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

DATE: March 7, 2019
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/MHSP, Chair
Kimberly Speakman, LPC/MHSP
Shelly Steel, MFT
Howard Nelson, CPT
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT:
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Vanessa Hayes, Board Administrator
Nathaniel Flinchbaugh, Advisory Attorney

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 9:00. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Minutes
Upon review of the September 7, 2018 minutes, Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Steel, to approve the minutes. All in favor. The motion carried.

Office of Investigations Report
Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator, stated there are five (5) new open complaints for LPC’s all for unprofessional conduct and five (5) new complaints for MFT’s year to date.

Financial Report
Noranda French presented the mid-year financial report. The total expenditures for the mid-year are $91,543.30, total revenue for the mid-year is $151,993.43.

Office of General Counsel Report
Mr. Flinchbaugh stated that currently, the Office of General Counsel has eight (8) open cases. There are three (3) Consent Orders ready for the Boards review. The first of those is Richard A. Peaks III, LPC/MHSP license # 2886. Respondent reported to work under the influence. A UDS was positive for amphetamines. The discipline in the Consent Order states he will be suspended and must undergo a substance abuse evaluation. Once a return to work recommendation is received, suspension will be stayed and the license placed on probation. Probation shall be for the duration of any monitoring agreement entered into if one is needed, but not less than one year. During probation, Mr. Peaks must be supervised by a practice monitor with weekly reviews
and quarterly reports to disciplinary coordinator. Also, costs shall be assessed not to exceed $1,000, payable within twenty-four (24) months. Ms. Steel made a motion to accept the Consent Order, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next Consent Order is for Ms. Stacie Putman-Yoquelet, LPC/MHSP license #1479 is a representation due to the Board requesting modifications. Respondent drafted two (2) mental health letters for J.T; the first in June 2006 and the second in January 2008. In April 2017, Respondent posted inappropriate messages referring to this client. The Board made the changes of probation being for 1 year rather than the 180 days that they were originally presented with and they are requiring the respondent to get 6 in person CEU’s on HIPAA and 6 in person CEU’s on Ethics as well as monthly reports from a practice monitor each month and costs not to exceed $1,000. Ms. Speakman made a motion to accept the Consent Order, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

The last Consent Order is Kasim Barnes, LPC/MHSP license # 3295. Respondent attempted to adopt a former client. Client was transferred back to Wyoming. Respondent admits he plans to complete the adoption. His license is being reprimanded and he must complete one of the following courses within twelve (12) months: a) PROBE b) PBI c) Any other course approved by the Board. Also, one Type B Monetary Penalty in the amount of $500, payable within twenty-four (24) months and costs not to exceed $500, payable within twenty-four (24) months. Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept the Consent Order, seconded by Ms. Speakman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rule Changes
The Board’s telehealth rules are in internal review. The taskforce changes are currently being completed but are not ready for board review. The new Governor has issued a moritorium on all rules at this time.

Legislation
SB0204/HB0035 – changes Suicide Prevention training from “every 5 years” to “every 4 years”
SB1084/HB0868 - changes who is permitted to supervise Clinical Pastoral Therapists.
SB0949/HB0988 – Requires DCS to provide weekly mental health counseling to each child in a detention or shelter care facility. Provider must be licensed under Title 68.
SB0098/HB0430 - changes sunset of Board from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2023

Administrative Report
Ms. Hayes reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are two thousand four-hundred and eighty-one (2481) active Licensed Professional Counselors, of those, two thousand-one hundred and forty-five (2145) have the Mental Health Service Provider designation and four hundred eighteen (418) are approved supervisors. There are currently two hundred forty-nine (249) temporary LPC/MHSP licenses. There are six hundred seventy-two (672) active Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and one hundred sixty (160) temporary MFT licensees. Ms. Hayes said there are twenty-two (22) Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists. Ms. Hayes stated that there have been ninety-one (91) newly licensed LPC’s and nine (9) newly licensed MFT’s since the December 7, 2018 Board meeting.

Board meeting dates for 2019 have been scheduled for:
2019
May 31, 2019
September 13, 2019
December 6, 2019

Newly Licensed
Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following newly Licensed Professional Counselors with MHSP designation. All in favor. The motion carried.

Ariel B. Adams                      Rahab K. Marshall
Candace Albriton                   Lauren A. McElhinney
Mary C. King                      Terra McGill
Kourtni Austin                    Catherine A. McKay
Allyson L. Barnes                 Tempest Meriwether
Megan Bearman                      Amira Mohamad
Daniel G. Lavelle                  Cecily R. Moore
Stephanie M. Johnson              Angela L. Moten
Cathaleen L. Blake                Tami S. Navalon
Tina M. Boni                      Katherine McLees Orem
Karyn Britt                       Suzanna V. Owens
Melinda Brooks                    Mark C. Pafford
Amber Lopez                       Kathryn R. Paradis
Pearl L. Brown                    Angela N. Parham
Emily G. Key                       Abbie C. Phifer
Kristen A. Carolsh                 Alicia Powell
Aaron B. Clark                    Emily Ellis
Paula Johnson Clark               Sveinung Eriksen
Hannah L. Cole                    Susan M. Forward
Ashley N. Davis                   Angela K. Galyean
Rachael Desaussure                Kelsey L. Gilbert
Andrew Dozier                     Shannon M. Hardaway
Danny C. Drew                     Musenge L. Hayslett
Sarah Elizabetta                  Mary C. Helmbrecht
Stephanie Price                   Lana B. Turner
Paquita R. Pullen                 Tempia Cole Waddell
Phillip M. Tucker                 Beverly J. Word
Alexander Hopkins                 Ann C. Wheeler
Corbett R. Hinkle                Wanda M. Woodward
Joshua E. Reed                    Sheila K. Stoner
Kristen Hendrix                   Kristin Martin Smith
Sara Smith                        Alyssa M. Ritchason
Mary E. Rushing                   Jamie L. Staggs
Charles M. Hill

