

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

**DATE:** December 4, 2020

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards Conference Center  
Poplar Room, 665 Mainstream Drive  
Nashville, TN 3724- WEBEX

**BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT:** Susan Hammonds-White, Ed.D. LPC/MHSP, Chair  
Kimberly Speakman, LPC/MHSP  
Howard Nelson, CPT  
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member  
Shelly Steel, MFT

**STAFF PRESENT:** Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director  
Semara Watkins, Board Administrator II  
Doris VanOvermeiren, Board Administrator 1  
Nathaniel Flinchbaugh, Advisory Attorney

Due to gathering restrictions imposed by the Covid – 19 virus, it was necessary to conduct this meeting by webex, as a live stream. Ms. Wilkins read the required script into the record, noting all votes must be conducted by roll call. Ms. Wilkins called the roll to establish a quorum. All members were present. Another preliminary vote was taken to establish all members were able to hear each other and also that they had received meeting documents prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Little, seconded by Dr. Nelson to proceed with the meeting telephonically. A roll call vote was taken all voted in favor; the motion carried. The meeting was turned over to Dr. Hammonds-White, Chair.

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 9:20.

**Minutes**

The minutes from September 4, 2020 were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Ms. Speakman seconded by Dr. Nelson. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted to approve the minutes with no corrections noted. Motion passed.

**Office of Investigations Report**

Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator, stated she is monitoring three (3) licenses which are under a board order, (5) licensees on probation, (2) under suspension. She further stated there are

currently a total of forty-six (46) new complaints for LPCs, six (6) open complaints for MFTs, and five (0) complaints year to date for CPTs.

### **Financial Report**

The financial report was presented by Alicia Grice. For FY2020 the board had total direct expenditures of \$284,570.14 Revenue collected totaled \$321,680.82 with a Net of \$37,110.67 leaving a cumulative carryover of \$886,496.55. Technology improvements totaled \$28,657.10 and were taken from the carryover.

### **File Review Leah Johansson**

Leah Johansson appeared before the board because she was working in her own private practice with an LPC temp license that expired during this time. The board voted to approve her upgrade application to a full license contingent upon a board approved practice monitor for 2 years, type B civil penalty of \$4800 for 24 months to be paid over the period of 2 years. The penalty was created at a rate of \$200 per violation a month for 24 months. She is required to meet weekly with practice monitor for 2 years. The license will be monitored by the OGC. A motion was made by Ms. Speakman, seconded by Shelly Steel to approve the contingent license. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted in favor. The motion carried.

Upon Dr. Hammond's-White's request, Director, Teddy Wilkins, agreed to send an email out to all of the temporary licensees and the LPC, MFT supervisors to remind them that a private practice is not allowed with a temporary license. She also agreed to place a read receipt on the emails.

### **Office of General Counsel Report**

Mr. Flinchbaugh stated that currently, the Office of General Counsel has eight (8) open cases. Mr. Flinchbaugh informed the board that Telehealth has now been extended to all licenses under Title 63-1-155. The rules are being drafted and will proceed to internal review and will be extensive. Mr. Flinchbaugh expects to have new rules ready early in the year of 2021 for the board's review and approval.

Mr. Flinchbaugh presented consent order Jason Adams #2860 LPC-MHSP. Respondent was employed as an LPCMHSP contractor with the Evelyn Frye Center in Nashville, TN. Respondent was observed to have a high number of canceled appointments. It was observed by other employees that he appeared high when he had fallen asleep during meetings and several clients reported to the Frye Center management that they believed that the Respondent was high on something. He refused to a drug screen by the employer. Respondent was charged in Davidson County for obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and that was after forging a prescription for himself. He was again arrested on one count of identity theft and obtaining a controlled substance by fraud. He was then arrested for burglary and theft under \$1000. Discipline in this is a suspension until the respondent receives a fitness to practice recommendation. Once that is received, the respondent's suspension shall be stayed, and the license shall be immediately placed on probation for a period of no less than (3) three years. Respondent must have a practice monitor that reviews his work no less than once per week. Upon completion of the probationary period, respondent may petition the board for an Order of Compliance to return the license to an

unencumbered status. Respondent is assessed (3) type C civil penalties in the amount of one hundred dollars each for a total of three hundred dollars. This shall be paid in full within twenty-four months from the effective date of this order.

