

**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 20, 2007
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 111
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board members present were:

Tanya A. Williams, M.Ed., Vice President, Chairperson LPC Standards
Committee
David L. Evans, Jr., M.A., Secretary-Treasurer; Chairperson, LPES Standards
Committee
Pamela G. Clark, PhD, Chairperson, LMFT Standards Committee
Jackie H. Fleshman, Public Member
Danny L. Garnett, M.Div., Member
M. Ellenor Mahon, M.Ed., Chairperson, Continuing Education Committee
Linda E. Womack, Public member

Also present were:

Larry E. Atkins, Jr., Investigator - Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
James E. Dunn, PhD
C. Rudy Guajardo, LPC, AMHCA-SC
Susan F. Harrington, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel, Advice Counsel for the Board
Shunna Vance, Staff Litigation Counsel

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Vice 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. Vice 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. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 21, 2006 meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Fleshman to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2006 meeting as presented. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Vice President Williams reported on the American Association of State Counseling Boards Annual Conference in Florida in January 2007. Agenda items discussed were the two tier national testing initiative for licensure examinations, availability of the National Credentials Registry for professionals to store credential information for reporting purposes, technological advances and available training for professionals who are considering or using e-counseling, the role of the counselor in national emergencies, supervision standards, licensure trends such as art therapy and rehabilitation therapy, disciplinary databases, and ethical issues. She discussed CACREP and standards of counseling being maintained during emergencies. She discussed the Ready Minds program. Vice President Williams announced that the testing panel would like to come again to South Carolina and discuss the two tier system of testing and Jan McMillan would like to come again to update the Board on portability of licensure for counselors between the states.

REPORTS/INFORMATION:

Administrative Information:

Mrs. Cox gave the administrative report on the work of the Board with numerical data provided by Ms. Harrington. It was reported that the Board has 2,486 licenses currently issued. The pass/fail rates for the two national examinations which are available for counselors to choose were discussed. Valid and psychometrically based examinations were discussed. Mrs. Cox stated that The National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) is the national professional testing service used by the Board and all testing statistics are collected, evaluated and maintained by NBCC

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Cox reminded the Board that financial information is available upon request. She reported the Board is financially sound.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

Mr. Atkins presented the Investigative Review Committee's (IRC) report concerning disciplinary matters.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Garnett to accept the Investigative Review Committee's recommendations as presented by Mr. Atkins for Case Numbers: 2005-23 and 2006-2 for Dismissal; 2005-24 for Formal Complaint; and 2006-1 for Letter of Caution. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Cox introduced Shunna Vance, the new litigation counsel assigned to the Board, and welcomed her to the meeting. Ms. Vance was asked to do a self introduction.

LEGAL ISSUES:

Ms. Cox asked Ms. Dantzler about who may chair a hearing. Ms. Dantzler said the president of the Board usually officiates; however, the Board may select any member of their choosing to chair a hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Board had no unfinished business to address at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice President Williams called for the annual election of officers for the Board and asked Ms. Dantzler to conduct the election. Ms. Dantzler called for the election for President of the Board. Ms. Mahon nominated Ms. Williams for Board President. Mr. Evans seconded the nomination. Ms. Williams was elected unanimously. Ms. Dantzler called for the election for Vice President of the Board. Dr. Clark nominated Mr. Garnett for Board Vice President. Mr. Evans seconded the nomination. Mr. Garnett was elected unanimously. Ms. Dantzler called for the election for Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. Ms. Fleshman nominated Dr. Clark for Board Secretary/Treasurer. Ms. Williams seconded the nomination. Dr. Clark was elected unanimously. Ms. Cox announced that the new officers will be administered their oath of office at the next meeting.

