCC is refusing to accommodate her special need for the NCE exam. The Committee asked the Executive Director to call the NBCC to inquire about the matter.

4. Michael Tocci - Mr. Tocci wrote the Committee and asked if the Committee offers credit for teaching courses in lieu of supervised experience. The Executive Director is to write to Mr. Tocci and explain that this is not allowed by the regulations.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. AASCB Conference - Chairman B. Mascari shared with the Committee a letter he wrote to Deputy Director Anthony Miragliotta asking that the state pay for a second board member to attend the AASCB Conference. Mr. Miragliotta informed Chairman Mascari that due to the travel restrictions imposed by the Governor's office, this would not be possible and only one board member can attend at State expense.

2. Jeanie Robertson - The Committee reviewed Ms. Robertson's out of state application as an LPC in Georgia. The Committee determined that the requirements in Georgia at the time of Ms. Robertson's licensure (1990) were not "substantially similar" to New Jersey requirements as required by the regulations.

H. NEW BUSINESS

None

I. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is November 7, 2002.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by A. Bradway, seconded by R. Rossell, the Committee went into Executive Session.

K. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by R. Rossell, the Committee took the following action:

APPROVED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Miriam Adler
Deanna S. Allen
Amy J. Cirbus
Kathryn A. Comune
Laura M. Consentino
Gineen Gianndrea
Louis D. LaTorre

Heidi A. Morelli
Rhodamanthy Repousis
Michele D. Ribiero
Deborah B. Skibbee
Michele B. Walsh
Ann T. Yamiolkowski

DENIED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Jill Bakke
Judith Kail-Martin
Ronald Katz
Jeanie R. Robertson
Joanne C. Shields
Robert H. Vanderwal
Silvana Vucetay
Carol Ann Williams

APPROVED FIR LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR

Margaret Behar
Maureen Kazaba
Judy Kelly
Amy Moore
Debbie Passenti

DENIED FOR LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR

AnnMarie Gigante

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned att 12:00 noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis E. Gonzalez
Executive Director
