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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

Hearing, Applicant Appearance, and Regular Board Meeting
May 20, 2008

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board members present were:

Tanya A. Williams, M.Ed., President, Chairperson LPC Standards Committee
Danny L. Garnett, D. Div., Vice President
Pamela G. Clark, PhD, Secretary-Treasurer, Chairperson, LMFT Standards
Committee
Jackie H. Fleshman, Public Member
Linda E. Womack, Public Member

Excused Absences were noted for:

David L. Evans, Jr., M.A., Chairperson, LPES Standards Committee
M. Ellenor Mahon, M.Ed., Chairperson, Continuing Education Committee

Also present were:

Linda Gaye Allen-Cook, LPC Applicant
Julie J. Bush, Retired Associate Provost for Enrollment Management at Francis
Marion University
Deborah Cantrell, LPC, LPC-S, AMHCA-SC President
Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
Eric Gore, Court Reporter
Susan F. Harrington, Board Administrative Assistant
Peter R. Kilmann, Licensed Psychologist
Paula Magarle, Litigation Counsel
William Nettles, Attorney
Shirley Robinson, LLR Hearing Officer
Sheridon Spoon, Advice Counsel
Kevin L. Wickes, PhD

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 108, 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 9:15 a.m. It was noted that a quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Womack to ask for excused absences for Ms. Mahon and Mr. Evans. Dr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the February 19, 2008 meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Clark to approve the agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the last meeting as printed. Ms. Fleshman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HEARING FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE:

Dr. Garnett asked to be recused in participating in the Wickes' Hearing for Reinstatement. He was recused.

Kevin L. Wickes, PhD appeared before the Board with Counsel and witnesses to request reinstatement of his suspended LPC license. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board took action for reinstatement.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Clark to reinstate Dr. Wickes' license for a probationary period of two years; to require supervision of 150 hours under a licensed professional counselor supervisor (LPC-S); and to require quarterly reports to be submitted to the Board by the LPC-S. Ms. Womack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

It was stated that an Order will be written and issued to Dr. Wickes which will state the detailed requirements of the reinstatement and the acceptable location of practice and supervision details.

HEARING FOR APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE:

Linda Gaye Allen-Cook, LPC Applicant, appeared before the Board without counsel or witnesses to request licensure under endorsement. Mrs. Cox noted that Ms. Allen-Cook had a Cease & Desist Order issued from the Board. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board took action on the request for licensure.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Garnett to allow Ms. Allen-Cook to become licensed as an LPC by endorsement at the time she completes the licensure process and has submitted all her requirements for licensure. Dr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

President Williams reported on absences of Mr. Evans and Ms. Mahon to wish them well. She reserved any other remarks to be made within the business of the meeting.

REPORTS/INFORMATION:

Administrative Information:

Mrs. Cox gave the administrative report on the work of the Board with numerical data provided by Ms. Harrington. She reported that the Board licenses and regulates 2466 people at this time. She reported that the Random Continuing Education (CE) Audit had been conducted by the Audit Committee and all audited licensees had completed the continuing education requirements. Mrs. Cox reported that President Williams has been reappointed to the Board through December 1, 2011.

Mrs. Cox reported that the Recovering Professionals Program has four licensees of the Board enrolled and she did not name the licensees. She reported that one licensee has completed the program and wrote a note of thanks to the Board on how the disciplinary process had worked. She discussed the pass/fail rate on the national exams. Dr. Clark stated that the failure rate is a concern to credentialing bodies and universities.

Mrs. Cox reported to the Board that the Agency has completed a processes study on the licensing functions of all the boards. She explained that the licensing processes are application, initial licensure and renewal of licenses. She noted that efforts will be made to streamline all processes and create as much similarity as possible in the processes.