Ms. Dantzler asked for the affirmation for Chrys Harris, PhD to continue to serve as the Board's professional member on the Investigative Review Committee (IRC). The Board gave a unanimous affirmation for Dr. Harris as they believe he represents the values of the profession. Ms. Cox asked for suggestions for another person to be asked to serve on the IRC in case Dr. Harris had to recuse himself in any discussions. The Board offered three names of licensees who will be contacted to assess their interest in serving.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Mr. Garnett asked about the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) for impaired professionals. Mrs. Cox reviewed RPP's program and the progress toward the Board being a member. She stated that the decision around participation with a fee schedule is now in the Agency management side of LLR. The Board stated they were interested in continuing to pursue membership in RPP if a fee schedule can be worked out.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Guajardo was recognized as being present. He did not a comment for the Board.

REPORTS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Vice President Williams called for review and ratification of the reports submitted for the Standards Committees and Continuing Education Committee beginning November 22, 2006 through February 20, 2007.

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern:

Andrino, Twala J.
Barr, Lindsey C.
Beaumont, Jonathan D.
Beckner, Cecil E.
Boyle, Tracey L.
Branon, Natasha R.
Brink, Christopher M.
Bryant, Megan D.
Burroughs, Tamara L.
Byers, Wendy V.
Callaham, Rebecca B.
Campen, Darrin G.
Cannon, Fred R. III
Carlton, Sandra S.
Clark, Fran C.
Davis, Nancy K.
Deaner, Richard G., Ph.D.
Ekong, Raphael P.
Farro, Dennis J.
Gillis, Elizabeth K.
Graham, Stacey B.
Green, Jennifer S.
Grier, Cassi W.
Hanna, Jeanette R.
Hendricks, Doris G.
Higgins, Patricia M., Ph.D.
Horak, Robert A., Ph.D.
Howard, Elizabeth Reeves
Howell, Joanna C.
Jones, Darius L.
Jones, Mara H.
Livingston, Marie E.
McGonigal, Jennifer J.
Neely, Elizabeth J.
Pechersky, Kara
Powell, Danita L.
Rogers, Wilbur M.
Roycroft, Michael A.
Watson, Stephanie
Weathers, Corie
Zovnic, Sarah E.

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

Bacote, Jamie
Berlin, James
Billmyer, Nicole
Goines, Willie
Griffin, Julie Thomas
Hall, Patricia A.
Harris, Veron B.

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

McDonough, Molly
Pigeon, Amanda K.
Pinson, Clark
Polite, Antawn
Vasilas, Cynthia
Went, Martha J.

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

Link, Sheree N.

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Endorsement:

Olson, Janice M. Idaho

Recommended for Extension of LPC Intern Licensure Status:

Adams, Jordan
Brakefield, Cherri
Broome, Carmella
Fulmer, Dottie J.
Hammons, Katherine L.
Jenkins, Michelle
McMahan, Dianne
Mead, Autumn
Ott, Lannie
Saxon-Ward, Laurrinda
Seegars, Misty
Thompson, Teresa

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

None

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor:

Cantrell, Deborah
Savitz-Smith, Dr. Jennifer

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern:

None

Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Therapist:

None

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

None

Recommended for an Extension of LMFT Intern Licensure Status:

None

Recommended for Transfer from LMFT/Intern to LMFT:

Cain, Elizabeth S.
Johnson, Jude

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

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist:
Gill, Rebecca I.
Kunkle, Sara
McKeown, Dena

One-Time Continuing Education Providership:
The Action Council for Cross Cultural
Medical University of South Carolina

Permanent Continuing Education Providership:
Integrated Therapeutic Training Solutions (c/o Larry Barker)
Psychotherapy Networker
Southeastern Family Institute

Permanent Continuing Education Sponsor Renewals:
None

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Cox announced the Board meetings in 2007 to be held on May 15, August 21, and November 20, 2007. She announced the Economic Interest States for the South Carolina Ethics Commission are due on April 15, 2007. Mrs. Cox also announced a disciplinary hearing will follow the Board meeting at 11:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate K. Cox
Administrator