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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Committee was called to Order at in the Hudson Conference Room at 10:05a.m., 124 Halsey Street, 7th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, Committee Chair
Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair
Peter Economou, Committee Member
Diane Licht, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member

Excused:

Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member

Also Present:

Alexis Goldberger, Deputy Attorney General
Terri Goldberg, Assistant Deputy Director
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep
Agnes Almeida, Administrative Staff
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum at 10:07am.

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 Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, seconded by Peter Economou approval of the minutes of the October 4, 2012 were postponed pending amendments.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sister Catherine Waters from Caldwell College inquired about clarification of dual degree programs. Ketrin Saud-Maxwell explained while dual programs are acceptable the only courses that will count towards licensure will be the masters courses.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. A3371

This Bill seeks to protect minors by prohibiting attempts to change sexual orientation. Peter Economou made a motion to support this bill with Michael Shea seconding. Voting in favor: William Gree, Peter Economou, Michael Shea, and Diane Licht. Ketrin Saud-Maxwell abstained.

B. A3394

This Bill seeks to authorize professional occupational boards to recognize continuing education approval entities. The Committee accepted the presentation of this Bill as informational.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Licensing Activity Report

	<u>Professional Counselor</u>	<u>Rehabilitation Counselor</u>
Active	3,084	137
Inactive	254	40
Pending	568	9
Reinstatements Pending	14	6
Suspended	4	0
Voluntary Surrender	12	4
Withdrawn	9	0

B. Abandoned Applications

Milagros Collazo informed the Committee there are currently 21 applications listed as abandoned. The Committee reviewed an abandoned application letter draft pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:34-11.7(a). The approval of the letter was tabled until the January 3, 2012 meeting.

C. Website Questions

i. “pending” status

The Committee discussed the possibility of using other status updates when discussing “pending” applicants on the Committee’s website, with the Committee’s concern being this is too broad a statement. The Committee will explore other categories to describe these “pending” applications.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT cont'd

C. Website Questions

ii. "FAQ's"

In a motion by Diane Licht, seconded by Peter Economou a sub-committee was formed to research what questions the applicants have with a final goal of having these FAQ's on the Committee's website. Ketrin Saud-Maxwell will serve as chair of the FAQ's sub-committee with Peter Economou and Dana Kaspereen also serving.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Rosemarie Flores

The Committee reviewed Ms. Flores application for Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and the supervision requirement regarding psychiatric nurse practitioners. The Committee determined if supervisor meets one of the three requirements pursuant to regulation **N.J.A.C 13:34-13.1**. The Committee does not have a list of approved supervisors, but she may contact NBCC or NJCA. In general applications usually take 30 days to review upon receipt.

B. Barry Zabelinski, LPC

The Committee reviewed Mr. Zabelinski's October 20, 2012 letter regarding consultant work in compliance with the regulations for supervisees. The Committee determined to inform Mr. Zabelinski that for consulting there are no special forms but if he will be doing direct supervision, plan of supervision must be submitted per regulation 13:34-13.1(b).

C. Sue Callaghan, Chief Court Services, Administrative Office of the Courts

The Committee reviewed Ms. Callaghan's November 29, 2012 email inquiring what evaluations a LPC can conduct for the courts. The Committee determined to send Ms. Callaghan the "scope of practice" pursuant to regulation **N.J.A.C 13:34-10.1** "definitions" pursuant to **10.2** specifically Appraisals and Assessments to serve as a guide for engaging a LPC.

VIII. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. Caldwell College

The Committee reviewed the revised syllabi addendums for Caldwell College's Master of Arts program, Counseling with Art Therapy Specialization submitted by Annette Vaccaro, LSW. The Committee accepted this as informational and approved the program.

IX. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

Chair William Green, Vice-Chair Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, and Committee Member Dana Kaspereen presented at this conference last year and have been asked to present again this year. The Committee decided Chair William Green and Committee Members Diane Licht and Dana Kaspereen will participate in the presentation this year.

X. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)

The Committee reviewed Shawn O'Brien's October 17, 2012 email requesting the Committee's feedback regarding counseling via social media. The Committee will inform Mr. O'Brien there is nothing currently in the regulations that specifically deals with social media.

XI. FILED ORDERS

A. John Avella, LPC

The Committee reviewed Mr. Avella's November 21, 2012 filed Consent Order for professional misconduct. The Committee accepted this as informational.

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 3, 2012

2013 Meeting Dates:

January 3, 2013

February 7, 2013

March 7, 2013

April 4, 2013

May 2, 2013

June 6, 2013

July 18, 2013

September 5, 2013

October 3, 2013

November 7, 2013

December 5, 2013

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Peter Economou the meeting moved to Executive Session at 12:25am to discuss nine criminal history reports and discuss other pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Diane Licht, the meeting adjourned at 3:24p.m.