

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

DATE: November 17, 2006
TIME: 9:00 a.m. CST
LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Room
227 French Landing, Suite 300
Heritage Place, Metro Center
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Stuart B. Bonnington, LMFT
Reverend Frank S. Gordon, Citizen
Dan Hammer, LMFT
Susan Hammonds-White, LPC

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Janet Scott, LPC

STAFF PRESENT: Sherry Owens, Board Administrator
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney
Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator
Barbara S. Maxwell, Administrative Director

Dr. Bonnington, board chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A sufficient number of board members were present to constitute a quorum.

Approve Minutes

Upon review of the August 18, 2006 board meeting minutes, Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Reverend Gordon, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Consent Order on Stephanie Scott, LPC

Ms. Brandi Bozarth, Office of General Counsel litigating attorney, presented a consent order to the board regarding Stephanie Scott, LPC who had dual relationships with former patients. Ms. Bozarth said Dr. Scott and her attorney agreed to the order yesterday and she only has a signed faxed copy of the order. Ms. Bozarth said she would send the original order to Dr. Bonnington for his signature.

Dr. Hammonds-White said she would like the monitoring period to be longer than the three years stipulated in the Consent Order.

Dr. Bonnington stated he would like Dr. Scott to appear before the board at the end of the suspension period.

Upon review and discussion of the consent order, Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Reverend Gordon, to reject the consent order as written. The motion carried.

Mr. Bonnington said the board would like to extend the monitoring period to five years and have appear before the board at the end of the supervision period to determine if the suspension should be lifted.

Conflict of Interest

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the conflict of interest statement with the board. Asking the board members to disclose any potential conflict of interest they may have prior to contested cases or any other legal proceeding or matter to determine if there is a conflict of interest. Ms. Armstrong said if a board member does have a conflict of interest they must recuse him/her self and leave the hearing room during the proceeding.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Armstrong discussed the OGC report stating rules pertaining to advertising, title and screening panels were adopted by the board November 18, 2005 and sent to the Attorney General December 27, 2005 where they remain.

Ms. Armstrong said the rules pertaining to ethics and jurisprudence continuing education, refundable fees, supervision requirements, petitions for stays and reconsideration were adopted by the board May 19, 2006 and sent to the Attorney General May 30, 2006 where they remain.

Ms. Armstrong said the rules pertaining to the jurisprudence exam were adopted by the board August 18, 2006 and sent to the Attorney General August 29, 2006 where they remain.

Ms. Armstrong said there are nine (9) open cases pertaining to the board in OGC.

Investigative Report

Ms. Owens reviewed the Investigative Report with the board stating there are eight (8) complaints against Licensed Professional Counselors. Ms. Owens said of the eight (8) complaints five (5) have been closed; two (2) with no action, one (1) with a letter of warning and two (2) referred to OGC.

Ms. Owens said there are five (5) complaints against Family and Marital Therapists. Ms. Owens said of the five (5) complaints four (4) have been closed; one (1) with no action, one (1) with a letter of concern and two (2) referred to OGC. Ms. Owens said the remaining complaint has been referred to Screening Panel.

Ms. Owens said there are no complaints against Clinical Pastoral Therapist.

Disciplinary Report

Ms. Owens reviewed the disciplinary reporting stating there are one LPC and one MFT currently being monitored. Ms. Owens said if the practitioner did not comply with the stipulations of the order another complaint would be filed and that person would come back before the board.

Ms. Owens reviewed the list of disciplined practitioners from 1989 to present.

Financial Report

Ms. Owens reviewed the financial report stating the board has a carryover of \$188,280.89 which does not include the move to Metro Center which should be noted on the year end report.

Mr. Kosten said the move isn't going to be as costly as we thought because a portion of the rent the department paid at the Cordell Hull Building, which was a state owned facility, went towards the move to the private facility.

Administrative Report

Ms. Owens reviewed the administrative report stating there are currently 1106 licensed professional counselors, 282 marriage and family therapists and 36 clinical pastoral therapists.

Ms. Owens said travel claims must be signed in blue ink and submitted within thirty (30) days of the travel date. Ms. Owens said board members must submit original hotel receipts to be reimbursed.

