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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of
Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists

Regular Board Meeting
February 19, 2008

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 111
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board members present were:

Tanya A. Williams, M.Ed., President, Chairperson LPC Standards Committee
Danny L. Garnett, M.Div., Vice President
Pamela G. Clark, PhD, Secretary-Treasurer, Chairperson, LMFT Standards
Committee
David L. Evans, Jr., M.A., Chairperson, LPES Standards Committee
Linda E. Womack, Public Member

Excused Absences were noted for:

Jackie H. Fleshman, Public Member
M. Ellenor Mahon, M.Ed., Chairperson, Continuing Education Committee

Also present were:

Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
Sheridon Spoon, Advice Counsel
Susan F. Harrington, Administrative Assistant

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

President Williams stated that Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 111, at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210 and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act. President Williams called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. It was noted that a quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to approve the agenda printed. Dr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 20, 2007 meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Garnett to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2007 meeting as presented. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

President Williams reported on the 2008 American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) conference. She reviewed the topics of Changes in Ethical Standards for Counselors, Testing for Examination Purposes and CACREP Standards, Trauma Informed Counseling, HIPBD (Healthcare Integrity and Practitioner Databank), Public Protection, Standards, Communication, Research, Supervision/Consultation, and issues such as e-counseling and disciplinary topics. She noted that Ms. Mahon and Mr. Cox also attended the conference. Ms. Williams suggested that the Board invite the testing panel to attend a board meeting in the future to review the licensure examinations and their use. The Board discussed distance counseling and the definition of "Client" in 40-75-20 (5) with Mr. Spoon. The Board asked for any compact disks to be provided from AASCB on the meeting topics. Mrs. Cox stated she will contact AASCB.

REPORTS/INFORMATION:

Administrative Information:

Mrs. Cox gave the administrative report on the work of the Board with numerical data provided by Ms. Harrington. She noted that a detailed administrative report on the work of the Board is provided in the Board members' books as information. Mrs. Cox reported that the last paper and pencil examination would be given in April 2008 for the applicants for professional counselor's licensure. She reminded the Board members to file their Statement of Economic Interest with the South Carolina Ethics Commission on or before April 15, 2008. Mrs. Cox reported that the Governor's office is working on appointments and reappointments for the Board. She reported that the Random Continuing Education (CE) Audit letters had been sent. Mrs. Cox requested three members to be asked to come and conduct the CE Audit and requested a date be set.

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Cox reminded the Board that financial information is available upon request. She reported the Board is financially sound and has had no audit exceptions reported. She reminded the Board that financial reports on the Board are kept in the LLR Finance Department and monthly statements are also maintained in the Board's office.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

There were no disciplinary issues discussed.

LEGAL ISSUES:

There were no legal issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Computer Based Testing (CBT)

Mrs. Cox announced that the contract for Computer Based Testing (CBT) with the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) for the applicants who are seeking a professional counselor's license had

been signed. She reported South Carolina will begin to participate in CBT after the April 2008 examination administration by NBCC and the first month of availability of the CBT would be the first week in May of 2008 so applicants will now be able to test monthly rather than quarterly. She reported that she will work with NBCC on the details of the transition by reviewing forms printed by NBCC for South Carolina, placing information on the Board's web site, contacting CCE for application changes regarding testing, and notifying the colleges and universities in the state. Dr. Clark was asked about the letter being sent to the Marriage and Family Therapy Association regarding more timely results being available for the marriage and family therapy applicants from their computer based testing. She stated she is continuing to work on that issue.

President Williams asked Mr. Garnett and Mr. Evans to serve on the Random CE Audit Committee with her to review all the CE submissions. She asked Mrs. Cox to find a date for the audit to be conducted by contacting the three members of the committee for a date in March.

NEW BUSINESS:

News Media Contact

Mrs. Cox gave the Board members a handout on the Communications Policy of LLR regarding contact with the news media. She reviewed the policy which states that the Office of Communications and Government Affairs will determine who will provide information to the news media so accurate information is disseminated. She stated this policy is for the employees of LLR; however, it is a very helpful tool for Board members to use. She stated the Agency goal is always to provide the media accurate information as quickly as possible.

Election of Board Officers and IRC Chairman

President Williams called for the election of officers for the Board and reaffirmation of the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Chairman.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to maintain the officers as they are serving now. Ms. Womack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Spoon stated the officers of the Board will be Tanya Williams, President; Danny Garnett, Vice President; and Pam Clark, Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Clark to reaffirm Dr. Chrys Harris as the IRC Chairman. Mr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Letter Regarding Renewal Policy

Mrs. Cox provided a letter delivered to the Board from Kathleen Robbins, PhD regarding the Board's Renewal Policy and Unlicensed Practice Policy. The Board reviewed the letter and discussion followed with advice from their Advice Counsel, Mr. Spoon. The Board stated there is consequence to for failure to renew and the Board can make policies based on their statutes and regulations. The Board was advised the policy is a typical policy that is in place for licensure boards to use and it is defensible. Mrs. Cox pointed out the comments in the letter regarding the Board's web site and stated that the site is reviewed and updated monthly or more frequently, if needed. She said a review was already under way regarding the comments made regarding Frequently Asked Questions and comments regarding the use of the web site.