A motion was made by Ms. Speakman, seconded by Dr. Nelson to accept the consent order. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted in favor to approve the consent order. Motion carried. Dr. Hammonds-White authorized Ms. Wilkins to sign the consent order on her behalf.

Mr. Flinchbaugh presented an Order of Compliance for Stacie Yoquelet-Putman #1479 LPC. This license was suspended by the board in March 2018. This order requested the board to return the respondent's license to an unencumbered status. Respondent has complied with all parts of the order.

A motion was made by Ms. Speakman, seconded by Shelly Steele to accept the consent order. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted in favor to approve the consent order. Motion carried. Dr. Hammonds-White authorized Ms. Wilkins to sign the consent order on her behalf.

### **Administrative Report**

Ms. Watkins presented the Administrative Report stating there are two thousand eight hundred and eighty-two (2882) active Licensed Professional Counselors, of those, two thousand four hundred and eighty-three (2483) have the Mental Health Service Provider designation and four hundred ninety (490) are approved supervisors. There are currently three hundred fifty-two (352) temporary LPC/MHSP licenses. There are seven hundred ninety-one (791) active Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and two hundred nineteen (219) temporary MFT licensees. There are twenty-one (21) Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists. Ms. Wilkins stated this was a short licensing period.

The next board meeting for 2021 is March 5, 2021

### **2021 Board Meetings**

June 4, 2021

September 3, 2021

December 3, 2021

### **Newly Licensed**

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following newly Licensed Professional Counselors with MSHP designation. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted to ratify the new licensees. The motion carried.

#### **LPC/MHSP-*See attachment***

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following newly Licensed Professional Counselors without MHSP designation. The motion carried.

#### **LPC without MHSP-*see attachment***

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Shelly Steele, to approve the following newly Licensed Marital and Family Therapists. The motion carried.

#### **Marital and Family Therapists-*see attachment***

### **Temporary Licenses**

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Steele, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Professional Counselors. The motion carried.

#### **Temporary LPC license-*see attachment***

Ms. Steele made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Marital and Family Therapists. The motion carried.

#### **Temporary LMFT license-*see attachment***

### **Reinstatement Applications**

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Little to approve the following reinstated Licensed Professional Counselors with MHSP. The motion carried.

#### **Reinstatement Applications-*see attachment***

### **MFT Jurisprudence Task Force**

Dr. Randall Phillips provided the board with an update on the online Jurisprudence exam. The task force is working on formatting and sorting the questions that were provided by the contributors. There were no less than 12 contributors and 41 pages to the exam questions. The task force team's recommendation is that there will be 25 questions answered correctly in order to pass and each incorrect answer will be replaced with another question. Once a final product of questions and answers have been reviewed and revised, they will be presented before the board and they will then have to vote to approve them.

### **LPC Jurisprudence Task Force**

Dr. Robin Lee, Dr. Peter Wilson and the NBCC had been working on the Jurisprudence exam for the LPC online. This exam is to replace the temporary true/false questions that is currently the online Jurisprudence exam option through the NBCC. The current option was placed as a temporary measure due to the pandemic.

### **Correspondence**

Ms. **Dove Taylor** wrote the board requesting an extension to complete her exams and supervision. She still needs 14 hours of supervision and to complete the NCMHCE exam. She was approaching her 4-year window of meeting all of the license requirements. A motion to provide her with an extension for six months from today was made by Ms. Little seconded by Ms. Speakman. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted in favor. The motion carried.

Ms. **Shatiah Dow-Reyes** wrote the board requesting to open and operate her own counseling center. She is an LPC without the MHSP designation. The board does not permit her to be a clinical supervisor in her own business. She will be allowed to be an administrative position as a business owner. She must hire a clinical director to be sure that she does not provide any clinical supervision as it is not part of her license. The board made a motion that the board accept the request under these requirements. Ms. Steele made the motion seconded by Ms. Speakman. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted in favor. The motion carried.

