

**New Jersey State Board of
Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners
Professional Counselor Examiners Committee
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

October 4, 2001

A. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Committee President E. Stroh who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee President Edward Stroh
Committee Member Abbey F. Bradway
Committee Member J. Barry Mascari
Committee Member Connie Todd

Absent:

Committee Member Jerry Cohen (excused)
Committee Member Ronald A. Rossell (excused)

Staff Present:

Executive Director Dennis E. Gonzalez
Deputy Attorney General Marilyn Bair
Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson
Supervising Clerk Celeste Sweeper
Jane Cofone Administrative Staff

C. APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2001 MEETING

On a motion by J. Barry Mascari, seconded by Abbey F. Bradway, minutes were approved without corrections.

D. LEGISLATIVE REGULATORY

1. Specialty Designation (Public Comment) - Committee reviewed a public comment on the specialty designation regulations suggesting that these regulations be more specific as to the scope of practice of a clinical mental health counselor. Committee felt that it was unnecessary for the regulations to delineate the scope of practice of a clinical mental health counselor. Scope of practice as per regulations is the same for all counselors.

On a motion by J. Barry Mascari, seconded by Abbey F. Bradway the committee agreed to authorize the Chairman to develop a response with Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson and present to the Marriage and Family Therapy Board.

2. Continuing Education - Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson discussed with the Committee the changes offered by the Division of Law to the Continuing Education regulations.

On a motion by J. Barry Mascari, seconded by Connie Todd the committee voted to accept these changes.

3. Professional Conduct - Committee agreed to defer the discussion of this matter to the next meeting of the committee.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

Katherine Becker - Ms. Becker wrote to the committee indicating that she was denied by the National Board for Certified Counselors the opportunity to take the licensing exam. Committee instructed the Executive Director, Dennis Gonzalez to write to Ms. Becker and inform her that it appears that she might have made a mistake when applying since the situation she describes in her letter is inconsistent with the National Board of Certified Counselors' agreement with the committee.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

Committee members were informed that the 2002 conference of the AASCB will be held January 10, 2002 to January 12, 2002 in Tucson, Arizona. Committee members were asked to notify the Executive Director Dennis E. Gonzalez if they would like to attend.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public member John Egan addressed the committee on the need to be more specific as to the scope of practice of a clinical mental health counselor. The Chairman of the Committee, Edward Stroh informed Mr. Egan that it is the committee's position that it is unnecessary to expand on the scope of practice of a clinical mental health counselor, since the regulations are specific as to the scope of practice of all counselors.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by J. Barry Mascari, seconded by Abbey Bradway the committee voted to convene into Executive Session.

J. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

On a motion by J. Barry Mascari, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the committee took the following action:

APPROVED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Adesso, William A.
Bisaka, Susan
Davis, Wyndee O.
Fier, Elizabeth
Lewis, Jacinta
Paar, Nadine
Schultz, Jennifer C.
Siano, Kathleen

Kelly, Judy (New Supervisor and Supervision Plan Approval)

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis E. Gonzalez
Executive Director
