

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND
CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS MINUTES**

DATE: August 28, 2009
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Center
Poplar Room, 227 French Landing
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Randall Phillips, LPC, LMFT, President
Susan Hammonds-White, LPC, Vice-President
Reverend Frank S. Gordon, Citizen, Secretary
Sara Cawood, LMFT, Board Member

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Janet Scott, PhD, LPC

STAFF PRESENT:

Sherry Owens, Board Administrator
Elizabeth Miller, Health Related Boards Director
Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director
Chris Larkins, Advisory Attorney
Ashley Carter, Supervisory Attorney

Dr. Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. All Board members were present.

Minutes

Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Reverend Gordon, to approve the May 15, 2009 minutes. The motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Larkin discussed the new Conflict of Interest Policy and asked the Board members to disclose any potential conflict to determine if the members should recuse themselves.

Office of General Counsel Report

There were no pending rule amendments; however, there are three (3) open cases in the Office of General Counsel and one Consent Order to be presented.

Consent Order

Mr. Larkin presented the Board with a Consent Order on Karin Gubin, LPC, for unlicensed practice from 2005 to 2006 and from 2007 to 2008. Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cawood, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

Investigative Report

There are nine (9) complaints being investigated for LPC's, four (4) for LMFT's, and one (1) for a CPT.

Disciplinary Report

The Disciplinary Coordinator is currently monitoring three (3) practitioners at this time.

Financial Report

The Board had a surplus balance of \$39,412.18 as of June 30, 2008.

Administrative Report

Fifty-one (51) LPC's and eleven (11) LMFT's were licensed since the May 15, 2009 meeting. There are 1000 Licensed Professional Counselors with Mental Health Service Provider Endorsement.

Health Related Boards continues to conduct a five percent audit for continuing education compliance.

CPT Oral Exam

The Board requested to defer this discussion until the November 13, 2009 board meeting in order for Dr. Scott to be here to participate in the discussion.

MFT Jurisprudence Exam

Dr. Phillips presented the Jurisprudence Exam for Marital and Family Therapist to the Board for approval. Dr. Phillips proposed that for the proposed MFT Jurisprudence Exam there would be two (2) points per question and require answering seventy-five percent (75%) correctly to pass the exam. Rev. Gordon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hammonds-White, to approve the exam and to have a rulemaking hearing to change Rule 0450-02-.08 (2) to Jurisprudence Examination instead of Oral Examination. The motion carried.

Rules

Dr. Phillips recognized Carol Gipson, President of the Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselors Association, Kim Speakman, President-Elect and Robin Lee, Public Policy and Licensure Chair. Ms. Lee proposed changes to the supervision rules to include, in addition to being licensed five (5) years or more, a requirement that the supervisor be trained in supervision prior to providing supervision for 100 or 150 hours for an LPC by a supervisor with LPC designation; for an LPC/MHSP by a supervisor with LPC/MHSP designation; to include a requirement to adhere to the ACA Code of Ethics, Section F; and, to require annual continuing education dedicated to supervision topics.

Ms. Lee also recommended to that the Board the definition of individual supervision to supervision be clarified. Ms. Lee also recommended to the Board that the Board use the CACREP definition of supervision, which is one supervisor to one supervisee or triatic supervision, which is one supervisor to two supervisees, and to have a grandfathering period for such changes. Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Rev. Gordon to send this information to Mr. Larkin for review.

Ms. Speakman recommended that the Board require a multicultural class as part of the 60 hour requirement and require a 600 hour clinical experience practicum and/or internship instead of 500 hours. Ms. Speakman also addressed the Board about adding to the law that the Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselor Association be on the list to be nominated to sit on the Board. Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion to send this proposal to Mr. Larkin for review.

The discussion of the maximum required hours for group setting and clinical setting has been deferred until the next Board meeting.

Approve Oral Examination Results

Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Rev. Gordon, to approve the following candidates who passed the oral examination and are ready for licensure as Marital and Family Therapists:

LMFT

Robert Buhrow
Abbe DeLong
Stephen Harris
Kristine Angelo
Brandon Rogers
Michael Blaney
Michol Polson

The motion carried.

