

**TENNESSEE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND
CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS MINUTES**

DATE: September 5, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Center
Poplar Room, 665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Susan Hammonds-White, Ed.D. LPC, President
Bradley Bull, Ph.D., LMFT
Stephen Caldwell, M.Div., Citizen Member
Janet Scott, PhD, LPC, LCPT

STAFF PRESENT: Johanna Barde, Advisory Attorney
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
James Hill, Board Administrator

Dr. Hammonds-White called the Rulemaking Hearing to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

Rulemaking Hearing

Ms. Barde conducted a Rulemaking hearing regarding fee reduction for Rule(s) 0450-01-.06, 0450-02-.06 and 0450-03-.06. Rule 0450-01-.06 will reduce the renewal fee from \$190.00 to \$115.00 and remove the licensure verification fee. Rule 0450-02-.06 will reduce the renewal fee from \$190.00 to \$115.00 and remove the licensure verification fee, and Rule 0450-03-.06 will reduce the renewal fee from \$ 190.00 to \$115.00 and remove the licensure verification fee. Ms. Wilkins made the suggestion instead of leaving the licensure verification fee in the rules as \$0.00 to just delete the language. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the Rules with changes as amended. A roll call vote was conducted with all parties voting in the affirmative. Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the economic impact statement as written. A roll call vote was conducted with all parties voting in the affirmative. Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis as written. A roll call vote was conducted with all parties voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. A quorum was present.

Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the March 7, 2014 minutes. The motion carried.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull to approve the June 27, 2014 minutes as amended. The motion carried.

Investigative Report

Ms. Denise Moran stated there are ten (10) cases open for licensed professional counselors, two (2) cases open for marital and family therapists.

Ms. Moran introduced two new disciplinary coordinators Ms. Rachel Talley, and Ms. Nichelle Dorroh. Ms. Talley will be assigned to the Nursing Board, and Ms. Dorroh will be the primary disciplinary coordinator for the other boards with Ms. Talley as backup.

Monitored Practitioners Report

Currently there are two (2) practitioners being monitored one (1) board order, and one (1) restricted license.

Johanna Barde, Office of General Counsel, reviewed the Conflict of Interest Statement with the Board.

OGC Report

As of August 27, 2014, the Office of General Counsel has five open cases against five Respondents.

The state has one consent order to present today on Mechell D. Toles, LPC 1181.

There is no current legislative activity to discuss.

The rulemaking hearing on fees is happening at this board meeting, September 5, 2014.

The OGC has been tasked with two other rules projects:

Rules related to distance counseling: a taskforce meeting has not yet been held. Other miscellaneous rules: LMFT and CPT - removal of oral exam; LMFT - change "3 courses" to "9 hours" in education requirements or add AAMFT definition of course as "3 semester credits, 4-quarter credits or 45 didactic contact hours"; LPC hour requirements - from 1000 hours to 3000 hours. Rules to take care of upgrade from LPC to MHSP; rules to require a temporary license for beginning supervision for all LPC/MHSP candidates and temporary licenses will be needed for LPC only applicants who want to accept money directly from clients.

Neither of these rules projects are ready for consideration by the Board.

Consent Order

Ms. Barde, Assistant General Counsel, presented a Consent Order for Mechell D. Toles, LPC who pled guilty to one count of Health Care Fraud, a class C felony, and on August 6, 2013 was sentenced to 36 months in federal prison. Ms. Barde stated Ms. Toles agrees to the revocation of her license. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the Consent order of Ms. Toles as written. The motioned carried.

Administrative Report

There are 1696 licensed professional counselors, 442 licensed marital and family therapists and 27 licensed pastoral therapists.

There are a total of 1433 Licensed Professional Counselors with the Mental Health Services Provider endorsement as of August 28, 2014.

Applicant Interview

The Board reviewed the application of **Marcia Summers, LPC/MHSP**. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve her application. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed

Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to approve the newly licensed professional counselors. The motion carried.

Patricia Banks
Susan Barnard
Christy Deann Belew
Leslie Binch
Christine Fall Black
Alvin Bonds II
Thomas Breitung
Jacqueline Rae Carlisle-Berkley
Valerie C. Casto
Katie Bundren Combs
John Danley
Carolyn Alise Davis
Dawn C. Doak
Karla J. Duke
Meirav Edlis-Matityahou
Debra Helen Eisenhower
Justin Forgette
Charlotte A. Frye
Brittany Leigh Gates
Kevilynn LaFaye Gatson
Jamie Grant-Ramburger

Kimberly Luther
Kevin L. McKinnon
Trish Ann Miller
John Milner
Thomas Hunter Mitchell
Janet Ninness
Melissa Payne
Ronald Peaks III
Paula Perez
Erin Rayburn
Richard Maurice Reinsch
Kimberly Rodgers
Laura Rumley
Shannon Christine Seegmiller
Jaclyn S. Settje
Lindy Cohen Sherer
Matthew T. Shoemaker
Lindeay Kaye Singleton
Sarah Slade
Kayla Smith
Stacey M. Smith

**Genneta Neta Gross
Margie Hayduk
Emily K. Hoffberg
Aaron S. Hymes
Angela Jones
Lindsey Key
Sarah Kmita
Tracy Kouns
Carl Lawrence
Rebekah Lemmons
Melissa Linning**

**Kenneth Eugene Smith III
Emily Joyce St. Amant
Beverly Taylor
Mary Wall
Nakondrea Layatta Weeks
Tanya Lynn Wellman
Peter A. Werner
Crysta Michelle West
Larry Shane Wyatt
Andrea L. Young**

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve the newly licensed marital and family therapists. The motion carried.

