South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
Synergy Business Park in the Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Danny L. Garnett, LMFT, LPC, D.Min., Chair Dr. Jennifer C. L. Jordan, Ph.D., LPC, Vice Chair Robert B. Carter, Ed.S., LMFT, Member Nikita Harrison, Ed.S., LMFT, Member Ronald H. Reames, M.A., LPC, Member Jerome Tilghman Jr., M.A., LPC, Member

Board Member Absent

Michael Bailey (Public Member)

Staff Present

Marlo Koger, LLR Board Administrator Shaun Strother, LLR Board Assistant Mary League, LLR Advice Counsel

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 South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

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

Call to Order

Dr. Garnett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.. The meeting was held in Room 105 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion not to approve Mr. Bailey's absence. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter and approved. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of the Agenda:

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter and approved. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes:

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to approve the October 10, 2017 meeting minutes – no corrections noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Disciplinary Issues and Reports

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Mr. Love, Chief Investigator of Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented thirteen (13) cases for dismissal, two (2) letters of caution, and two (2) formal complaints to the Board.

IRC Recommendations

Case # (Dismissals):

- 2017-19
- 2017-31
- 2017-37
- 2017-42
- 2017-44
- 2017-45
- 2017-50
- 2017-56
- 2017-58
- 2017 50
- 2017-64
- 2017-65
- 2017-66
- 2018-02

Case # (Letters of Caution)

- 2017-33
- 2017-49

Case # (Formal Complaints)

- 2017-30
- 2017-43

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for thirteen (13) dismissals, two (2) letters of caution and two (2) formal complaints. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the statistical report as information.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Mr. Tennis, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the ODC report to the Board.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept the ODC report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Finance Report: Ms. Koger, Board Administrator presented the financial report. The Board reviewed the report as information.

2017-18 Fiscal Budget, Travel Budget, 2018-2019 Proposed Travel Budget, 2018 New Mileage Rate:

Ms. Koger, Board Administrator addressed the board regarding the budgets and the 2018 new mileage rate.

Upcoming Meetings: The Board discussed upcoming meetings.

The Board reviewed the list of new licensees as information.

Ratification of New Licenses and Continuing Education (CE) Sponsors:

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept and approve the Ratification of New Licenses and Continuing Education (CE) Sponsors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ethics Commission: The Board discussed the ethics commission and deadline to file March 30, 2018.

Application Hearings

Dioselina Godbold: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Godbold's two (2) year internship requirement should be waived and granted a license as a professional counselor (LPC) in South Carolina. Ms. Godbold made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Ms. Godbold's application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Tilghman made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to deny Ms. Godbold's request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Joseph Korzelius: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Mr. Korzelius should be granted a license as a professional counselor (LPC) in South Carolina. Mr. Korzelius did not make an appearance before the board.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Tilghman made a motion to defer Mr. Korzelius application until he can make a board appearance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter and Dr. Jordan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Erika Larsen: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Larsen's hours would be accepted from another state toward a license as a professional counselor intern (LPC-I) in South Carolina. Ms. Larsen did not make an appearance before the board. Ms. Koger, Board Administrator informed the board that Ms. Larsen contacted the board and withdrew her request.

Dr. Thomas Little: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Little's internship requirement could be waived and if he would be granted a license as a professional counselor (LPC) in South Carolina. Dr. Little made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Dr. Little's application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Tilghman made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to deny Dr. Little's request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Carter recused himself from all board proceedings involving Mr. Paul Malkasian's application.

Paul Malkasian: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Mr. Malkasian's two (2) year internship requirement would be waived and granted a license as a professional counselor (LPC) in South Carolina. Mr. Malkasian made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Mr. Malkasian's application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Tilghman made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to deny Mr. Malkasian's request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Carter rejoined the board proceedings.

Adrianne Mantecon: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Mantecon's graduate course work in three (3) content areas would be accepted from three (3) content toward licensure as a professional counselor (LPC) in South Carolina. Ms. Mantecon did not make a personal appearance before the Board.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to table until Ms. Mantecon can make a board appearance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to consider Ms. Mantecon's application without board appearance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept Ms. Mantecon's graduate coursework from one of the content areas and deny the other two (2). The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Melinda Tyson: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Tyson's internship would be accepted from another state toward a license as a professional (LPC) in South Carolina. Ms. Tyson made an appearance before the board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Ms. Tyson's application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept partial internship hours completed in another state towards licensure as a license professional intern (LPC-I) in South Carolina. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Dr. Robin Delaney: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Delaney would be granted a license as a license as an marriage family therapist (LMFT) in South Carolina. Ms. Delaney made an appearance before the board and was not represented by legal counsel.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Dr. Delaney's application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Tilghman made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jordan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to approve Dr. Delaney for initial licensure as a marriage and family therapist (LMFT) in South Carolina. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

<u>Request for Supervision Course Approval</u>: The South Carolina Association of Licensed Professional Counselors (SCALPC) addressed the board regarding supervision courses.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to approve the South Carolina Association of Licensed Professional Counselors supervision courses to include the following: only license marriage family therapist (LMFT's) are able to teach LMFT courses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion Topics

- a. Update on Statues and Regulations Changes: The board discussed the updates on Statues and Regulations.
- b. Update on Revised Code of Ethics: The board discussed the updates on the Code of Ethics.
- c. Review of two (2) year Intern Requirement Code of Regulations and Code of Ethics, Chapter 36: 36-05.1(A)(3):

Motion: In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion as follows: Applications with hours or time from another state submitted that the application review committee etc., are unable to determine acceptance based on the laws/regulations for the South Carolina will be forwarded for further review by the full board and subject to requiring a board appearance. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jordan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- d. Review of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): The board reviewed the frequently asked questions.
- e. Supervision and Application Process: The board discussed the supervision and application process.

The Board reviewed the 2018 Board Meeting Dates as information.

Adjournment

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 1:42 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlo Koger, Administrator S.C. Board of Examiners for the Licensure of

Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists

Date

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