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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 9:46 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Sussex Conference Room, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Member, William Green
Committee Member, Dana Kaspereen
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer
Committee Member, Ketrin Saud Maxwell
Committee Member, Maria D'Amico Meehan

Also Present:

Deputy Attorney General Susan Berger
Administrative Staff: Elaine DeMars
Agnes Almeida

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 175, 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 also posted on the Committee's web page.

Announcement of Quorum

Announcement of quorum was made by Barbara Maurer.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the minutes of the November 4, 2010 public session minutes were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public attended the meeting:
Natasha Collins, Ryan Crowley, Greg Ieraci, Tom Crawley, Peggy Brady-Amoon, Jennifer Short, Kelly Connell, Patricia Aussem, and Mary Ann Buderock,

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Periodic Report on Legislation - 3rd Quarter 2010

The Committee accepted the report as information.

B. N.J.A.C. 13:45G

The Committee reviewed the proposed regulations intended to implement Public Law 2010, Chapter 17. The law became effective November 2, 2010 and requires that consumer complaints be processed and a final disposition reached within 120 days excluding the proposed tolling period of the receipt of the complaint. The comment period ends on January 14, 2011.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Elaine DeMars welcomed newly appointed members Dana Kaspereen, Ketrin Maxwell and Maria Meehan. DAG Berger administered the Oath of Office.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Dana Heller Levitt, Ph.D.,

Graduate Program Coordinator, Montclair State University

The Committee reviewed and accepted as informational the October 28, 2010 letter urging the Committee to support the current LPC regulations at N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3i and the use of an acceptable accrediting body as the standard for program approval, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-38.

2. Jane M. Webber, Ph.D., LPC

Coordinator, Counseling Program, New Jersey City University

The Committee reviewed and accepted as informational the November 1, 2010 letter in opposition to the proposed regulation changes, supporting N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2(a)3i and the use of an acceptable accrediting body as the standard for program approval, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-38.

3. Debi Scimeca-Diaz, LMFT and LCADC

The Committee reviewed the November 10, 2010 letter and the request that Ms. Diaz be approved to supervise more than 6 candidates for licensure. The Committee determined to obtain additional information before making a determination.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **January 20, 2011**.

2011 Meeting Schedule

February 3, 2011

July 7, 2011

March 3, 2011

August 4, 2011

April 7, 2011

September 1, 2011

May 5, 2011

October 6, 2011

June 2, 2011

November 3, 2011

December 1, 2011

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by William Green and seconded by Maria Meehan, the Committee moved to executive session at 10:01 a.m. to conduct two investigative inquiries and to review pending confidential matters and complaints. On a motion made by Dana Kaspereen and seconded by Ketrin Maxwell, the Committee adjourned Executive Session and returned to Public Session at 1:20 p.m. Committee member Dana Kaspereen left the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

X. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

The following applications for licensure were reviewed and moved for approval.

Licensed Associate Counselors

Patricia Aussem
MaryAnn Badenoch
Erin Connolly
Kathleen Dennis
Laurel Ferrito
Ashley Martorama
Deborah Pittas

Licensed Professional Counselors

Christy Beck
Denise-Marino Brewer
Ross Brutman
Richard Evans
Tonine Garberino
Joseph Garippa
Erica Gracia
Maria Loizides
Isabel Morales-Marvel
Kathleen Oriti
Nicole Orro
Joanne Reger
Sharon Roberts
Jennifer Rodriguez

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by William Green and seconded by Ketrin Maxwell, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m.