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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Committee was called to Order at in the Monmouth Conference Room at 9:49a.m., 124 Halsey Street, 7th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, Committee Chair
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair
Peter Economou, Committee Member
Diane Licht, Committee Member

Excused:

Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member

Also Present:

Alexis Goldberger, Deputy Attorney General
Terri Goldberg, Assistant Deputy Director
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep
Agnes Almeida, Administrative Staff
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum.

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 mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Peter Economou the minutes of the September 6, 2012 public meeting were approved as amended at 10:06am.

Rachel Culard and Danielle Mason both of Caldwell College and Kathleen Sherman attended the public meeting.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst

Regulation Revisions

The Committee voted to approve the following regulation revisions and request The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy's approval:

1. N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(c); - will require that master's or doctoral degrees required by N.J.A.C 13:34-11.2(a) should be from programs that require students hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution prior to entry.
2. N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.5(c) and N.J.A.C. 13:34-12.1(e) - This regulation will recognize dual degrees with the understanding that applicants must still acquire 60 master's credits. In a motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, "bachelor's degree from accredited institution" will be added.
3. N.J.A.C. 13:34-12.1(d)i. - "human sexuality" will be deleted
4. N.J.A.C 13:34-12.1(b) - In a motion by Diane Licht, seconded by Peter Economou, the Committee voted to delete the National Credentials Registry (NCR) as it creates a barrier to endorsement.
5. N.J.A.C. 13:34-15.4(c)ix. - The Committee has been using the American Counseling Association (ACA) code of ethics as a guide. The Committee will consider incorporating the ACA code of ethics into this regulation. Chuck Manning as well as the Committee would like to further review ACA code of ethics.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Committee Chair William Green addressed the changes to Professional Counselor's Board Staff: Terri Goldberg will now serve as Deputy Director of Board Operations, Milagros Collazo, new Executive Director, and Michela Ross, new Government Rep.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None to report

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Committee Chairman William Green attended Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) where he presented on professional counseling regulations within the state of New Jersey.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS cont'd

- B.** Committee Chairman William Green and then Acting Executive Director Terri Goldberg both attended the National Board of Professional Counselors' Conference. Terri Goldberg reported the following highlights:
1. The NJ application requires 4,500 general hours, but other States have a breakdown of time with clients face to face and over phone.
 2. Most States follow the American Counseling Association (ACA) code of ethics. Also noted ACA new code of ethics coming out in 2013.
 3. Many States are developing policies regarding counseling within social media.
 4. Many States are changing their regulations to require ethics continuing education courses be in person rather than online because some online courses are lacking in quality.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Catherine Waters, Ph.D., LPC, Caldwell College

The Committee reviewed Dr. Water's September 18, 2012 letter thanking the Committee for their time and attention to their programs in clarifying supervision requirements and site duties.

B. Christina Hamme Peterson, PsyD., Rider University

The Committee reviewed Ms. Peterson's email regarding tests and measurements course at Rider University. The Committee advises Ms. Peterson to refer to N.J.A.C 13:34-10.2(1)i.

C. Tamara Eslam

The Committee reviewed Ms. Eslam's email regarding supervision. The Committee advises Ms. Eslam to N.J.A.C 13:34-13.1.

X. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Board reviewed documentation regarding the name change from Philadelphia Biblical College to CAIRN University. Discussion was tabled until the November 1, 2012 meeting.

XI. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

The Committee has been invited to attend and present at the New Jersey Counseling Association in April. They would like to know if three people can attend the meeting with it not being considered a quorum. DAG Alexis Goldberger will advise at the November meeting.

XII. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)

1. The August 2012 National Counselor Examination (NCE) Statistical Summary Report was presented for Committee review and accepted as informational.

2. NCE Special Accommodations Approval

The Committee reviewed the September 25, 2012 report forwarded by LaSaundra Gafford regarding the special accommodation portal and accepted as informational.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 1, 2012

2012 Meeting Dates:

November 1, 2012

December 6, 2012

2013 Meeting Dates:

January 3, 2013

February 7, 2013

March 7, 2013

April 4, 2013

May 22, 2013

June 6, 2013

July 11, 2013

August 8, 2013

September 9, 2013

October 3, 2013

November 7, 2013

December 5, 2013

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Diane Licht the meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:43am.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Diane Licht, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.