

Professional Counselor Examining Committee

Public Session Minutes

October 17 2003

A. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:37 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

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Mileidy Perez
Administrative Staff, Celeste Sweeper

C. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

On a motion by Edward Stroh, seconded by Jerry Cohen , the minutes of the September 4, 2003, October 2, 2003 and the October 17, 2003 (teleconference) meetings were approved with corrections.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

Committee members were provided with a copy of the Criminal History Background check letter that will be sent to pending applicants and the authorization form that will be sent with all initial license/certificate applications, for review and information. N.J.S.A. 45:1-28 et seq require all applicants seeking licensure or certification as a health care professional must undergo a Criminal History Record Background Check. The recording of each applicants fingerprints is a critical part of meeting this requirement.

Ms. DeMars provided a summary of the procedures that have been established for processing the forms and the reports that will be provided to the Board office.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

None

F. OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter

Committee members reviewed a draft of the newsletter. Executive Director Elaine DeMars informed the committee that revisions were made to the Executive Director's article. With minor corrections suggested by

the Committee, the newsletter will be forwarded to Print Production for the final revisions immediately. It is estimated that printing and distribution may be completed in a few weeks.

G. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Laura Greenstone, Sheila Franklin-Gillstein, Karen Esposito and Anna Porteen, all representatives of the New Jersey Creative Art Therapy Association addressed the Committee individually, giving detailed information about their respective programs, education and extensive experience as art, drama, music and/or dance therapists. The individuals petitioned the Committee to reconsider the changes that will be made to the License Professional Counselor regulations that will recognize applicants with a "Counseling" only graduate degree. The request is that language be added to include the creative arts therapy disciplines specifically, as substantially equivalent to a Master's in Counseling. The request is also that the credentials of Creative Arts Therapists (registration and/or Board certification in the respective disciplines) be recognized as a counseling sub-specialty in a specific Create Arts Therapy.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is December 4, 2003, 9:30 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

J. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

On a motion by Jerry Cohen, seconded by A. Bradway, the Committee took the following action:

APPROVED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Baum, Lisa
Collins, Lisa (denied, but approved post meeting by J. Cohen)
Dixon, Catherine
Holmes, Joan D.
McCarthy, Thomas A.
Georgiou, Jean
Meehan, Maria M.
Robinson, Jerome
Tana, Margaret A.
Williams, Carol A.

DENIED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Artz, Sherry B.
Georges Van Heusen, Colleen
Gaudioso, Anthony O.
Guglielmi, Yessenia
O'Grady, Monica
Salerno-Wallace, Nicollette A.
Salvanto, Maria
Turner, Amelia
McKinsey, Shayne

APPROVED FOR ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR

Norwillo, Lorryn A.
Tobey, Rosanne C.
White , Alan A.

APPROVED FOR SPECIALTY DESIGNATION

Bal, Kelly (School Counselor)
Henry, Shirley (Clinical Mental Health Counselor)

APPROVED OUT- OF- STATE APPLICANT

McCormick, Julie (Pennsylvania)
Roland, Catherine (Arkansas)
Royall, Carmen L. (Pennsylvania)
Shapiro, Alan (Pennsylvania)

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Edward Stroh, seconded by Ron Rossell, the Committee voted to move into Executive Session at 10:05 AM to conduct a scheduled Investigative Inquiry and to discuss consumer complaints

L. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

The Committee directed the Executive Director to correspond with Fairleigh Dickinson University to address the confusion their BA/MA program creates. The Committee asks that clarification be provided delineating the courses included in the Masters program and those that are included in the undergraduate curriculum.

M. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ron Rossell, seconded by Abbey Bradway, meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars
Executive Director

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