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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **November 5, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 11:05 a.m., by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari, at the State Office Building, located at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Hudson Conference Room, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Also Present:

Deputy Attorney General, Nancy Costello Miller
Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger (joined the meeting at 11:40 a.m.)
Administrative Staff: Elaine L. DeMars
Agnes Almeida
Celeste Paige

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, 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 posted on the Committee's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by William Green a recommendation to accept the October 1, 2009 minutes, as amended, will be presented to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following students from New Jersey City University attended the public meeting:

Cori Avitable	Carrie-Anne Papa
Mark Doering	Naresh Patel
Andrea Giordano	Eric Marto
Jocelyn Keshishian	

Patricia Cooke, LPC applicant and Georgian Court University student, addressed the Committee regarding her application for licensure.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Regulation Adoption

1. The amendments and re-adoption of N.J.A.C. 13:34-10 et. seq have been posted on the Committee's web page.

2. Revised application for licensure

The Committee reviewed the revised application for licensure and the option to apply for authorization to sit for the National Counselor Examination (NCE). The application is posted to the Committee's Web page. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.4(b) and 11.6(b), the applicant must receive Committee approval in order to register for the NCE. A complete application for the licensed associate counselor must also include the Plan of Supervision form submitted by the proposed supervisor. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.3(b), post degree experience may be granted after the granting of the licensed associate counselor credential (LAC) provided that the experience was supervised by a qualified supervisor as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:34-10.2.

B. 3rd Quarter Legislative Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted as informational the 3rd quarter legislative report.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Elaine DeMars reported that the new regulations were published October 5, 2009. The revised regulations, including the re-adoption with amendments is posted to the "Regulations" page of the Committee's Web page.

VII. GRADUATE COUNSELOR PROGRAMS

Danielle Carmona, Esq., Lowenstein and Sandler

The Committee reviewed Ms. Carmona's October 16, 2009 letter informing the Committee that the 1st group of students who have completed the required course as per the University/Committee agreement. The Committee will respond by informing Ms. Carmona that the agreement included only students who received the master's degree between 2004-2006.

VIII. NBCC MATTERS

NCE Revised interim procedure

Elaine DeMars reported that the new contract has not yet received final State approval. The paper and pencil examination will be administered for New Jersey candidates until the Computer Based Testing contract is finalized.

IX. AASCB MATTERS

The Committee's request for permission for Committee Chair, Barry Mascari, to attend the January 7-10, 2010 Annual Meeting has been submitted to the Director's office for approval.

X. FILED CONSENT ORDERS

Bruce Buchanan, LPC

A Consent Order was filed on November 5, 2009 for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling (practice with an expired license).

Mark Chae, LPC

A Consent Order was filed on October 29, 2009 filed for professional misconduct.

Laura Griffin

The November 5, 2009 filed Consent Order for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for December 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Cape May Conference Room, 7th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

2009 Meeting Dates

December 3, 2009

2010 Meeting Dates

January (cancelled)	July 1, 2010
February 4, 2010	August 5, 2010
March 4, 2010	September 2, 2010
April 1, 2010	October 7, 2010
May 6, 2010	November 4, 2010
June 3, 2010	December 2, 2010

XII EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee moved to executive session at 11:35 a.m. to discuss pending complaints and confidential matters.

XIII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by William Green, the following applicants were approved for licensure:

Associate Counselors

Antler, Karen
Awanna, Tara
Cardine, Jennifer
Cooke, Megan
Descalsi, Alexandra
Gebhardt, Jacqueline
Herman, Yesenia
Arias-Martinez, Vanessa
Nemeth, Susan
Mahoney, Lindsay
Romano, Michael
Sabalski, Kathryn

Professional Counselors

Caballero, Carol
DeGennaro, Rosemary
Dorinda, Angelo
Ehasz, Brooke
Hoey, Susan
Lang-Grant, Denise
Langley, Stephanie
Lawrence, Angela
Ross, Christopher
Stagg, Jessica
Ziegler, Lindsay

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by William Green, the Committee adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elaine L. DeMars".

Elaine L. DeMars