Approve Newly Licensed, Reinstated and Temporary Permits for Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marital and Family Therapist

Susan Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Rev. Gordon, to approve the following newly licensed, reinstated and temporary licensed LPC's and LMFT's:

LPC

Darleena Anderson
Ebony Bailey
April Ban
Stacy Barner
Susan Bomar
Julie Bricker
Cassandra Buchanan
Deborah Cambridge
Rebecca Cochran
Erika Coppen
Crystal Crumley
Stephanie Edmondson
Debra Fitzgerald
Annette Gallardo
Robbie Goad
Allen Heald, Jr
Leah Heifner
Tanya Hill
Jane Hilt
Sandra Hobson
Chad Hughes
Kay Johnson
Mary Margaret Johnson
Andrew Kitzmiller
Thomas Lawson
Kelly McCarter
Jerusha McCutchen
Gail Mullen
Frances Perkins
Ubiraene Pierson
Jana Pressley
Emily Simpson
Sybil Smith
Shawn Spurgeon
Sue Stalcup
Jeremy Sublett
Laura Tucker-Huggins
Carol Tully
Marc Walters

MFT

Kristine Angelo
Michael Blaney
Robert Buhrow
Ralph Cook
Abbe DeLong
Stephen Harris
Leona LeMay
Carolyn Lowery
Dianne Marshall
Lisa Murray
Michol Polson
Brandon Rodgers
Julie Smith
George Tvardy
Nancy Wilkinson

LPC Reinstated

Brian Bowden
April Brooks
Phillip Coyle
Rebecca Griffith
Jennifer Holliman
Marsha Logan
Tammy Roth
Felix Smith

MFT Temp

Ronald Allen
Amanda Amerine
Megan Croft
Connie Crossley
Stephen Hall, Jr
Brenda Hults
Beverly Leigh
Jennifer Sharpe
Elizabeth Zagatta

LPC Temp

Jennifer Leeper
David Palaia
Melissa Thorne-Smith

MFT Reinstated

Diane Lester
Leigh Veale

Lynne Whitten
Sarah Willis
Debra Wilson
Ann Wogan
Brock Woodard
Zina Yzquierdo

The motion carried.

Review Board Correspondence

The Board reviewed a request from **W. Gerald Tidwell, Jr., Esq.** for a waiver of the requirement that there be a certain number of years before having a social relationship with a client. The Board declined to rule on the request and suggested that Mr. Tidwell contact the American Counseling Association.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Thomas Fagan** requesting waiver of the 2007 and 2008 continuing education hours. Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Rev. Gordon to grant the waiver. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Kenneth Corr** requesting approval of supervision. The Board deferred the matter until the November meeting and asked that a cease and desist letter be sent to Mr. Corr to not continue the supervision.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Robert Harrison, LMFT**, regarding supervision. The Board asked a letter be written to Mr. Harrison stating that the Board was considering making changes that would address his concerns; however, the present rule requires ten (10) hours of face-to-face client contact per week.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Robert Szarvas** requesting to be allowed to obtain continuing education while he is overseas. Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Rev. Gordon, to grant the request. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Betty Alston** requesting waiver of the 2007 and 2008 continuing education hours. Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Rev. Gordon, to grant the waiver. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **April Taylor** regarding supervision. The Board deferred the request until the November meeting and asked that Ms. Taylor submit documentation regarding her supervisors.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Lisa Higgins**, regarding supervision. The Board determined that Ms. Higgins will either have to refer her clients to other counselors or upgrade her status from certified professional counselor to licensed professional counselor.

Agreed Citations

Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Rev. Gordon, to accept the Agreed Citations on the following licensees:

LMFT

Cynthia Ezell #177
John Waid # 123
Lois Walters #520
Victoria Starkey #579
Harry Green #541
William Hanshaw #94

CPC

Carla Proctor #1211
Kathryn Skinner #1137
S D Derryberry #265
William Scott #1698
Linda Socha # 1311
Beverly Taylor #1141

LPC

Sharon Cummings #1694
Barbara Adams # 810
Ernest Taylor #1535
Terry Orgel #502
John Waid #379
Carol Risher #682
Walter Ruby #623
Meghan Harper #1742
Ruth Meyer #761
Janice Hinton #1894
Larry Hess #484
Lucinda Freed #286

The motion carried.

The Board asked Ms. Owens to mail a letter to all licensees informing them that three (3) of the ten (10) hours required for continuing education must be in ethics every other year.

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion seconded by Rev. Gordon, to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapist and Licensed Pastoral Therapist on November 13, 2009