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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

April 5, 2016

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree 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)  
Rev. Margaret Jill Duffield (Public Member)

Board member absent: None

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, 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 9:02 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 Mr. Carter to approve the April 5, 2016 agenda. Mr. Tilghman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Jordan motioned to approve the November 17, 2015 minutes. Ms. Harrison seconded and all board members were in favor.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

On a motion from Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Carney, the board voted to re-elect Danny Garnett, LMFT/LPC as President. On a motion from Mr. Carter and seconded by Ms. Harrison the board voted to re-elect Jennifer Jordan, Ph.D., LPS as Vice-President.

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Garnett mentioned that Mr. Jerome Tilghman was reappointed.

President Garnett provided an overview and highlights of the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) Annual Conference. Discussion topics included: disciplinary complaints; legislative issues; impaired professionals; changing trends; teletherapy; and portability. There was also an overview of Comprehensive Regulatory Training.

On a motion from Ms. Duffield and seconded by Ms. Harrison, the board voted that President Danny Garnett, Dr. Jennifer Jordan and Ms. Marlo Koger attend the CCE/NBCC 2016 State Licensing Board Meeting in May. Dr. Jordan made a motion that President Garnett, Ms. Nikita Harrison, and Mr. Robert Carter attend the Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) Conference in September.

**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 Mr. Carney to accept the IRC recommendations for Dismissal of cases 2015-6, 2015-8, 2015-12, 2015-16, 2015-19, 2015-20, 2015-22, 2015-23, 2015-26, 2015-29, 2015-36, 2015-37, 2015-40, 2015-43, 2015-44, 2015-46, and 2015-47 for Dismissal with Letter of Caution for case 2015-27 and for Formal Complaints for cases 2015-4, 2015-7 and 2015-42. Mr. Tilghman 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 Disciplinary Counsel’s (ODC) cases. The Board accepted this as information.

Mr. David Love and Mr. Alex Imgrund provided an overview of the investigative and disciplinary process.

**UPDATE ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNICATION:**

Mr. Alex Imgrund reported that the Governor’s Task Force will send an e-blast to all licensees.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Marlo Koger gave the Administrative Report and the Financial Report of the Board. She shared a statistical report of the number of licensed LPCs/LMFTs/LPES.

**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 October 1, 2015 through March 22, 2016. 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 Ms. Duffield to ratify the reports and seconded by Mr. Tilghman. The motion passed.

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELOR LICENSURE PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Stephen Lee Dutton, MPA (Chief of Staff, SC DAODAS); Ms. Samantha Collins, MA, LPC NCC, CACH (Manager, Health Care Integration); Ms. Laura Stuckey (Director, Behavioral Health Services Association of South Carolina); and Ms. Shannon McKinney (Chair, Certification Committee for Alcohol and Drug Counselors) presented information to board members. Representatives discussed Section 40-75-300 and plans for DAODAS to propose regulations for licensure of alcohol and drug abuse counselors that mirror regulations for licensed professional counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists with this board. They discussed a scope of practice recommended by NAADAC and SAMHSA, a proposed licensing structure and a transitioning period. They also plan to work with an association to use their Model Practice Act to amend the current law. They stressed the importance of starting the dialog, getting stakeholders together and creating a product.

Dr. Jordan motioned that President Garnett be a representative with DAODAS and other stakeholders in the process. Ms. Duffield seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mr. Tilghman is an ex officio member.

**CE PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Dylan Sitterle presented information on options for storing completed continuing education units.

**UPDATE ON RECENT APPELLATE CASES:**

Mary League presented information to board members. Ms. Duffield motioned that board members go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. On a motion made by Mr. Tilghman, board members came out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison.

**RATIFACATION OF IDENTIFIED CONFLICT PANEL:**

Dr. Jordan motioned that the board approve conflict panel members: Dr. David Scott; Mrs. Laura E. Long; Ms. Lorell C. Gordon; Mr. Peter F. Camelo; Ms. Rebecca Hosey; Mrs. Gabrielle C. Leopard; Ms. Michele Bennefield; Ms. Elizabeth Martin; and Mr. Garland Thomas Vaughn. Mr. Carter seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**RATIFICATION OF A MEDIA DESIGNEE FOR THE BOARD:**

Mr. Carney motioned that the Board Chair, President Garnett, act as the media designee for the board. Ms. Harrison seconded the motion and none opposed.

**DISCUSSION OF LETTER FROM MS. BARBARA KAPLAN REGARDING RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION OF CLIENT RECORDS:**

Ms. Duffield motioned that Mr. Tilghman, Ms. Harrison and Dr. Jordan establish a committee to do additional research on this topic and bring a decision back to the board. Mr. Carney seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION ON DUAL LICENSURE:**

Board members discussed Dual Degree Track and Use of Hours for Dual Licensure for LPC and LMFT candidates.

**DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FROM MS.C THOMPSON, LMFT REGARDING DUAL LICENSURE:**

After discussion, the board decided as currently written the regulations do not allow for what was requested.

**DISCUSSION OF LETTER FROM AASCB ON THE EVOLVING CONVERSATION REGARDING EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AND ESTABLISH A SUBCOMMITTEE TO EXPLORE THE REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR A RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT AND/OR PORTABILITY:**

Ms. Duffield motioned that President Garnett, Ms. Harrison and Dr. Jordan establish a committee to explore this further. Mr. Carter seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION OF USING LAPSED (RETIRED) AS A CREDENTIAL STATUS AS OPPOSED TO LAPSED:**

Mr. Carter motioned that the board accept the recommendation to use “Lapsed (Retired)” for retired individuals that request that designation as opposed to “Lapsed” in the ReLAES system. Dr. Jordan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**DISCUSSION OF MS. J. SIMONS, LMFT INTERN REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOURS:**

Ms. Duffield moved to grant Ms. Simons’ request to approve the hours that she has already completed as the regulation allows for this. Mr. Carter seconded the motion and no one opposed.

**DISCUSSION OF THE NATIONAL EXAM UPDATE ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:**

Mr. Carney motioned to accept the proposal that English Language Learners may be granted additional test taking time upon request. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**RPP RETURN TO WORK RELEASE:**

Mr. Frank Sheheen and Mr. Rick Wilson proposed language for a RPP Return to Work Release. On a motion from Mr. Tilghman and seconded by Ms. Duffield, the board voted to approve the work release form. No one opposed and the motion carried.

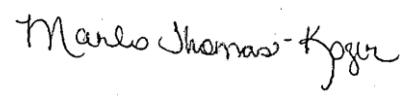
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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 held October 4, 2016 in Room 105.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM on a motion from Dr. Jordan and seconded by Mr. Tilghman. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marlo Thomas-Koger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a distinct 'K'.

Marlo Thomas-Koger  
Administrator