President Williams stated that two Board members were not in attendance and will be given the opportunity to read the letter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

REPORTS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

President Williams called for review and ratification of the reports submitted for the Standards Committees and Continuing Education Committee beginning on November 21, 2007 through February 19, 2008.

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern:

Alvarez, Myrtle L.
Barker, Colleen J.
Bennett, Jeffrey T.
Bessinger, Brandi Renee
Bloom, Joanne M.
Broadwater, Denise M.
Butler-Glavin, Lisa M.
Cozad, Lauren E.
Cutter, Todd A.
Dahl, Gregory L.
Dahlen, Ulla M.
Downs, Deborah C.
Dukes, Elizabeth S.
Dupriest, Kelly L.
Featherstone, Sherita L.
Finke, Anthony W.
Fleming, Carmen N.
Fleming, Stephanie J.
Francis, Rachel L.
Fraser, Deborah A.
Frierson, Sara E.
Gilchrist, Kimberly S.
Goldsmith, Helene
Hardee, Jessica W.
Ingram, Donna M.
Jacobs, Nikesha D.
Jacobs, Tiffany S.
Jenkins, Christine D.
Johnson, Christine K.
Johnson, Michael L.
Johnson, Shilain
Jones, Laura Y.
Kenna, Courtney A.
Knox, LaVonda R.
Lowe, Alesia A.
Magin, Angela K.
Matenaer, Beth A.

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern: (continued)

McNealy, Ryan C.
Milord, Marie C.
Pearson, Daphne C.
Polinski, Walter J.
Richardson, Mary J.
Rutland-Addy, Lynn
Samarghitan, Corina M.
Sams, Stephanie F.
Sanders, Erin E.
Schoenfuss, Tara H.
Scoggins, Heather C.
Shea, James K.
Smith, Lorilyn
Stockstill, Denise
Wagner, Susan F.
Wells, Terrance
Wittkamper, Mary S.

Recommended for Transfer from LPC-Intern Status to Professional Counselor:

Bailey-Padgett, Lydia C.
Boykin, Mei Lin
Burch, Lakimberly
Caudill, Carrie
Gerber, Jennifer
Havens, Joan
Hickman, Vickey A.
Johnson, Nakisha
Madison, Kathleen
Maw, Rachel
McCrudden, Rebecca
Mitchell-Blitch, Melissa
O'Malley, Austin
O'Quinn, Georgann
Simpson, Cordes G.
Walsh, Michael

Recommended for Extension of LPC Intern Licensure Status: (two years)

Bethea, Robin	1/15/08-10
Cathcart, Lucy	2/24/08-10
Melvin, Sheresa	1/27/08-10
Nesbitt, Susan M.	1/27/08-10
Simon, Ryedenna	1/17/08-10
Stradford, Monica	2/24/08-10

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Endorsement:

Langston, Linda L.	North Carolina
Mathis, Sandra Y.	Texas & West Virginia
Murphy, Brendan	West Virginia
Oliver, Janet S.	North Carolina

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Bypass (old law applicant):
Bowen, Christopher

Recommended for Reinstatement of Licensure as a Professional Counselor:
Swanson, Lorilei

Recommended for Extension on LPC/S or LPC/SIT:
None

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor:
Farmer, Angela
Vaughn, Garland Thomas

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern:
None

Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Therapist:
None

Recommended for Reinstatement of Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist:
Swanson, Lorilei K.

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist by Endorsement:
Schopp, Georgeanne T. Georgia & Virginia

Recommended for an Extension of LMFT Intern Licensure Status:
None

Recommended for Transfer from LMFT/Intern to LMFT:
Halley, Kimberly

Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Supervisor (LMFT/S):
None

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist:
Jeffery, Zandra P.

One-Time Continuing Education Providership:
American Group Psychotherapy Assoc (AGPA)
Horry-Georgetown Tech College
Lighthouse Care Center of Conway
MUSC

Permanent Continuing Education Providership:
None

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Garnett to ratify the reports. The motion was seconded by Dr. Clark. The motion passed.

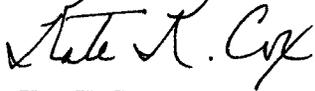
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Cox announced the Board meeting in 2008 will be held on May 20, August 19, and November 18, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate K. Cox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kate K. Cox
Administrator