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 brought before the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Letters Regarding Renewal Policy on Unlicensed Practice due to Non Renewal

Mrs. Cox provided again the letters that had been sent to the Board regarding the Board's Renewal Policy and the Unlicensed Practice Policy Due to Non Renewal. The Board summarized the letter writers' concerns. Discussion followed with advice being given from their Advice Counsel, Mr. Spoon. The Board stated there is consequence for failure to renew and stated the Board can make policies based on their individual statutes and regulations. In review, the Board was advised by Mr. Spoon that the policy is a typical policy that is in place for licensure boards to use and it is defensible. He stated policies within the Agency can try to be consistent however they are board specific depending on statutes and regulations. The Board gave President Williams and Vice President Garnett the task of further studying the policy and the concerns being expressed by licensees; and the Board asked them to bring back a proposal for possible changes at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy for definition of "relational hours"

Dr. Clark introduced the need to have relational hours defined for the Board to use in reviewing courses from schools and universities in regard to student's clinical experience for marriage and family therapy. Mr. Spoon and Dr. Clark presented a draft to the Board for a policy to define relational hours as used in the Board's requirement in Regulations 36-07 (2) (f). Discussion followed.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Garnett to adopt the new policy to define relational hours as used in the Board's Regulations 36-07 (2) (f). Ms. Womack seconded the motion. The motion carried. The policy will be placed on the Board's web site.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Ms. Cox discussed attendance at the AAMFT conference for Dr. Clark and Dr. Garnett. Ms. Cox stated she can ask for travel permission if they would like to attend. The Board was in agreement for representation at the conference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Cantrell thanked the Board for their work. She stated AMHCA wants to be in attendance at as many Board meetings as possible in order to be informed and to help encourage professional practice among their membership.

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 February 20, 2008 through May 20, 2008.

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern:

Bell, Amanda Dawn
Bennett, Natalie G.
Cooper, Judith C.
Cummings, Rose M.
Dalton, Mary E.
Dervay, Shannon
Gallieshaw, Esther S.
Goldsborough, Marie R.
Hafer, Claudia M.
Hardison, Selena C.
Haynes, Deirdre F.
Hefner, Mary Beth
Latham, Kelly M.

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

Altman, Alan C.
Brown, Karen
Casley, Faye D.
Childress, Kelly M.
Davis, Nancy
Griffin, Charles L.
Hammons, Katherine
Hiott, Kimberly
Jenkins, Cherri Brakefield
Jones, Darius
McClary, Julia T.
McLeod, Lisa B.

Perrine, Merilee W.
Plyler, Emily Ayn
Sick, Kelley C.
Thompson, Teresa M.
Vinson, Gwen
Weaver, Racquel T.
Williams, Julia

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

Demint, Deborah H.	4/20/08-4/20/10
Hightower, Derrick L.	3/21/08-3/21/10
Hiott, Kimberly	3/10/08-3/10/10
Johnston, Danielle	5/5/08-5/5/10
Neely, Kimberly	3/3/08-3/3/10
Robinson, Zabrina	4/10/08-4/10/10
Wilson, Margaret	4/18/08-4/18/10

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Endorsement:

Falls, Leslee K.	NC
Fortune, Jane Medlin	VA
Waldron, Stacy	NC

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

None

Recommended for Reinstatement of Licensure or Re-application as a Professional Counselor:

Burke, William H.
Lane, Vikki Jan
Sudol, Margaret M.
Weeks, Reaver

Recommended for Extension on LPC/S or LPC/SIT:

None

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor:

Fahy-Rawlinson, Margaret
Jones, Frankie B.
Kimberly, Robert
Wheeler, Helen Elliott

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern:

Martin, Julie M.L.
Strickland, Genevieve S.

Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Therapist:

None

Recommended for Reinstatement/Re-application of Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist:

Orr, J. Matthew

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist by Endorsement:

None

Recommended for an Extension of LMFT Intern Licensure Status:

Posner, Tara D. 4/20/08-4/20/10

Recommended for Transfer from LMFT/Intern to LMFT:

Brown, Karen

Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Supervisor (LMFT/S):

None

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist:

Herrington, Lisa

Moore, Judy B.

One-Time Continuing Education Providership:

College of Charleston 1st and 2nd application approvals

Columbia International University 1st application approval

National Crime Victims Research & 3rd application approval

MUSC

Permanent Continuing Education Providership:

College of Charleston

MUSC Family Services Research Center

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Womack to ratify the reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fleshman. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Cox announced the remaining scheduled Board meetings in 2008 will be held August 19 and November 18, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate K. Cox
Administrator