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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **OCTOBER 7, 2010**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 10:24 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari
Committee Member, William Green
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer

Also Present:

Deputy Attorney General Susan Berger
Administrative Staff: Elaine DeMars
 Agnes Almeida
 Celeste Paige
Legal Intern: Nessia Gottlieb

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 175, 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 and also posted on the Committee's web page.

Announcement of Quorum

The Professional Counselor Examiners Committee continues to function as a sub-Committee due to the lack of sufficient Committee member appointments, Quorum is established at N.J.S.A. 45:8B-37 and requires four members. Therefore all agenda matters will be presented to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners as recommendations for a final vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the minutes of the September 15, 2010 public session minutes will be recommended for approval as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public attended the meeting:

Lauren Rice, Caldwell College alumni, Peggy Farrelly, William Petersen and Reena Vyas of Seton Hall University and Julie O'Sullivan Maillet, Barbara Turen, Janice Oursler and Kenneth Gill of UMDNJ.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2-3(b)

The Committee reviewed drafted language to amend the October 5, 2009 regulation adoption. The Committee determined to table the discussion since the Committee did not approve the language drafted. The matter is referred to the Regulations Committee.

Board of Psychological Examiners

B. N.J.A.C. 13:42-12 Custody/Parenting Time Evaluations

The Committee reviewed the September 7, 2010 New Jersey Register Rule Adoption. The Committee determined to refer the matter to the Regulations Committee to draft a similar regulation for professional counselors. The Committee discussed the need for professional counselors to obtain specialized training in this area should they plan to provide this service.

C. N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.1 Application: Qualifications to Sit for Examination

This rule requires residential requirement for admittance to the examination for psychologists. On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by William Green, the Committee supported the requirement for in-person training. The matter will also be referred to the Committee's Regulation Committee to determine whether to draft a similar requirement for professional counselors.

VI. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)

Dr. Ourseler appeared to discuss UMDNJ's recent accreditation approval. Dr. Ourseler and representatives from the UMDNJ Community Counseling Program attended the meeting because the UMDNJ letter to the Committee dated September 16, 2010 was listed on the agenda.

The Committee determined to table the discussion until a letter is sent with the Committee's questions regarding the newly accredited program and the prior graduate degree in Rehabilitation Counseling.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

2010-2012 Biennial Renewal

Elaine DeMars reported that renewal notices were mailed on September 21, 2010. As of October 6, 2010 twenty five percent (25%) of the LPC and LRC designation and 19% of the LAC designation have completed the renewal online.

VIII. FILED ORDERS

A. James J. Neill, LPC

The October 7, 2010 filed Consent Order for James J. Neill for the aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling was presented.

B. Joseph C. Titone

The October 7, 2010 filed Consent Order for Joseph Titone for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling was presented.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by William Green Maurer, the Committee moved to Executive Session at 10:44 a.m. to discuss confidential matters and conduct an investigative inquiry.

X. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee recommended the following applicants for approval by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

Professional Counselors

Rosemary Menger
Winifred Nagle
Michele Patti
Julie Phelps
Ann Marie Plesnik
Jason Rechtman
Jacqueline Baxley

Associate Counselors

Jessica Alomar
Jennifer Baker
Ashley Cali
Caterina De Leo
Susan Ebling-Witte
Meredith Gonzenbach
Eileen Hennessey
Gail Lalk
Andrew McGovern
Joseph McKeon
Megan Petzinger
Mary risden
Deborah Ross
Stephanie VanQuathem

Rehabilitation Counselor

Margaret M. Barry

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee is scheduled for November 4, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

November 4, 2010

December 1, 2010

XII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by J. William Green, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

