

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 4, 2004

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselors Examiners Committee was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Committee Chairman, J. Barry Mascari  
Committee Member, Jerry Cohen  
Committee Member, Ronald A. Rossell  
Committee Member, Edward Stroh

Excused:

Committee Member, Abbey F. Bradway

Staff Present:

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

**III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

On a motion by Ronald Rossell and seconded by Jerry Cohen, the minutes of October 7, 2004 were approved pending verification of the candidate list.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

**V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

There were no legislative or regulatory issues.

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

It was reported that a total of 1,669, or 65 percent, of all active licensees have completed the license renewal process. The expiration date for all current licensed professional and rehabilitation counselors is November 30, 2004.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Dorothy Hrynyk, M.A., LPC, LCADC, CJC

Executive Director Elaine DeMars informed the Committee that a phone response was provided to Ms. Hrynyk regarding her request that the Committee purchase the N.B.C.C. clinical mental health counselor exam. Information was provided to emphasize that the specialty certification offered by the National Board for Certified Counselors is not a requirement for licensure as a professional counselor. In order to use a specialty designation, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-14.1, a licensed professional counselor must have met the respective N.B.C.C. requirements.

B. Johanna Debenedetto

The Committee discussed an e-mail and questions related to supervision. The Committee requested that more information be obtained from Ms. Debenedetto before providing a response.

C. Lisa Thieke

Ms. Thieke presented information regarding Voice Movement Therapy in her e-mail to the Committee and requested clarification of the use of the modality in her practice. Before responding, the Committee will seek additional information from Ms. Thieke.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

### Out-of-State Applicants

On a motion made by Jerry Cohen and seconded by Ronald Rossell, the Committee voted unanimously to accept applications for licensure for those applicants who hold a current license in states that have been determined by the Committee to have substantially equivalent requirements, including the National Counselors Examination sponsored by the National Board for Certified Counselors.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

The Committee was provided with a copy of "The Liaison, Official Publication of the American Association of State Counseling Boards". Information on the AASCB Annual Conference to be held January 12 - 15, 2005 in Savannah, Georgia was discussed. On a motion made by Ronald Rossell and seconded by Jerry Cohen, the Committee voted unanimously to seek the required approval for the attendance of Committee members Edward Stroh and Abbey Bradway and Executive Director Elaine DeMars.

## X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is December 2, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey.

## XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Jerry Cohen, seconded by Ronald Rossell, the Committee voted to move to executive session at 10:30 a.m. to consider consumer complaints, individual licensure applications and pending disciplinary matters.

## XII. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

On a motion made by Edward Stroh, seconded by Ronald Rossell, the Committee approved the following list of candidates for licensure.

### Professional Counselors

Darryl Black  
Vanessa Karatzia-Pytel  
Rebecca Cadigan  
Meredith Keller

Rachael D'Altrui  
Hal J. Ketofsky  
Howard Dicker  
Margaret V. Moro  
Paul E. Dunn  
Wendy Sabin  
Joanna Feinman  
Amelia Turner  
Ellen Gantner  
Prem S. Williams  
Karen Hoisington  
Rebecca L. Wills

Associate Counselors

Lori L. Hart  
Susan P. Sohayda  
Dara L. Mastro  
Brian L'Oiseau  
Svetlana Shtofmakher  
Margaret Behar

Out of State

Janice Swick - Professional Counselor

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ed Stroh, seconded by Jerry Cohen, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars  
Executive Director

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