**Alvin Bonds II
Karen Costello
Christina Culpepper
Marguerite Elkins**

**Traci Foyster
Elizabeth Parrot
Emily Claire Patridge
Andrea Sheffield**

Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to approve the temporary licensed professional counselors. The motion carried.

**Jessica L. Bewley
Pamela Boylan
Mildred S. Dukic
Derrick Edwards
Mary Hilgeman**

**Rhonda M. Livers
Kendra Nason
Mary Ann Sokolowski
Kyle W. Williamson**

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve the temporary licensed marital and family therapists. The motion carried.

**Joni M. Batts
Erin Kelly
Christy Perry
Tyler A. Rogers
Andrew Smith**

**Julia A. Waskiewicz
Julie B. Weaver**

Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to approve the reinstated certified clinical pastoral therapists. The motion carried.

Joseph A. Johnson

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to approve the reinstated licensed professional counselors. The motion carried.

Donna Kaye Ford
Darlene Karst
Jared Prentiss

Stephanie Kay Scott
Jody Mae Stickle

Correspondence

Walter H. Cox, Executive Director, Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling, submitted a letter to the Board discussing the possibility of a “reciprocal agreement” between the counselor licensure boards of Tennessee and Alabama. Ms. Barde will reach out to Alabama to see if a reciprocity agreement can be reached.

Cheri Brackett submitted a letter to the Board asking a question regarding reciprocity and EMDR on whether she may perform this without a license and if not, what type of license will she need. To provide services such as EMDR, and/or CBT, one must be licensed. Tennessee does not have reciprocity for licensure; all requirements by examination will need to be met.

Daniel Stewart submitted a request for a two year extension of his Marriage and Family Therapist temporary license. The Board recommended he consult with his AAMFT approved supervisor to determine whether his hours will count for licensure without a temporary license since, pursuant to statute the Board is not able to extend the temporary license.

Dottie Cornett submitted a request for a waiver of the general rule of having the previous supervisor signature upon completion of the supervision hours. She is unable to locate the supervisor and asks to allow her current supervisor to sign off on the hours. Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull to allow Ms. Cornett’s current supervisor to sign off on the hours. The motion carried.

Jared W. Pierce, Esq. submitted a request for clarification and opinion regarding degrees. The Board is requesting additional information regarding the program and the accrediting agency. This information is needed before the Board may grant the opinion.

Jeremy Miller submitted a letter regarding the multicultural requirement instituted recently. The college he attends offers a Multicultural Education Course. The Board determined that this course will satisfy the “Multicultural” requirement.

Mary Sullivan submitted a letter asking the Board if her hours obtained in 1989 in Wisconsin supervised by a Psychiatrist and credit hours be accepted in Tennessee for licensure. The Board requests that she submit an application for licensure along with all supporting documentation as well as additional information regarding quarter hour equivalency and the degree program, and what requirements were in place for licensure from Wisconsin in 2005. With this information the Board will be able to make a better determination.

Patricia E. Robertson submitted a letter regarding the expired status of her license and continued providing supervision. She is asking the board to allow the supervision hours provided

to her supervisees while her license was expired count. The Board will allow the hours for the supervisees to count

Trey Tucker submitted a letter asking various questions regarding internship and supervision. A separate Practicum is required before the internship and supervision should be face-to-face unless there is a hardship the Board needs to know about. The Board is requesting additional information as to his out of state supervisor and whether they are out of state temporarily and will return or do they presently reside in Texas? The board is requesting more information before they may reach a decision.

Review of Policy Statements

The board asked that the revised policy regarding continuing education adopted in June 2012 be posted to the Boards website.

The policy regarding criminal background check adopted by the Board March 9, 2012 will need to be posted to the Boards website.

The policy regarding child support and student loan defaults adopted March 9, 2012 will need to be posted to the Boards website.

The policy adopted regarding the LPC clinical setting requirements adopted June 27, 2014 will need to be posted to the Boards website.

The proposed fact sheet on the types of licensure will need to be posted to the Boards website.

The Board asked for the policy adopted February 17, 1998 regarding reciprocity is to be removed from the Boards website.

The Board reviewed the current policy regarding unlicensed practice by life coaches and asked Ms. Barde to draft language for revising the policy.

Other Business

The Board asks that Teddy Wilkins, and Johanna Barde attend as administrative staff, and Dr. Janet Scott, Board member attend the AASCB conference in Savannah, GA. Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull to approve the travel. The motion carried.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott to sponsor the breakfast buffet in the amount of \$2000.00. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) asking the Board to consider recognizing the CRC exam as equal to the NBCC (NCE) exam. The Board is requesting additional information on what they include in terms of diagnosis and mental health in those programs.

The Board discussed the affiliations with the Federation Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) and Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR). The Board is asking to join these organizations and requesting additional information as to what services they provide.

Dr. Susan Hammond-White recapped the NBCC August 6, 2014 conference. One item the National Board for Certified Counselors is moving into accepting CACREP as the standard for universities and is changing the rules for some of their examinations and the course work that is accepted.

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to adjourn at 12:05 pm. The motion carried.