

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:42 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, Abbey Bradway  
Committee Member, William Green  
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer

The Committee conducted business as a quorum until 10:27 a.m. when Committee Member Abbey Bradway arrived.

Staff Present:

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

**III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Executive Director DeMars introduced William Green, appointed by Governor Corzine on October 19, 2007. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-37, Mr. Green was appointed to fill the rehabilitation counselor position.

**IV. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the public session minutes of the October 4, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. George Reha

Mr. Reha appeared before the Committee to support his application for licensure.

2. Heidi Neuberg

Ms. Neuberg appeared before the Committee to support her application for licensure.

3. Carrie Haight

Ms. Haight appeared before the Committee to support her application for licensure. The Committee advised the applicants that the review of applications is limited to the documentation submitted during the application process.

**VI. LEGISLATIVE /REGULATORY**

#### A. Senate Bill 2636

This bill permits revised methods of treatment for chiropractors and establishes continuing education requirements. This bill was not forwarded to the Committee for formal comment, but there was concern with the provisions of the proposed legislation in that significantly expands the chiropractor's scope of practice. The Committee expressed concern regarding the addition of acupuncture, mental health therapy, dietary and nutritional counseling and other services, including diagnoses, as if a physician. The Committee will ask to be informed of the status of this Bill as new information becomes available.

#### B. Proposed Readoption: N.J.A.C. 13:44B Per Diem Compensation

The Committee reviewed the regulation readoption notice regarding per diem compensation and accepted the notification as informational.

### **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### A. Michelle Boyer

The Committee reviewed an e-mail submitted by Ms. Boyer with her comparison of the NCE and EPPP (required for licensed psychologist credential). Ms. Boyer will be informed that the statute at N.J.S.A. 45:8B-41 specifically requires the National Counselor Examination (NCE) for professional counselor licensure.

#### B. Barbara Cramer, LAC

The Committee reviewed a letter submitted by Ms. Cramer who asked questions about her employment in a for-profit setting. Ms. Cramer will be informed that the licensed associate counselor credential, by law, permits her to work in a for-profit setting.

#### C. Hardy Vieux, Esq.

Mr. Vieux wrote to the Committee regarding non-licensed master's level intensive-in-community providers. Mr. Vieux asked the Committee to consider instituting an enforcement moratorium, due to the disparity in the exemption for non-profit agencies. Executive Director DeMars wrote to Mr. Vieux asking him to provide the Committee with additional information. To date Mr. Vieux has not responded.

### **VIII. COUNSELOR EDUCATION GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

#### Counselor Educators Meeting - December 5, 2007

The Committee has invited educators from various graduate counselor education programs in New Jersey and the surrounding area to meet to discuss the educational requirements professional counseling licensure. Invitations have been mailed to approximately twenty institutions in New Jersey and neighboring states that offer counselor education programs. The meeting is scheduled to take place on December 5, 2007, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

### **IX. NBCC MATTERS**

#### CBT Contract

The Committee continues to work through the proposed contract with the National Board of Certified Counselors. The Committee is working to implement computer based testing (CBT) in 2008.

Committee Member, William Green informed the Committee that the Council for Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) will implement Computer Based Testing (CBT) beginning April 2008.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Press Release from Attorney General Anne Milgram**

The Committee reviewed the Attorney General's October 18, 2007 Press Release regarding the improvement plan for licensing boards. Executive Director Elaine DeMars informed the Committee of the in-depth study of the boards which resulted in recommendations to Attorney General Milgram. A plan is being devised to improve the services provided by the 42 licensing boards.

### **B. Filed Consent Orders**

The following Consent Orders were filed:

Danielle Bossert

Consent Order for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling was filed on October 4, 2007.

Colleen Fallon

Consent Order for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling was filed on October 4, 2007.

Dawn Johnson

Consent Order for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling was filed on October 11, 2007

Stacy O'Neill

Consent Order for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling was filed on October 11, 2007.

William Adesso

Consent Order for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling was filed on November 1, 2007.

## **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:33 a.m. a motion was made by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee moved to Executive Session to review applications and to discuss consumer complaints and other confidential matters.

## **XII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW**

The following applications were reviewed and approved as noted:

### **PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR**

1. Burgess, Linda
2. Cerrato, Colette
3. Fleming, Kara
4. Fogel, Maggie
5. Maione, Vincent
6. Piren, Elizabeth
7. Sutton, Andree
8. Williams, Stephanie
9. Dixon, Jennifer

### **ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR**

1. Coleman, Kelly
2. Freni, Carlita
3. Hyland, Thomas

4. Ladson, Nicole
5. Lite, Marcia
6. Segura, Caridad
7. Trifiro, Sherry

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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