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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **NOVEMBER 7, 2013**



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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair, William Green called the meeting to Order at 9:39 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

William Green, Committee Chair
Peter Economou, Committee Member
Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member
Diane Licht, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member

Excused:

Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General
Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General;
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst
Agnes Almeida, Administrative Staff
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum at 9:40 a.m.

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 mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Committee's web page.

III. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2013**

On a motion Peter Economou, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the October 3, 2013 minutes as amended. *W. Michael Shea abstained.*

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present:

Edward Amokeah	Alyssa Haekstig
Sonia Santiago	Kellie Smock
Gina Sabatino	Barbara Azzow
Katie Doster	Sam Guantley

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.8 (new regulation)

Regulatory Analyst Rachel Glasgow reviewed the draft language for the proposed changes to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2. On a motion by Dana Kaspereen, seconded by Diane Licht the draft was accepted as written.

On a motion by W. Michael Shea, seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to remove the deletion of the National Credential Registry in the proposed draft.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Nothing to Report

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Joseph Springer, PhD, Director, Georgian Court University Graduate Program in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

The Committee reviewed Dr. Springer's September 30, 2013 letter regarding the program receipt of CACREP accreditation. The Committee determined to accept the notice as informational and inform Dr. Springer that confirmation regarding the accreditation is required from CACREP.

B. CORE AND CACREP

It was reported that Council On Rehabilitation Education (CORE) and Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs have decided to merge. They are the accrediting bodies for counseling licensure. They are in the process of developing language and procedures for what the merger would entail.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

Debbie Johnson, Administrative Affairs, American Counseling Association

The Committee reviewed Ms. Johnson's e-mail. Ms. Johnson asked the Committee to confirm that the information she has received regarding professional counselor licensure regulations and procedures are current.

(On a motion by W. Michael Shea and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee determined to withdraw the prior proposal????)

X. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. Grand Canyon University

The Committee reviewed the course syllabi for Grand Canyon University's Masters of Science in Professional Counseling program. The Committee determined to thank Grand Canyon for their submission and inform them that the Committee is not an accrediting body and does not approve counseling programs. Applications are reviewed on a case by case basis.

XI. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

The Committee was informed that the New Jersey Counseling Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 2014.

XII. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)

Nothing to report.

XIII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules and Regulations Committee

A *Rules and Regulations Committee* has been formed. Deputy Attorney General Shirley Dickstein, Regulatory Analyst Rachel Glasgow, Executive Director Milagros Collazo and Committee members Dana Kaspereen and Peter Economou will schedule a meeting before the next committee meeting to discuss possible changes to the current regulations.

B. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Nothing to report.

C. Internet Counseling

Nothing to report.

XIV. FILED ORDERS

None to report.

XV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **December 5, 2013**

2014 Meeting Dates

January 2, 2014 (<i>canceled</i>)	July 10, 2014
February 6, 2014	August 7, 2014
March 6, 2014	September 4, 2014
April 3, 2014	October 2, 2014
May 1, 2014	November 6, 2014
June 5, 2014	December 1, 2014

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:25 a.m. and on a motion W. Michael Shea, seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee moved to Executive Session to discuss the confidential review of pending disciplinary actions, consumer complaints, review applications and plans of supervision.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Peter Economou, seconded by W. Michael Shea, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.