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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 and Motion Hearings for Licensees
October 8, 2013

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board members present were:

Danny L. Garnett, President
David L. Evans, Jr., M.A.Ed.
Ronald H. Reames, M.A.

Boardmembers Absent were:

M. Ellenor Mahon, M. Ed
Samer G. Touma, PhD.

Also present were:

Patricia Glenn, LLR Administrator
Susan Harrington, Board Administrative Assistant
David Love, LLR Investigator – OIE
Melina Mann, LLR General Counsel
Cheryl McNair, LLR Investigator – OIE
Mary League, LLR Advice Attorney
Larue J. Bettis, SCALPC
Rudy Guajardo- Executive Director of SCALPC
David Van Horn

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

President Garnett 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 105, 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 Garnett 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.

NOTE: These Minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and a brief summary of the meeting.

AGENDA and APPROVAL OF MINUTES 9:10 a.m.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to approve the October 8, 2013 Agenda and the April 2, 2013 Minutes. Mr. Reames seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS 9:12 A.M.:

President Garnett welcomed board members and new Advice Counsel Mary League to the meeting. He discussed issues which were addressed at the NBCC meeting in August, 2013 and issues which will be discussed at the AMFTRB meeting which he and Ms. Glenn, Administrator will be attending in Oct., 2013. Topics include educating licensees regarding proper usage of technology and social media, ecounseling and how to navigate the world of technology.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

IRC Report 9:15 a.m.:

David Love, Investigator from Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE), presented the Investigative Review Committee’s (IRC) reports concerning disciplinary matters.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept the IRC recommendations for Dismissal of cases 2012-14, 2012-22, 2012-23, 2013-4, 2013-7, 2013-10, 2013-12, 2013-13 ; for Authorization of Formal Complaints for 2012-2, 2012-27, 2013-5, 2013-8; for Dismissal with Letter of Caution for cases 2013-2 & 2013-6; for Cease & Desist, 2013-3. Mr. Reames seconded the motion. The motion carried.

David Love, Chief Investigator with OIE gave the statistical report from the Office of Investigation and Enforcement cases. The Board accepted this as information.

Patti. Glenn gave the statistical report from the Office of General Counsel’s (OGC) cases. The Board accepted this as information.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL REPORT:

Patti Glenn gave the Administrative Report and the Financial Report of the Board. She gave statistical reports as handouts regarding the name and number of newly licensed LPCs/LMFTs/LPES and the number of licensees who renewed by the biennial renewal expiration date of 8/31/13. Mrs. Glenn noted the OIE, OGC reports and other licensure information.

She discussed the up-coming national meetings of interest:

NBCC- Annual meeting will be held August 7& 8, 2014.

AMFTRB- Annual meeting will be held Oct. 15 & 16, 2013

LEGAL ISSUES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

REPORTS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

President Garnett called for the ratification of the electronic reports of the Standards Committees and Continuing Education Committee beginning on April 2, 2013 through October 7, 2013. It was reported that the records are electronically maintained for the following categories:

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern;
Recommended for Extension of LPC Intern Licensure Status for 2 years;
Recommended for Transfer from LPC-Intern to Professional Counselor;
Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Endorsement;
Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor;

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern;
Recommended for an Extension of LMFT Intern Licensure Status for 2 years;
Recommended for Transfer from LMFT/Intern to LMFT;
Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist by Endorsement;
Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Supervisor (LMFT/S);

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist;
Recommended for Licensure as a Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist by Endorsement;

Recommended for Reinstatement of Licensure or Re-application (all license types);

Approval of One-Time Continuing Education Providership;
Approval of Permanent Continuing Education Providership

Motion: A motion was made by to ratify the reports by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Reames. The motion passed.

APPEARANCES:

David Van Horn- requested the board to validate experience in lieu of coursework when granting a license by endorsement. The Board thanked him for coming and appreciated his comments but stated that SC does not have reciprocity with other states and applicants have to meet requirements/ coursework outlined in statutes and regulations.

Larue Bettis- Announced the renaming of AMHCA-SC to SCALPC and introduced Mr. Rudy Guajardo as Executive Director of SCALPC.

HEARINGS:

OIE#2012-15- Consent Agreement- Private Order

Melina Mann, LLR General Counsel presented a Consent Agreement signed and agreed to by respondent, for a Private Order. Licensee agreed to meet the requirements under the law on how to complete a proper Disclosure Statement.

Motion: a motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Reames to accept the Consent Agreement. The motion carried.

OIE#2009-15- Consent Agreement- Anonymous

Melina Mann, LLR General Counsel presented a Consent Agreement signed and agreed to by respondent, for an Anonymous Consent Agreement which included supervision and other sanctions.

Motion: a motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Reames to accept the Consent Agreement. The motion carried.

Executive Session: Mr. Evans made the motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Mr. Reames seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Session: Mr. Evans made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Reames seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It was announced the next meeting of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists will be April 1, 2014 in Room 105 and Oct.7, 2014 in Room 105.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM. on a motion from Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr.Reames. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Administrator
Patricia F. Glenn