

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

DATE: March 3, 2017
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Center
Iris Room, 665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Susan Hammonds-White, Ed.D. LPC, Chair
Howard Nelson, Ph.D., LPC, LCPT
Kimberly Speakman, LPC
Bradley Bull, Ph.D., LMFT
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Vanessa Hayes, Board Administrator
Todd Pinckley, Advisory Attorney

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Minutes

Upon review of the December 2, 2016 minutes, Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel Report

Mr. Pinckley stated as of March 1, 2017, the Office of General Counsel has open cases on two (2) licensees. None are set to be resolved today. Mr. Pinckley stated that there is a new policy for the Board's review regarding MFT's engaging in private practice. There are also revisions being made to the board's Telehealth Rules. They are getting close to a final draft. Mr. Pinckley also discussed Senate Bill 449. He stated that it is substantially similar to Senate Bill 1, but it has been expanded to cover all professions in the entire State. It has not been passed at this time but has been referred to the Government Operations Committee. If it passes we will need a new Code of Ethics specific to Tennessee. Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, that the Board is united in opposition to this Legislation as it stands at this time. All in favor. Motion carried.

Office of Investigations Report

Ms. Dorroh stated there sixteen (16) open complaints against LPC's, two (2) open complaints against LMFT's, and one (1) complaint against CPT's

Administrative Report

Ms. Hayes reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are two thousand sixty-two (2062) active Licensed Professional Counselors, of those, one thousand seven hundred seventy-nine (1779) have the Mental Health Service Provider designation and three hundred twenty-three (323) are approved supervisors. There are currently one hundred forty-one (141) temporary LPC/MHSP licenses. Ms. Hayes said there are twenty-four (24) Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists. There are five hundred seventy-five (575) Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and one hundred twenty-one (121) temporary MFT licensees. Ms. Hayes stated that of the 208 LPC's who renewed their licenses since the December 2, 2016, 67% renewed on-line. Ms. Hayes stated that of the (75) LMFT's who renewed their licenses since December 2, 2016, 65% renewed on-line.

Ms. Hayes stated that the next Board meeting is June 2, 2017.

Remaining Board meeting dates for 2017 have been scheduled for:

September 8, 2017

December 1, 2017

Newly Licensed

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following newly Licensed Professional Counselors:

Zachary N. Alexander
Teresa McLaughlin Baker
Emily N. Ball
Jamie N. Ball
Victoria LaLonde Barrett
Thomas W. Benedict
Christina R. Benefield
Andrea J. Blevins
Dinah Bostic
Sarah J. Bracey
Shenna M. Bridgeforth
Sharon J. Britt
Lauren E. Brouhard
Tera Brownlee
Mollie Carter
Joseph Chester
Krista M. Chick
Joshua D. Cochran

Mary K. Johnston
Andrea P. Jones
Rebecca L. Lehmicke Calvert
Steven K. Lepley
Annette J. Lynch
Jennifer Miller
Ryan Morehead
Michelle Nadel
Jeremy M. Northrop
Katie L. Odom
Stephen J. Parham
Lisa Paxton
Julie A. Raulie
Hannah G. Reynolds
Kima L. Richard
Tyler A. Rogers
Lacey M. Rudisill
Amy M. Rutherford

**Danika R. Cooley
Kristen R. Cooper
Robin A. Coughlin
Adam G. Dizer
Tasha Dayhoff Escue
Carrie B. Farmer
Cynthia V. Farmer
Mary K. Fleming
Brianna M. Franklin
Teresa L. Harrison
Caroline Hartman
Melanie B. Hasson
Sara M. Hawkins
Megan G. Hermes
Yvette N. Hunter
Carlye Hutchinson Carpenter
Alana B. Johns
Angela E. Johnson
Adriel D. Johnson, Jr.**

**Alice J. Sanderlin
Lori B. Schaefer
Matthew K. Scheuneman
Tabitha B. Schlatter
Kevin Shelby
Dana D. Skelton
John C. Slate
Ashley M. Smart
Glen M. Stamps, Jr
Karen R. Swanay
Mollie J. Sykes
Angela Thomason
David F. Tyler
Kathryn L. Van Hooser
Emily Vanderpool
Angelina V. Wallace
Karen M. Wittman
Anthony P. Yater**

The motion carried.

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to approve the following newly Licensed Marital and Family Therapists:

**Christy Bonner
Jody M. Buttram
Sarah A. Criss
Kyle B. Cruze, Jr.
Melissa Greer Curry
Lawrence E. Dunn
Amanda Ellingsen**

**Amanda Jones
Carolyn Kutsko
Melissa Wells Moore
Hannah Pollard
Bowman Townsend
Elizabeth M. Ware
Julia A. Waskiewicz**

The motion carried.