### **CE Requests**

Ms. Angela Thompson wrote the board on behalf of Mary Bellofatto requesting to conduct two trainings in 2021 that offer continuing education hours. These Psychodrama trainings were approved in 2020 by the board. Ms. Steele made a motion seconded by Ms. Speakman to approve these trainings. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted in favor. The motion carried.

TNAMFT wrote the board to ask for approval for a suicide prevention training course that would be allowed to meet the continuing education requirements. Ms. Little made a motion seconded by Ms. Steele to approve these trainings. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted in favor. The motion carried.

### **Background Review Roderick Lewis**

The explanation for the criminal background check was reviewed by the board to receive approval. A motion was made by the board to accept the background check and grant Mr. Lewis a license. Ms. Little made a motion seconded by Ms. Steele to approve these trainings. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted in favor. The motion carried.

### **Public comment**

Nick Gowen asked the board how to obtain a license as a temporary LPCMHSP in TN. He recently moved to TN and received his degree from Virginia Tech. He is wanting to do telehealth. He was referred to Dr. Robin Lee for help obtaining this.

### **Discuss Other Board Business**

Dr. Robin Lee asked about the most recent executive order #67 allowing students to practice telehealth. Mr. Flinchbaugh confirmed that students should complete the executive order application and submit this to receive an official approval from TN before practicing telehealth. Ms. Speakman voiced concern about the dates and formatting on the Executive Order application. Ms. Wilkins informed the board that the formatting of the Executive order application and the dates on the application are not controlled by the board's administrative staff and that this is created by the governor's office.

### **Adjourn**

With no other Board business to conduct Ms. Little made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Speakman. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted in favor. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

*Ratified by the Board on March 5, 2021*

## **LPC-MHSP**

Tonya Wacker #5094  
Courtnei Curran #4903  
Bianca Younan #5189  
Daniel Latham #4421  
Ginger Pilarski #5191  
Kim Czemerer #4630  
Catherine Hallam #4919  
Andria Wilson #4456  
Donieka Wood #4174  
Cody York #5182  
Ajay Rashe #5183  
Charles Mitchell #4740  
Margaret Johnson #4118  
Kierra Landrum #5199  
Deanna Candeloro #4263  
Melinda Swinney #5202  
Meredith Cleveland #5197  
Emily Desalvatore #4883  
Heather McDaniels #5204  
Caroline Bravo #4324  
Jesse Johnson #4913  
Allison Shivener #5190  
Laura Crosby #5133  
Edward Varner #3516  
Jasmine Austin #5233  
Caroline McNair #5215  
Shannon McBride #4023  
Lena wooten #5200  
Anya Brignole #5221  
Adam Naylor #4161  
Lynn Helwig #5225  
Shelby Fryar #5241  
Tanner Yankey #4106  
Lindsay Wiggins #5227

Kevin Bolton #5266  
Hannah Zackrison #5232  
Hannah Bingham #5249  
Lauren Gomance #5291  
Bruce Broadrick #4163  
Kaitlin Wheeler #5281  
Cherri McCord #5086  
Jennifer Rusk #5271  
Alexandra Barnes #5290  
Anna Moise #4466  
Kimberly Nave #5119  
Emily Rate #4792  
Celeste Ballard #5121  
Anna Seiple #4993  
Amanda Birdwell #5161  
Martin Richard #5300  
Donna Young #5267  
Aubrey Noble #4960  
Syidah Abdullah #4731  
Luz Zuluaga #4980  
Lindsey Burns #4180  
Nicholas Symon #5071  
Ace Glaspy #5304  
Kinsey Morgan #4233  
Justin Mickles #4954  
Angelah Browne #5196  
Teresa Fleming #5098



## **LPC**

Julius Jefferies #4357  
Casey Jenkins #4350  
Melissa Snyder #5140  
Emily Dungey #5008  
Victoria Campbell #5187  
Ca'Lantrica Hunt #5186  
Alexandra Damiano #5192  
Amanda Hallock #3992  
Gwendolyn Cane #5212  
Katherine Gibson #5051  
Justin Dodson #5244  
Bernetta Delk #5208  
Shontrice Hansen #4761  
Steven Weaver #5219  
Monica Jha #5248  
Katherine Haaga #4102  
Samantha Strader #4027  
Lindsay Symon #5194  
Stephane Yambaka #4618  
Sascha Smith #5288  
Teresa Wilson #5287  
Seanna Jones #5022  
Ada Nance #5184  
James Williams #3857

