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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 Hearings for Licensees  
November 17, 2015  
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, Room 105  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board members present were:

Danny L. Garnett, LMFT, LPC, D.Min.-President  
Jennifer C. L. Jordan, Ph.D., LPC  
Jerome Tilghman, M.A., LPC  
Nikita M. Harrison, Ed.S., LMFT  
Ronald H. Reames, M.A., LPC  
Robert B. Carter, Ed.S., LMFT  
Edward M. Carney (Public Member)

Board member absent: Rev. Margaret Jill Duffield (Lay Member) - Excused

Also present were:

Marlo Koger, LLR Administrator  
Susan Harrington, LLR Board Administrative Assistant  
David Love, LLR Chief Investigator – OIE  
Alex Imgrund, LLR Assistant Disciplinary Counsel - ODC  
Phillip Flohr, LLR Investigator – OIE  
Mary League, LLR Advice Attorney

**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, Kingtree 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 9:02 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**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Jordan to approve the November 17, 2015 agenda. Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Carter motioned to approve the April 7, 2015 minutes. Ms. Harrison seconded and all board members were in favor.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Garnett welcomed and congratulated the new board member, Mr. Edward M. Carney, public member at large. Dr. Garnett also announced his re-appointment.

President Garnett provided an overview and highlights of the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) Annual Meeting.

President Garnett provided an update from the two Standards Committee Meetings. On 5/27/15 a Professional Disclosure Statement template was developed, website additions were created and E-Therapy Guidelines were established. Mr. Tilghman motioned to accept the E-Therapy Guidelines. Mr. Carney seconded the motion and the motion carried. On 6/3/15 the group began establishing Sanctioning Guidelines and Dr. Garnett stated that work would continue at future subcommittee meetings.

## **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:**

### IRC Report:

David Love, Chief Investigator with OIE, presented the Investigative Review Committee's (IRC) reports concerning disciplinary matters.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Harrison to accept the IRC recommendations for Dismissal of cases 2014-20, 2014-26, 2014-37, 2014-38, 2014-40, 2014-45, 2014-47, 2014-53, 2014-57, 2014-58, and 2015-5, for Dismissal with Letter of Caution for cases 2014-1 and 2014-44. Dr. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Alex Imgrund, LLR Assistant Disciplinary Counsel gave the statistical report from the Office of General Counsel's (OGC) cases. The Board accepted this as information.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Marlo Koger 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. Ms. Koger noted the OIE, OGC reports and other licensure information. Ms. Koger provided a status update of the Biennial Renewal.

## **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 March 19, 2015 through September 30, 2015. 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);

Recommended for extension on license renewal (all types);

Approval of One-Time Continuing Education Providership;

Approval of Permanent Continuing Education Providership

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Jordan to ratify the reports and seconded by Ms. Harrison. The motion passed.

**OVERVIEW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RECOVERING PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM:**

Mr. Rick Wilson provided an overview of the RPP program and answered questions.

**APPEARANCE:**

**Mr. Glenwood Winstead, LPC, LPC/S, LMSW**

Mr. Winstead provided suggestions on changes he would like to see on the agency's website.

**HEARINGS:**

**OIE#2013-18-Memorandum of Agreement:**

Alex Imgrund, LLR General Counsel presented a Memorandum of Agreement. The licensee was represented by Lauren Spears, Esquire.

**Executive Session:** Dr. Jordan made the motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Carter made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Dr. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There were additional questions by the board.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Carter made the motion to go back into Executive Session for legal advice. Ms. Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Carter made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Dr. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

On a motion from Dr. Jordan, seconded by Ms. Harrison, the Board voted to accept the MOA and issue a Public Reprimand to Mr. Frederick Pooser, PhD, LPC. Additional sanctions include: supervision by a board-approved LPC/S for one year; completion of a training course in reporting; and training in ethics. The motion carried.

**Application Hearing:**

Ms. Jerah Sowinski, LPC Intern, requested the board to consider allowing her to bypass LPC Intern licensure to full licensure as a LPC based on her California clinical experience and supervision. Ms. Sowinski was represented by Stephanie Weissenstein, Esquire.

Dr. Jordan made the motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Ms. Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Carter made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Carney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Harrison motioned to deny the request to bypass LPC Intern licensure to full licensure as a LPC. Mr. Carter seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Motion Hearing:**

Melissa Tyler Todd, M.A. requested a modification to her previous order. Alex Imgrund represented LLR. Mr. Carney motioned to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Ms. Harrison seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. Carter motioned to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Tilghman seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Dr. Jordan motioned to release Ms. Tyler Todd from all of the conditions in the matter and is able to continue practicing. Ms. Harrison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Amendment of Board Website for Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Closing a Practice**

After discussion and review Dr. Jordan motioned to approve the information about closing a practice. Mr. Tilghman seconded it motion and the motion passed.

**Ten (10) Person Panel for Conflict Cases Involving the Office of Disciplinary Counsel**

Board members recommended names of licensed individuals who are potential candidates to become conflict panel members.

**South Carolina Governor's Task Force for Domestic Violence**

Mr. Alex Imgrund reported that the Governor's Task Force is recommending domestic violence continuing education courses for licensees.

**Review of Recent Case Law and Statutory Changes**

Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**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 held April 5, 2016 in Room 105.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM on a motion from Dr. Jordan and seconded by Mr. Tilghman. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlo Koger  
Administrator