Ms. Owens stated between August 8 and November 8, 37 LPC's, 6 MFT's and 0 CPT's renewed their license online.

Ms. Owens said the board's February 2007 meeting will be in the new meeting rooms on the ground floor.

Rules Coordinator Report

Mr. Kosten reviewed the amendment to Rule 0450-1-.04 to increase number of contact hours of supervision to one hundred (100) contact hours and increase the hours of supervised post-masters professional experience to three thousand (3,000) hours.

Dr. Hammond-White said it is the board's intent to bring this in line with other states and asked Ms. Owens to review other state's requirements before we make these changes.

Mr. Armstrong said the board can delay this amendment to obtain the additional information.

Mr. Kosten said the other part of the amendment is to require family and marital therapist supervisors to have at least five (5) years of licensure.

Dr. Bonnington stated it would be interesting to have frequently asked questions on the board's web site.

Ms. Owens said she would ask Ms. Bell if this can be done.

Discuss Definition of Clinical Setting for LPC's

Dr. Bonnington said he was approached by an individual who works in mobile crisis at Centerstone for the Mental Health, housed in the emergency room at the general hospital, assessing psychiatric type illnesses.

The board discussed this type of face to face sessions and postmasters supervised experience and determined this it constitutes counseling and is a broad postmaster's experience.

Ratify Oral Examination Results

Upon review, Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Reverend Gordon, to ratify the following licensed marriage and family therapist candidates who passed the oral examination:

Melanie Carter
Rebecca Lloyd
Benjamin Roberts
Jim Schettler
Tracy Steyer
Tamara Hart
Danna Lockaby-Morrow

The motion carried.

Ratify newly licensed and temporary licensed professional counselors and marriage and family therapists

Newly Licensed LPC's

Annabel Lee Agee
Donald William Anderson
Michelle Barnhart
Jennifer Dale Burger
Amanda R. Burns
Amy E. Cole
Linda Kristin Elder
Angel Darlene Fairbanks
Shelia Bumpus Faulkner

Donna Kaye Ford
Dulcie Marie Garrett
Kristi A. Gibbs
Lori Kim Gilmore
Stella Mae Hamilton
Patricia E. Harvey
Katherine Anne Jonas
Michael Shannon Jones
Carolyn Burns Kutchins
Denise MacFarlan
Judy Kay Magnussen
Christopher Andrew Marshall
Kristen Heather McEvoy
Elizabeth Jean Moseley
Christie Walker Payne
Traci L. Pekovitch
Lesley J. Ross
Kimberly A. rush
Heather Larae Ryerson
Julie Schmidt
Michelle Karin Schwartz
Mark Andrew Tichon
Dana B. Townsend
Molly Moore Veazey
Cynthia Ann Warren
Brenda G. White

Temporary Licensed LPC's

Sherrie F. Davidson
Daniel Jay Edwards
Jennifer Harris
Andrew Russell Killingsworth
Marjorie Mott Lloyd
Julia W. Bethurum Murphy
Michelle Lynn Santiago
Julie Vogel

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

Larry Gray
Susan M. Lahey
Carol Ann Moon

Temporary Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

Kaili Beth Dainty
Stephen Drew Harris
Sarah Renay Lee
Lisa Springer Murray
Jim Schettler
Jeffrey J. Slattery
Michael John Smith
Samantha Troutt
Connie Fox Watson

The motion carried.

Review Correspondence

The board reviewed a letter from Lisa Higgins, LPC, requesting a one year extension, without penalty, of her 2006 continuing education requirements.

Upon discussion, Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Reverend Gordon, to grant Dr. Higgins a one year extension to obtain her 2006 continuing education hours. The motion carried.

File Review

Upon review of the marriage and family therapist application from Ashley Gomez, Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Reverend Gordon, to approve Dr. Gomez' application for licensure. The motion carried.

Election of Board Officers

Dr. Bonnington asked the election of board officers be tabled to the next meeting due to the absence of one board members.

With no other board business to conduct, Reverend Gordon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hammonds-White, to adjourn at 10:32 a.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of PC, MFT and CPT on March 9,2007

