

**Professional Counselor Examining Committee  
Public Session Minutes**

November 6, 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  
Gaudio, 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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