Temporary Licenses

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Howard Nelson, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Professional Counselors:

**Mallory P. Campbell
Heather A. Carver
Justin K. Dodson
Michael S. Harris
Janet L. Hatmaker
Leah Johansson
Leslie E. Kay**

**Carly Morrow Moss
Matthew B. Paisley
Ladona Pierce
Christa J. Powell
Davida D. Price
Hillary R. Sarier
Shakira S. Thomas**

Katie L. Kelley
Jeffrey R. Lambert
Amy B. Lazarov
Lauren A. McElhiney
Leigh McGinty

Joshua L. Waddle
Denise K. Walker
Meredith Howard Wood

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Marital and Family Therapists:

Cheryl Livingston Biggs
Linda C. Buck
Weston Crafton
Sarah K. Fischer
Anne C. Floyd
Colleen Halfmann
Carrie Brown Michael
Bailey Rose Pantoja
Catherine D. Phipps

Hanley Testerman Roach
Bettina H. Robinson
Jennifer M. Rowan
Erica C. Stegner
Kristyn Vanderland
Martha A. Cope Wilkinson
Robert L. Windrow

The motion carried.

Reinstatement Applications

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Little to approve the following reinstated Licensed Professional Counselors:

Brenda A. Bayer
David W. Holden
Joseph Johnston II
Bill J. McFeature
Kristen D. Newman
Cynthia S. Bauach
John Thomas
Kenneth McCafferty

The motion carried.

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Ms. Little, to approve the following reinstated Clinical Pastoral Therapist:

Craig S. Wascovich

The motion carried

File Review

The Board reviewed a file for **Mr. Bobby Coates** who is attempting to reinstate his LPC license. Ms. Wilkins explained that he has a current LMFT license in good standing. The issue is that he also had a Virginia LPC license and in Virginia his license was suspended in 1996. When he renewed his license in TN following that suspension he did not check “yes” to the question asking whether he had been disciplined in another state. His license then expired in 2002. His license was reinstated in 2006 and he did check “yes” on the reinstatement application. His license then expired in 2010. He sent in a reinstatement application on Oct. 27, 2016. After reviewing the reinstatement application the Board has requested that Mr. Coates appear in person at the June 2, 2017 meeting. Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to table this application until the June 2, 2017 Board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a file for **Ms. Joyce McFarland** who is coming from Alabama and is trying to get licensed in Tennessee as a LMFT. Dr. Bull stated that Ms. McFarland has stellar work experience, but may not have all of the required coursework. She is missing a third course for MFT and there is no ethics course. The Board has advised that Ms. McFarland look very carefully at her transcript and see if she has taken courses that would fall under those categories. If she does need to take those courses the board advises that she obtain an AAMFT approved supervisor so that she can work while taking those courses.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Sandra Miramontes** requesting tele-supervision. The Board stated that the Supervision must be HIPAA compliant video conferencing. Ms. Speakman made a motion to approve her request, seconded by Dr. Bull. All in favor. The motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed from **Ms. Sarah Malanchuk** and **Ms. Tiffany Davis** requesting KIPP Nashville Schools counseling department be affirmed as a clinical setting. KIPP Academy has been approved in the past. A motion was made by Ms. Speakman to approve this request, seconded by Dr. Bull. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Cheryl Neal** requesting tele-supervision. The Board stated that the Supervision must be on a HIPAA compliant video conferencing. A motion was made by Dr. Bull to approve this request, seconded by Dr. Nelson.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Mr. David Cook** requesting tele-supervision. The Board stated that the Supervision must be on a HIPAA compliant video conferencing. A motion was made by Ms. Speakman to approve this request, seconded by Dr. Bull.

Discuss Other Board Business

Dr. Peter Wilson spoke on temporary licenses being required for MFT interns/trainees in a private practice setting. Dr. Wilson stated that in 2012 the Board ruled that those who graduate with a MFT degree would be able to move into private practice if it was arranged and approved by their

Supervisor. The Board would like for it to now be a requirement for them to register through the board. The Board would like to propose two Rule changes.

Ms. Speakman made the motion that all LPC/MHSP interns/trainees in a private practice setting of any kind must have a temporary license. This was seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dr. Bull made the motion that all MFT interns/trainees in a private practice setting of any kind must have a temporary license. This was seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Bull to create a task force for LPC's to review the consistency and changes needed in the Rules. Ms. Speakman has volunteered to head this task force. Motion seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

After much discussion about the Peer Assistant Contract the Board decided to entertain a year's process of dealing with disciplinary situations in the Office of General Counsel with the help of consultants and will visit this issue again in one (1) year. Dr. Bull made a motion to approve this decision, seconded by Ms. Speakman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourn

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Bull made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Nelson. The motion carried.

Ratified by the board on the 3rd day of April, 2017