

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR COMMITTEE MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2005**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselors Committee was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari
Committee Vice Chair, Abbey F. Bradway
Committee Member, Jerry Cohen
Committee Member, Ronald A. Rossell

Excused:

Committee Member, Edward W. Stroh

Staff Present:

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Montclair State University Graduate Counselor Program students Cristina Martinez, Lynn Tucci, Sima Afayee, Sara Accordiano, Katie Sweeney, LaQuisha Toney, Beth Mavica, DaLora Samuels, Yvette Redman, Tiffani Barnes, Humberto Baquerizo, Alicia Keelin, Jamillah Thompson and Brian Propfe attended the meeting. The students informed the Committee that a requirement of one of their courses is the completion of six (6) hours of professional development. Attendance at a New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee public agenda meeting is listed as an acceptable activity toward the course requirement. B. Vincent Dopulos , a graduate student presented a brief outline of his course work and asked the Committee for an evaluation of the program to determine whether he will satisfy the degree requirement under N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2 (a)3ii. Specifically N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2 (a)3ii states that, "Beginning April 20, 2006 that an acceptable degree means that the word "Counseling" or the word "Counselor" appears in the title of the graduate degree awarded and that the institution offering the degree states in the catalog or in another format acceptable to the Committee that the purpose of the graduate degree is to prepare students for the professional practice of counseling." Mr. Dopulos was informed that the Committee is not able to make a determination without reviewing the program description and course content.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Elaine DeMars reported that the Division has initiated an effort to update the Web page of each Board and Committee. The intention is to make license-related information more accessible for applicants, licensees and consumers.

V. Bruce Gitto The Committee reviewed a letter received from Bruce Gitto requesting information on establishing a private practice. In his letter, Mr. Gitto, a school counselor, related his plan to open a private practice. The Committee will refer Mr. Gitto to his current employer for information concerning the scope of his

employment. Mr. Gitto will also be directed to familiarize himself with the State regulations pertaining to the practice of professional counseling. Specifically, N.J.A.C. 13:34-30.4, which addresses professional conduct, conflicts of interest and dual relationships, as well as N.J.A.C. 13:34:29, which sets forth advertising requirements.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the draft of the next edition of the newsletter. Additional articles were discussed and may include: the continuing education requirement for license renewal, the initial application process, the new "counseling degree title" requirement, and N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2 (a)3ii.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Presentation Invitation

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Stafford Barton, M.A., LPC, of the New Jersey Community Counselor Association, inviting a Committee representative to present an overview of the State licensure requirements and the application process. The Executive Director will request Division approval for the attendance of a Committee representative.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is December 1, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. At 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

2006 Board Meeting Dates

January 5, 2006 July 6, 2006
February 2, 2006 August 3, 2006
March 2, 2006 September 7, 2006
April 6, 2006 October 5, 2006
May 4, 2006 November 2, 2006
June 1, 2006 December 7, 2006

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10: 35 a.m., on a motion by Abbey Bradway seconded by Ronald Rossell, the Committee moved to Executive Session to discuss pending disciplinary matters.

X. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by Ronald Rossell, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the Committee voted to approve the following applications as noted:

Professional Counselors:

Abrahams, Christine Kobylińska, Urszula
Arens, Maureen Lucariello, Sandra
Albert, Brett Moylan-Lohin, Melody
Broda, Carole Mullen, Susan
Cannan, Ashley McIntosh, Helen
Cannin-Schuck, Margaret Reddick-Umoja, Isis
Chang, Giselle Samaan, Barbara N.
Cope, Nancy R. Samela, Amy
Dannemiller, Susan Stanley, Laura

DeBell, Susan J. Treadway, Richard
Goldring, Ellen Williams, Alvin
Jachna, Renata Zor, Sehnaz

Associate Counselors:

Davis, Marc Jenkins, Nicole
DeMello, Denise Mason, Rima
DeMeo, Isabel Pizar, Suzanne D.

Specialty Designation:

Truland, Joe Masters Addiction Counselor

XI. ADJOURNMENT On a motion by Jerry Cohen, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars
Executive Director