

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 4, 2007  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:45 a.m., at 124 Halsey Street, Hudson Conference room, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Committee Chairman, J Barry Mascari  
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer

Excused:

Committee Vice-Chair, Abbey F. Bradway

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars  
Deputy Attorney General, Carmen Rodriguez  
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige  
Administrative Staff, Agnes Almeida

**III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

Following his reading of the "Open Public Meetings Act" Committee Chair Mascari announced that due to the resignation of Committee members, there is no quorum. All agenda items, therefore, will be considered for recommendation to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners. On a motion made by Barbara Maurer, seconded by J. Barry Mascari, the Committee will recommend the approval of the September 6, 2007 minutes as presented.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gina Braza Naumov  
Mrs. Naumov appeared before the Committee support her application for licensure.

Barry Horton  
Mr. Horton appeared before the Committee to support his licensure application.

The Committee advised both applicants that the review of applications is limited to the documentation submitted during the application process.

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Elaine DeMars informed the Committee that Lawrence DeMarzo has assumed responsibility as the Acting Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs. Invitations for the December 5, 2007 Graduate Counselors Educator's meeting have been mailed to graduate professional counseling program directors for New Jersey and surrounding states.

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

Family-Based Strategies  
Jane Nash, MSW, LCSW, Clinical Director

The Committee reviewed correspondence submitted by Ms. Nash who requested an exemption for two unlicensed clinicians who provide services for families in a private, state contracted agency. Ms. Nash will be informed that the Committee cannot grant an exemption. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-48, providing counseling services in a private practice without a license is deemed unlicensed practice. Ms. Nash did not identify the credentials of the individuals providing the services, therefore, the Committee was unable to determine if the individual would meet the educational requirements as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:34-11. The Committee will ask Ms. Nash to identify the employees and require her to immediately phase out their roles as counselors until such time as they are appropriately credentialed.

## **VII. GRADUATE COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

### **A. Fairleigh Dickinson University - FDU**

The Committee reviewed the e-mails forwarded by Dr. Whitmarsh regarding the counseling program at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham-Madison campus. Executive Director DeMars will write to Dr. Whitmarsh to inform her that the issues presented in her e-mail will be addressed at the December 5, 2007 Counselor Educator's meeting.

### **B. William Paterson University - WPU**

The Committee reviewed the letter Dr. Kathleen Torsney sent to Executive Director Michael Walker, Board of Psychological Examiners concerning the website description of the WPU M.A. Clinical and Counseling Psychology program. The Committee accepted the material as informational.

### **C. SETON HALL UNIVERSITY**

The Committee reviewed an e-mail submitted by Pamela Foley, Ph.D., regarding the Seton Hall supplemental course designed to address the deficiencies in the original ethics course (CPSY 8010). Dr. Foley will be informed that the 9-hour supplemental course will be accepted only for those individuals who were in the matriculated program prior to notice of regulation change (January 1, 2004 through May 2006). The university's official verification of the student's enrollment during that time period would be required with documentation that the program was in the process of the degree title change to include "counseling" or "counselor" pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3i.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. National Board of Certified Counselors**

The Committee reviewed the e-mail forwarded by Patti Brown-Irving, Assessment Coordinator of the National Board of Certified Counselors concerning the Committee's new regulation N.J.S.A. 13:34-11.2(a)3i adopted in 2004 and the affect on re-registrations.

The Committee will inform Ms. Brown-Irving that the licensure application must have been received by the Committee before April 20, 2006 for consideration as a "related" degree. The regulation was promulgated in 2004, two years before the enactment on April 20, 2006 to give adequate notice for compliance.

### **B. NBCC Computer-Based Examination Contract**

The Committee continued review of a proposed contract with NBCC to provide the NCE through a computer-based (CBT) format rather than the current paper and pencil format. Executive Director DeMars will present the Committee's questions pertaining to specific contract language. The Committee noted that the CBT will offer a more flexible and convenient examination schedule with more rapid notification of results.

B. Susan Schonberg

The Committee reviewed a letter submitted by Ms. Schonberg who wrote requesting clarification on restrictions on referrals of clients in private practice. The Committee determined to write to Ms. Schonberg to inform her that she seek legal counsel as her questions appear to pertain to her specific employment contract.

#### **IX. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 1, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by J. Barry Mascari, the Committee moved to executive session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss confidential agenda items.

#### **XI. CREDENTIAL REVIEW**

The following applicants were recommended for licensure approval as noted:

Professional Counselors Associate Counselor

Factor, Steven                      Dragish, Marc

Frankel, Joanna                      Genovese, James

Haggis, Laura                      Mangano, Kathleen

Taylor, David                      Pauley, Barbara

Winnberg, Heidi

#### **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded J. Barry Mascari, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.