

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

DATE: November 13, 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
Janet Scott, LPC, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Miller, Health Related Boards Director
Chris Larkin, Advisory Attorney
Ashley Carter, Supervisory Attorney
Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director

Dr. Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All Board members were present.

Minutes

Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cawood to approve the August 28, 2009 minutes. The motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

Ms. Carter discussed the 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.

Investigative Report

There are twelve (12) complaints being investigated for LPC's, four (4) for LMFT's, and four (4) for a CPT's.

Disciplinary Report

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

Administrative Report

Twenty-nine (29) LPC's and seven (7) LMFT's were licensed since the August 28, 2009 meeting. There are 1000 Licensed Professional Counselors with Mental Health Service Provider Endorsement.

Health Related Boards continues to conduct a five percent (5%) audit for continuing education compliance.

Dr. Susan Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to conduct a one hundred percent (100%) audit. The motion carried.

CPT Oral Exam

Dr. Scott presented a revised Clinical Pastoral Therapist Oral Exam vignette for Board discussion. Rev. Gordon made a motion to accept the changes, seconded by Ms. Cawood, The motion carried.

MFT Jurisprudence Exam

Dr. Phillips presented the Jurisprudence Exam for Marital and Family Therapists to the Board for discussion, with scoring to be two (2) points per question and seventy-five percent (75%) answered correctly to pass the exam. Ms. Cawood made a motion to accept, seconded by Rev. Gordon. The motion carried.

Rules

Dr. Phillips recognized Kim Speakman, President-Elect for The Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselors Association and Robin Lee, Public Policy and Licensure Chair for The Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselors Association. Ms. Lee had requested changes at the August 28, 2009 meeting 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. She had also requested that an LPC be supervised by a supervisor with LPC designation and for an LPC/MHSP to be supervised by a supervisor with LPC/MHSP designation. She also requested to include a requirement to adhere to the ACA Code of Ethics, Section F and to require annual continuing education dedicated to supervision topics and 12 hours in supervision continuing education.

Ms. Lee requested that the Board clarify the definition of individual supervision, using the CACREP definition of supervision, which is one supervisor to one supervisee or triatic supervision, which is one supervisor to two supervisees, and a grandfathering period for such changes until July 1, 2011.

Ms. Speakman requested that the Board require a multicultural class as part of the 60 hour requirement and a 600 hour clinical experience practicum and/or internship instead of 500 hours.

Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Rev. Gordon, to make the requested changes in the rules regarding supervision. The motion carried.

The Board requested that the TLPCA present a written definition of clinical setting at the February 2010 Board meeting.

Approve Oral Examination Results

Dr. Scott 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

Julanne Gascay
David Scott
Samantha Troutt
Peter Geissler

The motion carried.

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

Ms. Cawood made a motion, seconded by Rev. Gordon, to approve the following newly licensed, reinstated and temporary licensed LPC's and LMFT's:

LPC

Caroline Beavers
Karla Brock
Floyd Cole
Lori Dickson
Carrie Dodd
Stacy Hernandez
Wade Horton
Sheila Masters
Drew Miller
Thurston Moore
Jeanne Robinson
Miranda Russell
Kandi Shearer
Jeana Tate
David White
Lynda Wick

MFT Temp

Alissa Anderson
Laurie Bradley
Natalie Durrett
Samantha Hutton-Metheney
Debra Walker

LPC Temp

John Barker
Ronnie Cox
Robert Gregory
Tamarin Huelin
Marchelle Stepherson
Johns Tracy
The motion carried.

Dr. Phillips made a request to defer action on the application for reinstatement for Lawrence Semrau until the February 5, 2010 to clarify Mr. Semrau's identity.

Review Board Correspondence

The Board reviewed a request from **Sarah Milligan** that her hours at KIPP Academy be deemed to satisfy the requirement for post masters supervision. Dr. Hammonds White made a motion, seconded by Sara Cawood to grant the request. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Allison Tirjan** requesting that her hours at Father Ryan High School be approved to satisfy the supervision requirement. Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cawood, to approve the request pending receipt of a letter from Father Ryan describing the expectations of the school with regard to Ms. Tirjan's duties. Dr. Scott voted no. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Steve Zanskas, Ph.D.** requesting guidance from the Board regarding clinical setting. Dr Phillips assisted the Board staff in replying to Dr. Zankas regarding Rule 0450-01-.01 and Rule 0450-01-.01(11).

The Board reviewed a letter from **Barbara Eisenstadt, Ed.D.** requesting a waiver of the civil penalty for failure to comply with the continuing education requirements. Dr. Hammonds White made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cawood, to waive the \$200.00 penalty and to require Dr. Eisenstadt to make up any deficient continuing education hours. The motion carried.

Agreed Citations

Dr. Scott a motion, seconded by Rev. Gordon, to accept the Agreed Citations on the following licensees:

CMFT

Larry Swaim #303

LPC

Ruth Meyer #761

Charles Mullins #652

Mark Baldwin #1878

Michael Hayes #664

James Brasher #1490

The motion carried.

Other Board Business

Robbie Hutchins, a Licensed Marital and Family Therapist representing the Tennessee Association of Marital and Family Therapists appeared to request that the Board give guidance on reporting unethical behavior by a therapist. If a therapist reports unethical behavior, are they immune from liability? The matter was deferred for discussion at the February 5, 2010 Board meeting.

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Scott made a motion seconded by Rev. Gordon, to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapist and Licensed Pastoral Therapist on February 5, 2010