

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

DATE: January 3, 2020

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/MHSP, Chair
Kimberly Speakman, LPC/MHSP
Shelly Steel, MFT
Howard Nelson, CPT (Telephonically)
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member (Telephonically)

STAFF PRESENT: Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Sharonda Thompson, Board Administrator
Doris VanOvermeiren, Board Administrator 1
Nathaniel Flinchbaugh, Advisory Attorney

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 9:03. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present. Staff also introduced themselves.

Minutes

The minutes from the September 19 and 20, 2019 meeting were presented for ratification. A motion for ratification was made by Dr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Steel. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The minutes from the October 28, 2019 meeting were presented for ratification. A motion for ratification was made by Ms. Speakman, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Office of General Counsel Report

Mr. Flinchbaugh presented several policies for approval by the board. The policy for Clinical Pastoral Therapy Supervision was discussed as to whether or not a CPT was required to supervise for 135 hours of the total requirement. Discussion was held concerning this issue. Dr. Nelson spoke concerning the need for specific training in the nature of pastoral therapy. Further discussion was held concerning the number of hours necessary to be supervised by a CPT. A motion was made that a minimum of one third (90) of the two hundred seventy (270) total hours must be supervised by a Clinical Pastoral Therapist. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Flinchbaugh then presented the policy for reciprocity with the wording:

1. Applicant maintained an active license from another jurisdiction for not less than three (3) of the five (5) years immediately preceding the application.
2. Applicant's license from the originating state is not currently encumbered or restricted.
3. Applicant must pass the Tennessee Jurisprudence exam.
4. Applicant must meet all other minimum statutory requirements for licensure under the selected licensure type.

Ms. Speakman mentioned that this may open the door to practice telehealth from state to state and would it be possible to restrict. Mr. Flinchbaugh explained T.C.A. 63-1-155 permits the practice of telehealth. Further discussion will be held at a future date on this issue.

The last policy presented was on suicide prevention and there were no changes from the original policy presented.

Ms. Steel suggested a policy on continuing education that it be earned in two year increments of twenty (20) hours instead of ten (10) hours annually.

Dr. Hammonds-White that Mr. Flinchbaugh speak with the North Carolina attorney concerning a formal reciprocity agreement between the two states. Mr. Flinchbaugh stated he would get in contact with the North Carolina attorney.

Adjourn

With no other Board business to conduct Ms. Speakman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Nelson. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.