## **MFT**

Blake Tims #1472

Kaitlyn Nicholson #1363

Kelly Sevin #1123

Vida Khavar #1310

Sarah Fischer #1337

Alicia Bradshaw #1511

Kristin Hibbett #1541

Jarrood Justice #1674

Elizabeth Walser #1522

Lisa Adams #1456

Diane Donovan-Vaughn #1641

Holly Weerasekera #1449

Fredrick Gillam #1788

Sarah Russell #1483

Haley Boswell #1623

Anna Fife-Offshack #1818

Jacquelyn Larson #1552

Allison Hunnicutt #1533

Maura Merritt #1792

Katelyn Lover #1661

Barbara Koehnemann #1795

Renee Doe #1748

Lacey Fadelle #1711

Thomas Clapp #1656

Laura Nechanicky-Booth #1807

## **MFT TEMP**

Joseph Self #1810

Heather Lefebvre # 1775

Andrea Fawley #1772

Campbell Hopkins #1774

Angelia De Mestre #1776

Catherine McCreary #1779

April Weldon #1778

Russell Durdunji #1784

David Drennon #1787

Elizabeth Blinn #1780

Bradley Wallace #1777

Staci Buford #1782

Kimberly Kooy #1796

Meredith Steed #1791

Grace Bomar #1794

Terece McGhee #1797

Jeremy Crady #1783

Barbara McCoy #1786

Fayesha Bledsoe #1790

Don Hancock #1789

Alethia Faison #1793

Daniel Johnson #1799

Brandy Walker #1802

Loren Jahner #1785

Sarah Allen #1798

Kendyl Davis ##1803

Joel Guinness #1808

Doris Rowan #1813

Hannah Barnett #1806

Katherine Day #1809

Nakia Thomas #1821

Monet Shell #1823

Lauren Cross #1735

Charlene Heck #1819

Patrick Oellerich #1767

## **LPC TEMP**

Madison Gentry #5163  
Stephanie Pennachia #5174  
Lonnie Locke III #5052  
Emily Litzow #5177  
Jennifer Tang #5173  
Laura Williams #5162  
Devorah Daught #5188  
Nateela McGhee-Green #5171  
Lauren Muller #5150  
Jeanie Garrell #5158  
Jacob McGlamery #5209  
Lucy Easley #5211  
Britany Bolling #5180  
Beth Huth #5155  
Tandy Jackson #5165  
Mariah Shepherd #5217  
Ryan Giorgione #5213  
Paige Dixon #5207  
Samuel Sheeley #5230  
Niamh Rawlins #5235  
Madeline Rhoden #5253  
Carolina Crawley #5260  
Julia Roach #5193  
Denise King #5222  
Iris Dayton #5234  
Lauren Milikin #5228  
Nora Balint #5269  
Amelia Ward #5250  
Lauren Lewallen #5214  
Michelle Winer #5240  
Logan Shock #5264  
Isabel Symoens #5277  
Melloney Hudelson #5206  
Michael Woodard #5151

Taylor Allen #5297  
Mason Doss #5257  
Jessica Bolin-Edwards #5274  
Yadira Gonzalez #5289  
Kelly Gupta #5258  
Lauren Groves #5275  
Beth Cannon #5273  
Celesta Palmer #5298  
Kimberly Henderson #5170  
Ashlen Moss #5255  
Rebecca Bailey #5159  
Madeline Martino #5172  
Julia Melton #5237  
Stacie Rhodes #5166

## **LPC**

### **REINSTATEMENTS**

Stanley Murphy #606  
Suzanne Runion #3304  
John Ferraro #1411  
Carmen Ihrig #1725  
Timothy Cooke #2254  
Bobby Coates #321  
Leslie Binch #3257  
Leslie Schenk #993

## **MFT**

### **REINSTATEMENTS**

Erin Kelly #1135  
Bobby Coates #158  
Sharon Davern #692  
Deborah Martin #662