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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2006
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108
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
Linda E. Womack, Public member

Excused absence was noted for:
M. Ellenor Mahon, M.Ed., Chairperson, Continuing Education Committee

Also present were:
Larry E. Atkins, Jr., Investigator - Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
C. Rudy Guajardo, LPC, AMHCA-SC
Susan F. Harrington, Administrative Assistant
Linda I. Leech, PhD, LPC, LPC-S, CRC
Richard P. Wilson, Deputy General Counsel, Advice Counsel to the Board

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 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. 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.

An excused absence for Ms. Mahon was affirmed by the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Garnett to approve the agenda. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 15, 2006 meeting.
Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2006 meeting as presented. Ms. Fleshman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REMARKS and WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Vice President Williams welcomed and introduced new board member, Linda Womack, who will serve as a public member on the Board. Ms. Womack was introduced to all Board members by self introductions from the Board. Mr. Wilson administered the oath of office to Ms. Womack.

REPORTS/INFORMATION:

Administrative Information:

Mrs. Cox gave the administrative report on the work of the Board with numerical data provided by Ms. Harrington. Mrs. Cox reported that she is continuing to speak with the Governor’s Office for Boards and Commissions to assist in submitting information on the status of members’ terms on the Board and the vacancies on the Board. She reported that the Board has vacancies for a professional member with a professional counselor license and a professional member with the marriage and family therapist license. Ms. Cox announced that vehicle tags are available for those who want to apply for them.

Ms. Cox reported that the implementation of the new Regulations has gone smoothly. She reported that the few callers with questions have been satisfied with the answers and interpretation of the Regulations given to them. Mr. Wilson stated a letter should be sent to Barbara Melton to update her that the implementation of the new Regulations has gone smoothly and that the few inquirers who called about the new Regulations have been satisfied with the answers and interpretation of the Regulations. The Board stated it will continue to monitor the new Regulations. Mrs. Cox was asked to write to Ms. Melton.

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. Evans to accept the Investigative Review Committee’s recommendations as presented by Mr. Atkins for Case Numbers: 2005-7, 2005-28, 2006-3, and 2006-5 for Dismissal. Ms. Fleshman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Atkins gave an overview of the Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) for the new Board member. He stated that new database and well trained people in investigations continues to improve the duties assigned to OIE.

LEGAL ISSUES:

Engine statute re-write was discussed by Mr. Wilson. He noted that all legislation is tracked by the Agency.
APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD: Linda I. Leech, PhD, LPC, LPC-S, CRC

Dr. Leech made a presentation on the University of South Carolina’s Rehabilitation Counseling Program and provided information on the Rehabilitation Counseling accreditation process. She noted that the Rehabilitation Counseling profession has gone under gone a reorganization and definition process defining itself as a ‘specialization’ within counseling. She stated rehab counselors are professional counselors with an emphasis on disability and vocation. The Board members stated that this process and “specialization within counseling is not problematic within the licensure law. Dr. Leech thanked the Board for the opportunity to appear.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board had no new business.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Dr. Clark discussed how the profession can be more aware of what is happening within the profession and with the licensure board. The Board members discussed the use of the state and national professional organizations with membership in them as professional orientation, the availability of web sites, the use of letters to licensees, the monitoring of legislation by interested parties, the participation in national meetings by licensees and Board members, the public nature of Board meeting and minutes on the web site, Board member training by the Agency, and licensed supervision of interns as a learning tool to support and extend educational knowledge of the profession. Mr. Wilson added that e-mail blasts can also be used to notify. Mrs. Cox noted that training within Board meetings can also be used as an educational tool. She noted that a training day can be scheduled and will look into a date in 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Guajardo noted that educational standards for counseling were moving toward a sixty semester hour masters requirement in the state and nationally.

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 August 16, 2006 through November 21, 2006.

**Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern:**

Andrews, Carlton A.
Bissell, Gregg C., Jr.
Bulsza, Susan M.
Caw, Roni L.
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Fletcher, Christine R.
Frazier, Anne C.
Graham, Amy B.
Gravley, Michael S.
Hanson, Constance J.
Henderson, Melissa Lyn
Keppery, Hilary A.
Matthews, Glynis
Mendat, Katherine A.
Misdom, Tammy L.
Mulkey, William L.
Parlato, Dolores Louise
Pittman-Spears, Lisa
Power, Gina M.
Rabon, Bryan M.
Reames, Ronald H.
Robinson, Barbara S.
Rosario, Denise R.
Rouse, Geneva A.
Sadik, Suhad Sue
Simmons, LaToya Y.
Stoll, Mark,
Stone, Marcus M.

**Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern: (continued)**
Thompson, Stacey R.
Young, Veronica A.

**Recommended for Transfer from LPC-Intern Status to Professional Counselor:**
Boatwright, Ben
Brinn, Stephanie W.
Burns, Emily
Cain, Lavon
Finucan, Kimberly
Foulks, Fawn
Garrett, Camille
Hamilton, Lindsey
Hauck, Deborah
Hilgenkamp, Kathryn
Hollingsworth, Amber
Kimsey, Nancy J.
Kreutner, Rebecca
Marenakos, Kimbi
Moise, Lucie
Moody, Robin
Musciolo, Marion
Roberts, Abigail
Smith, Heather
Stoll, Mark
Todd, Melissa
Vinson, Elizabeth

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White, Hyacinth I.
Williams, Barbara
Williams, Lisa Allen
Recommended for Bypass from LPC-Intern Status to Professional Counselor:
None

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Endorsement:
None

Recommended for Extension of LPC Intern Licensure Status:
Barron, Keith R. 08/20/06-08
Berlin, James D. 11/02/06-08
Parker, Eugenie J. 08/20/06-08
Shavitz, Margerie Ann 10/20/05-07
Starnes, Tamara 12/16/06-08
Talley, Stephen E. 04/03/05-07
Wilson, Jenifer S. 11/30/06-08

Recommended for Extension on LPC/S or LPC/SIT:
None

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor:
Barnwell, Jance M.
Evers, Jane A.
Foster, Cynthia
Permar, Connie

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern:
Deems, Nicole S.
Frisby, Wendy

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:
None

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

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist:
None

One-Time Continuing Education Providership:
Ben Franklin Institute
Brown, James
Sawtelle, Kathleen
Permanent Continuing Education Providership:
Richland County School District One

Permanent Continuing Education Sponsor Renewals: (Biennial renewal date 11/01/06 - renewals posted through 11/22/06 deposit date)
Addiction Recovery Institute (ARI)
Art and Play Therapy Center of SC
Carolina Youth Development Center
Center for Family Theory & Therapy
Columbia Family Guidance Center, P.A.
Counseling Psychology Center
Cross Country Education, LLC
Crossroads Counseling Center
Essence Counseling & Supervision
Family Assessment and Enrichment Center
Family Therapy and Trauma Center
Healthcare Training Institute
Health Ed, LLC
Inman, Nancy d/b/a Dolphin Concepts

Permanent Continuing Education Sponsor Renewals: (Biennial renewal date 11/01/06) continued
Institute for Natural Resources
Institute of Individual & Family Studies
Journey into Wholeness, Inc.
Kaye Sharpe’s Marriage & Family Practice
Lexington Baptist Church Counseling Center
Medical University of SC
Melton, Barbara Counseling Associates
Medical Educational Services, Inc. (MEDS-PDN)
Midlands Technical College
Pastoral Counseling Center
Piedmont Psychiatric Services
Professional Development Resources, Inc.
Psycho Educational Resources, Inc. (PER)
Richland Family Counseling
Safe Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition
SC Area Health Education Consortium (SC AHEC)
SC Assoc. for Marriage & Family Therapy
SC Assoc. of School Psychologists (SCASP)
SCADVASA
SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
SC Employee Assistance Professionals Assoc, Inc. (Reinstated 11/01/04)
SC Psychological Association (SCPA)

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SC Society for Clinical Social Workers
SC Society of Adlerian Psychology
South Carolina Counseling Association
Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System
Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Clark to ratify the reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Cox announced the Board meetings in 2007 to be February 20, May 15, August 21, and November 20, 2007. She announced that the upcoming renewal in August 2007 would be an electronic renewal. Mrs. Cox announced that following the meeting, pictures for the Agency identifications badges would be made for the new Board members on the third floor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate K. Cox
Administrator