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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 Application Hearing

November 20, 2007

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

Also present were:

Desa Ballard, J.D.
Deborah Cantrell, AMHCA-SC
John N. Carter, LPC
Patricia Carter
Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
Pleas Faglie, Investigator - Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Eric Gore, Court Reporter
Susan F. Harrington, Administrative Assistant
Susan Johnston, Litigation Counsel
Darcy Luadzers
Jack Luadzers, PhD, Board Licensee
Brendan Murphy, M.A., Applicant
Shirley Robinson, LLR Hearing Office
Frank Sheheen, Program Director for RPP
Sheridon Spoon, Advice Counsel
Julie Surles, RPP
Ed Wilson
Richard Wilson, Special Counsel for RPP

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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Mahon to approve the agenda as altered to move up the appearance of John N. Carter to be after the approval of the Minutes. Mr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 21, 2007 meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Mahon to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2007 meeting as presented. Mr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HEARING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD: John N. Carter, LPC #3997

Mr. Carter appeared before the Board regarding his request to have his Final Order with the Board modified. Ms. Gore served as the court reporter. Ms. Robinson advised the Board in this matter and the State was represented by Ms. Johnston. Mr. Carter made his request to be taken off suspension and returned to practice a year earlier than stated in his Final Order. The Board heard Mr. Carter's request and a statement from Ms. Surlles. The Board asked appropriate questions of Mr. Carter.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Garnett to go into Executive Session. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Mahon to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Mahon deny Mr. Carter's request to modify his Final Order with the Board. Mr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

President Williams made commentary to the Board regarding the growth of distance counseling and reported national groups and states are working with the need to develop guidelines and laws to regulate this type of counseling in order to protect the public. She discussed clinical supervision and the limitation of supervisees being supervised as required in different states. She noted that South Carolina has strong and effective regulations and guidelines. She asked Mrs. Cox to request travel to be approved through the Agency for administrator and professional counselor board members to travel to the 2008 AASCB 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 noted that a detailed administrative report on the work of the Board is provided in the Board members books as information. She reported that the 2007 renewal went smoothly and six licensees reported unlicensed practice due to non renewal. Mrs. Cox also discussed testing, test pass/failures, test validity, and test security.

She reported the article on Disclosure Statements submitted by Dr. Chrys Harris has been posted to the Board's web site.

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.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Clark to accept the Investigative Review Committee's recommendations as presented by Mr. Faglie for Case Number: 2006-16 for Formal Complaint. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD: Jack Luadzars, PhD, Board Licensee

Dr. Luadzars appeared before the Board with his counsel, Ms. Ballard, to have two courses approved for credit for the required courses in Psychopathology and Diagnostics of Psychopathology to meet the requirements to be able to assess and treat the more serious problems as required in the Board's Regulations. After his presentation and the presentation by Ms. Ballard, the Board asked questions.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to go into Executive Session. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Mahon to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Clarke to accept the presented coursework which was verified by his professor of record. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPLICATION APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD: Brendan Murphy, LPC Applicant

Mr. Murphy appeared before the Board regarding his application for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor by Endorsement. Ms. Gore served as the court reporter. Mr. Murphy made a request concerning being able to proceed with his licensure application although he has had discipline in the endorsing state of West Virginia. The Board heard his request and asked appropriate questions of Mr. Murphy.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Mahon to go into Executive Session. Mr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Garnett to return to Regular Session. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to allow Mr. Murphy to proceed with his licensure as an LPC subject to Mr. Murphy accepting an Order for a three year Probation being placed on his license and to be subject to supervision and additional continuing education on ethics. Mr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LEGAL ISSUES:

There were no legal issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recovering Professionals Program (RPP)

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sheheen made a presentation regarding the RPP to the Board. Mr. Wilson He provided a detailed explanation of the RPP for the Board; he reviewed the Questionnaire from the RPP for Participating South Carolina Health and Medically Related Boards on the RPP; he presented documents from RPP that would apply to the Board such as a Memorandum of Agreement between the RPP and the Board, Policy on Stayed Orders under Terms of Final Orders when Recommended by the RPP, and the Policy for Missed Drug Screens or Initial Positive Reports; and he asked for questions from the Board. After discussion, Mr. Wilson asked for approval from the Board to become a member of the RPP by approving a Memorandum of Agreement with RPP.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Mahon to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the RPP and the Board, Policy on Stayed Orders under Terms of Final Orders when recommended by the RPP, and the Policy for Missed Drug Screens or Initial Positive Reports. Dr. Clarke seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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 has been approved to be signed. She reported South Carolina will begin to participate in CBT after the January or April 2008 examination administration by NBCC and the first month of availability of the CBT would be in February or May 2008. She reported that she will work with NBCC on the details of the transition by 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 the use of CBT with more timely results. She stated she is continuing to work on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Unlicensed Practice Policy

