

**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 revised the Clinical Pastoral Therapist Oral Exam vignette to include items learned in the seminary. Rev. Gordon made a motion to accept the Clinical Pastoral Therapist Oral Exam Vignette, seconded by Ms. Cawood, with changes as discussed. The motion carried.

MFT Jurisprudence Exam

Dr. Phillips presented the Jurisprudence Exam for Marital and Family Therapist to the Board for approval. Dr. Phillips proposed that there would be two (2) points per question and seventy-five percent (75%) must be answered correctly to pass the exam. Dr. Cawood made a motion to accept the MFT Jurisprudence Exam, seconded by Rev. Gordon. The motion carried. Dr. Phillips has asked the administration to go ahead and start the process to schedule the dates so the applicants are allowed to take the exam.

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 proposed 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 prior to providing supervision for 75 hours. She had also proposed 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 proposed 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 three (3) hours in supervision continuing education every other year.

Ms. Lee recommended 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 suggests 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 these suggested changes in the rules regarding supervision. The motion carried.

The Board requested a more positive and detailed written definition of clinical setting from the TLPCA to be presented 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

MFT Temp

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

Kandi Shearer
Jeana Tate
David White
Lynda Wick

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 meeting because of possible criminal charges.

Review Board Correspondence

The Board reviewed a request from **Sarah Milligan** requesting that her hours at KIPP Academy 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. Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cawood, to approve the request pending receipt of a letter from Father Ryan stating a description of the expectations of the school. Dr. Scott voted no. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Steve Zanskas, Ph.D.** and discussed the request. The Administrator will prepare a response that reflects the Board discussion.

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 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, requested a discussion regarding unethical behavior by a therapist. If a therapist reports an unethical behavior are they immune or under an umbrella of protection? Dr. Phillips asked Mr. Larkin to research what other states do in this situation and to contact the AAMFT regarding this matter 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.