

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

DATE: March 9, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m. CST

LOCATION: Health Related Boards Iris Room
227 French Landing, Ground Floor
Heritage Place, Metro Center
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Stuart B. Bonnington, LMFT
Reverend Frank S. Gordon, Citizen
Dan Hammer, LMFT
Janet Scott, LPC
Susan Hammonds-White, 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 9:00 a.m. All board members were present.

Approve Minutes

Upon review of the November 17, 2006 board meeting minutes, Dr. Hammer made a motion, seconded by Reverend Gordon, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

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

Stephanie Scott, Revised Consent Order

Ms. Brandi Bozarth, litigating attorney for OGC, presented a revised consent order for Stephanie Scott, LPC. Upon review of the revised consent order, which increases the number of restricted

practice years from two (2) to five (5) years, Dr. Hammer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to approve the consent order as amended. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Armstrong said the rule amendment pertaining to advertising, titles and screening panels were adopted by the board November 18, 2005 and sent to the Attorney General December 27, 2006 where they remain.

Ms. Armstrong said the rule amendment pertaining to ethics and jurisprudence continuing education, refundable fees, supervision requirements and 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 rule amendment 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 stated there are ten (10) open cases pertaining to the board at the Office of General Counsel.

Susan Taranto, LMFT, Order of Compliance

Ms. Armstrong presented the order of compliance for Susan Taranto, LMFT, who complied with the disciplinary action ordered by the board. Ms. Armstrong said because the board meeting was rescheduled Ms. Taranto is absent from the meeting and asked the board to waive the requirements that Ms. Taranto appear before the board.

Upon review of the order of compliance, Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hammer, to waive the requirement that Ms. Taranto appear before the board and approve the order of compliance. The motion carried.

Investigative Report

Ms. Owens reviewed the Investigative Report with the board stating there are currently nine (9) complaints against Licensed Professional Counselors. Ms. Owens said five (5) complaints 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 currently five (5) complaints against Family and Marital Therapists. Ms. Owens said four (4) complaints 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 is one (1) LPC currently being monitored. Ms. Owens said if the practitioner does 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 cumulative carryover at June 30, 2006 of \$197,861.78, which does not include the move to Metro Center. Ms. Owens said the move should be reflected in the year end report.

Administrative Report

Ms. Owens reviewed the administrative report stating there are 1138 licensed professional counselors, 291 marriage and family therapists and 35 clinical pastoral therapists.

Ms. Owens stated there are 811 licensed professional counselors with the mental health service provider designation.

Rules Coordinator Report

Mr. Kosten said when the board previously discussed increasing the amount of post master's experience for professional counselors to 3,000 hours they also discussed increasing the number of supervised hours. Mr. Kosten stated he spoke with Cindy Snead several times but Ms. Snead is not ready to give the board the number of hours.

Dr. Hammonds-White said Ms. Snead is waiting for information from other states on the number of supervised hours they require for the post master's experience.

Mr. Kosten said the amendment also increases the number of years a practitioner must be licensed to be an approved supervisor from three (3) years to five (5) years to be consistent with other professions.

Mr. Kosten said the Attorney General's Office sent a request for the board to add additional language to the proposed advertising rules.

Upon discussion, Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott to approve the amendment as written. The motion carried.

Mr. Kosten stated there are 97 bills in legislation relating to health related board and several bills affect all professions. Mr. Kosten said there are bills adding extra liability when treating emergency patients, one to improve the criminal background check and one regarding the protection of the social security numbers in businesses.

Ms. Owens said she continues to have phone calls asking if a person who has a degree in psychology or social work qualify for licensure as a licensed professional counselor.

Dr. Bonnington stated the person must provide documentation that the course work is equivalent.

Discuss Definition of Clinical Setting for LPC's

The board discussed the licensed professional counselor supervised experience and decided to table the discussion to review the existing rule and determine if they need to get a better definition of board spectrum.

Dr. Bonnington asked Ms. Owens to put this item on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Review No-Cost Contract with Professional Examining Service (PES)

Ms. Owens stated there were no changes in the contract for PES to administer the licensed marital and family therapist examination.

Dr. Hammer said he receives calls asking how many of their students pass the examination but neither the association nor the national exam service provide this information.

Ms. Owens said out of the thirteen (13) candidates that took the last marital and family therapist exam only five passed.

Upon review, Dr. Hammer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hammonds-White, to renew the no-cost contract with PES.

Ratify Oral Examination Results

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

Samira Mohamedali
Cheri Etheridge
James Anderson
Robbie Hutchens
Bradley Barnett

The motion carried.

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

Newly Licensed LPC's

**Emily Anderson
Andrea Joy Barrett
Katya Brewington
Donice Brown
Sarah Burros
Michael Christian
Deborah Cloyd
Demarcus Davis
Leslie Dorr
James Fehrman
M. Gabriela Gomez
Richard Harrell, Jr
Robert Huston
Lorriane Jefferson
Johnathan Johnson
Kathleen Keith
Myrna Kemp
Susan Lee
Shawn Lilly
Fran Maddox
Rachel Martin
Jessica Moore
Sonya Rheault
Clark C Rose
Michelle Santiago
Sharon Sitler
Christena Smalls
Lisa Stewart
Kimberly Street
Richard Swistek
Celeste Taylor
Laurie Tone
Thomas Weaver Jr
Jaime White
Stephen Williams
Kimberly Williams Emerick
Elaine Willis
Vivian Windsor**

Temporary Licensed LPC's

Robert Cassman
Jaynie Moore
Dezerae Nash-Spacek
Raymond Pate, Sr

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

James Anderson
Kathleen Bradshaw
Melanie Carter
Cheri Etheridge
Tamara Hart
Robbie Hutchens
Rebecca Lloyd
Donna Lockaby-Morrow
Samira Mohamedali
Benjamin Roberts, Jr
Jim Schettler
Tracy Steyer

Temporary Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

Nancy Barr
Elizabeth Cox
Amanda Rose Daly
Robert Gillette
Julie Smith
Janina Tiner

The motion carried.

Review Correspondence

Sherry Owens stated that there was one letter of correspondence to the board asking that the board allow Dr. Dan Hammer to attend the Association of Martial and Family Therapist Regulatory Board and CLEAR Conference in September of 2007 with a report back to the board at the next board meeting after the conference. Susan Hammonds-White made a motion for Dr. Hammer to attend these meetings and Mr. Gordon seconded. The motion passed.

File Review

Upon review of the application for Licensed Professional Counselor for Brenda M. Coleman, Dr. Bonnington made a motion to accept the application as submitted and approve Ms. Coleman for licensure. Susan Hammonds-White seconded. The motion passed.

Upon review of the application for Licensed Professional Counselor for Lori Boudreaux, Dr. Scott made a motion to accept the application as submitted and approve Ms. Boudreaux for licensure. Susan Hammonds-White seconded. The motion passed.

Election of Board Officers

Dr. Bonnington nominated Dr. Scott for board president and Dr. Hammonds-White for vice president.

Dr. Hammer made a motion, seconded by Reverend Gordon, to accept the nominations as stated. The motion carried.

Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to elect Dr. Hammer for secretary. The motion carried.

With no other board business to conduct, Dr. Hammonds-White made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hammer, to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. The motion carried.