Mrs. Cox provided two letters sent to the Board regarding the Board's Unlicensed Practice Policy. After reviewing the letters and requesting comment from the legal advice counsel, the Board stated that they will consider the letters as customer feedback on the policy. The Board also agreed that there is consequence to failure to renew and it is a necessity to have a policy to deal with the matter. The Board was advised the policy is a typical policy that is in place for licensure boards.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Mr. Evans updated the Board on the American Psychological Association (APA) proposal to remove the exemption, or recommending removing the exemption, for non-doctoral practice in the public schools. He reported that there is the matter of would this potentially affect the Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist credential in South Carolina. He said he would send any and all information that he receives on the matter to the Board. It was reviewed that this is also a matter in South Carolina for the State Legislatures, the

South Carolina Department of Education, and a testing issue for other professions. Mrs. Cox reported that this is an issue of interest to the Fair Access Coalition on Testing (FACT) too.

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 August 22, 2007 through November 20, 2007.

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern:

Alexander, Carrie L.
Boone, Monica S.
Bowman, Shenelle E.
Boyle, Tina
Branscome, Roderick Eli
Chukaku, Austin
Foster, India C.
Fowler, Tangenia T.
Harrison, Kari-Beth M.
Hartman, Emily N.
Hartseil, Jamie L.
Hopkins, Mary W.
Horton, Lindsey B.
Huckriede, Gwen E.
Huggins, Tiffany C.
Jones, Dorothy M.
Langley, Laura K.
Leopard, Lynn
Mahoney, Megan K.
McCormack, Danielle N.
McFadden, Margaret H.
Polston, Gayle R.
Poole, Carolyn S.
Rotunda, Daniel
Salerno, Donna M.
Skelton, Chana A.
Smallwood, Lisa M.
Trader, Amy R.
Turner, Deatra L.
Wheeler, Amy L.

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

Brien-Bruster, Jennette
Brisbane, Cheryl
Broome, Carmella
Carter, Angelia
Goff, Susan
Griffin, Paige

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

Hollen, Delores
Jenkins, Cynthia D.
Jones, Denise Nadine
Long, Judith R.
McDade, Joyce
Means, Yakesha L.
Medline, Larry Bert
Mincey, Mary Renee
Smith, Cheryl
Stringer, Kathleen (Romein)
Varghese, Susanna
Wade, Kathryn
Watanabe, Takako
Willis, Johnny

Recommended for Extension of LPC Intern Licensure Status:

Beeks, Tiffany	12/11/07-09
Livingston, Robin	10/10/07-09
Maw, Rachel	9/28/07-09
McLeod, Lisa	10/10/07-09
Plyler, Emily	9/9/07-09

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Endorsement:

Moran, Karen E. - Florida
Sturm, Debbie - North Carolina

Recommended for Reinstatement of Licensure as a Professional Counselor:

Ames, Cheri
Brandon, Patricia Gaddis
Terlitsky, Walter
Tobin, Mary L.

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

None

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor:

Brooks, Jennifer

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern:

Dillon, Julie
Dupree, William J.
Leopard, Gabrielle C.
Pressley, Patricia J.
Willi, Betsy G.

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:
Hall, Patricia 12/13/07-09

Recommended for Transfer from LMFT/Intern to LMFT:
Harper, Eric
Pitariu, Gabriela
Roseberry, Kelly

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

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist:
Altman, Rochelle Rogers
King, Mary A.

One-Time Continuing Education Providership:
Bobbie Godwin, M.A.-c/o Fourth Judicial Circuit
River Oaks Hospital
University of SC-Lancaster Psychology Dept

Permanent Continuing Education Providership:
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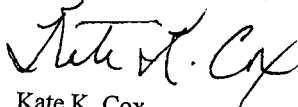
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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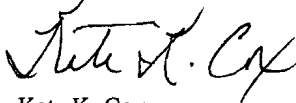
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