

**Professional Counselor Committee Meeting
Open Session Minutes**

November 7, 2002

A. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:30 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
Committee Member Connie Todd

Staff Present:

Executive Director Dennis E. Gonzalez
Deputy Attorney General Marilyn Bair
Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson
Jane Cofone Administrative Staff

C. APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2002

On a motion by R. Rossell, seconded by E. Stroh, minutes were approved without corrections.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Code of Ethics

Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson supplied the Committee with a draft of items suggested for the proposed regulations for professional conduct. Committee member E. Stroh mentioned that DAG Bair had reviewed these items and had made some changes. DAG will provide Committee with her changes for discussion at the next meeting.

2. Continuing Education

Committee was informed that regulations on continuing education were published on November 4, 2002. The public comment period will end on January 3, 2003.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **John M. DeWitt, M.A.** - Committee instructed the Executive Director to write to Mr. DeWitt and inform him that a licensed professional counselor can perform independent and private evaluations. However, these evaluations cannot be referred to as "psychological".

2. **Douglas J. Susan, Esq., Catholic Charities** - Committee instructed the Executive Director to write to Mr. Susan and send him the Statutes and Regulations and the supervisor documentation form so that he can understand the responsibilities of a supervisor.

3. **Sean M. Taylor, Taylor Care** - Committee instructed the Executive Director to write Mr. Taylor and inform him that based on the job description he provided of the program director, that position does not require to have a license since the job is administrative and not clinical.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Carmen L. Hodges - The Executive Director informed the Committee that he contacted the NBCC on behalf of Ms. Hodges who had requested special accommodations due to a disability to take the NCE exam. The NBCC indicated that they are accommodating Ms. Hodges' special request for the January exam.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Jill Bakke - Appeared and was allowed to speak with the Committee regarding her practice of counseling in New Jersey. Additionally, based upon her education and experience, the Committee voted to grant her a license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-46.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paula Danzinger, President of the New Jersey Counseling Association, informed the Committee that the NJCA will hold their annual conference on April 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2003 in Princeton, New Jersey. The NJCA would like the Committee to do a workshop as it did at last year's conference. Committee members indicated their willingness to once again participate in this conference.

I. NEXT MEETING

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is December 5, 2002.
2. On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by R. Rossell Committee canceled the January 2, 2003 meeting since three members indicated they will not be available. .

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by R. Rossell, seconded by A. Bradway, Committee voted to go into Executive Session.

K. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

1. On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by J. Cohen, Committee voted to grant a licensed professional counselor license to Jill Bakke who applied as an out of state applicant from Montana. Committee determined that the requirements of the State of Montana are similar to our requirements.
2. On a motion by R. Rossell, seconded by J. Cohen, the Committee took the following action:

APPROVED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Catherine Becker
Joan Cohen
Susan L. Corcoran
Janice Fredericks

Nicole Hodge
Allison Miskulin
Christine Minor
Richard Sockriter
Robert H. Vanderwal
Victoria Wacha

DENIED FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Robin J. Chamberlain
Gabrielle Gatto
Constance A. Grant
Virginia Hill
Ronald Katz
Carrie Ann Rafanello
Amelia Turner

APPROVED FOR LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR

Amanda V. Clewis
Joan D. Holmes
Ellen Sande-Kerback

DENIED FOR LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR

Ann Marie Gigante

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis E. Gonzalez
Executive Director