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Steel, to approve the following newly Licensed Professional Counselors without MHSP designation. All in favor. The motion carried.
Gayle Anderson
Leigh Pitre
Jacqueline Reeves Thomas
Charis Buckland
Jennifer Bice
Joshua Krebs
Dawn Brown
Anne Floyd

Joy Wilson Lowrance
Rhonda Pendergrass
Jennie Gerado
Jasmine N. Randle
Tiffany C. Moore
Tobie Thayer
Dusty Huff
Victoria Bentley

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Steel, to approve the following newly Licensed Marital and Family Therapists. All in favor. The motion carried.

Lauren E. Bondi
Meredith C. Fielder
Patricia A. Hamilton
James Jake B. Morrill
Elizabeth M. Perez

Verlynn R. Pruehs
Jeanetta Reston
Aaron Shaner
Robert L. Windrow

Temporary Licenses
Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Professional Counselors. All in favor. The motion carried.

Whitney Ballinger
Tessa C. Batchelor
Whitney R. Biggs
Eric D. Bottoms
Carol J. Cayce
Cameron C. Chapman
Amy Smyth Cofer
Ian K. Duley
Ashley Dunn
Lindsey G. Dye
Diana N. Glasser
Jennifer M. Hampton
Christina M. Healey
Heidi Hensley
Barbara M. Hill
Dawn A. Howington

Jenny L. Hudson
Rochelle Kennedy
Daniel Latham
Cara L. Lindell
Kyle Macdonald
Margaret Mevers
Amanda L. Nowlin
Allison A. Parker
Ravi A. Patel
Caroline Rowlader
Catherine J. Stutzner
Ronald Surgeon
Bailee R. Teter
Connie C. Tomlin
Christopher S. Vickers
Samantha Wacenske

Ms. Steel made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Marital and Family Therapists. All in favor. The motion carried.

Megan P. Ballou
Tiffany E. Bridges Bankett
Barry D. Bryant
Sasha N. Cory-Pack

Michelle L. Harris
Grant W. Haun
Janet Shaw King
Jacquelyn Larson
Reinstatement Applications
Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson to approve the following reinstated Licensed Professional Counselors. All in favor. The motion carried.

Allison L. Cole
Deborah E. Pitts
Colleen Crilley
Amy L. Skinner
Pamela A. Gillon
Juliet N. Thomas
Jessica Moore
Janeen L. Ward

Correspondence
Ms. Cynthia Mason appeared before the Board to discuss her application. She wanted to change her temp license to a LPC license. She was trying to get student loan forgiveness, but she would have to be fully licensed to receive this. The Board has requested that she provide the 3000 clinical hours and 150 supervision hours by an approved supervisor with at least half of that from a LPC/MHSP. These hours must be completed in no less than 2 years and no more than 4 years. They also requested that she have her additional transcripts sent.

The Board reviewed correspondence and documents from Ms. Dana Vince requesting to be approved to provide CEU presentation “Hold Me Tight” on Relationship Education. Ms. Steel made a motion to approve this CEU presentation, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ms. Elizabeth Porter requesting to provide a CEU presentation. The Board did not feel the information submitted was therapeutic in nature. The board felt it did not fit as a counseling topic. Ms. Speakman made a motion to deny this request, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Scott Hull requesting permission to allow Cumberland County Lead Safe Schools to be considered as a clinical setting so that licensees can count clinical hours for licensure. The Board is inclined to approve this due to it being a rural area and it is more of a community agency setting rather than a private practice. Ms. Speakman made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Ms. Little. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ms. Kelly Flanagan requesting to provide video supervision for four individuals. Each of these individuals has written their own letters as well. The Board would like to know more information on if the supervisor and supervisees are still in the same area. If they are not more than 50 miles away then this request will be denied.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ms. Sonya Armstrong requesting to receive video supervision from Ms. Cathy Dyer who is an LPC/MHPS approved supervisor due to the hardship
of distance. Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve for Ms. Armstrong to receive HIPAA compliant video supervision from this supervisor, seconded by Ms. Steel.

**Discuss Other Board Business**
The Board discussed and reviewed the CEU requirements for different states. Dr. Peter Wilson and some of his students compiled a CEU comparison by state. Two (2) states that do not require CEU’s at all are Hawaii and Michigan. Tennessee and Kentucky are the only two (2) states that require twenty (20) CEU’s biannually. The other forty-six (46) states require twenty-four (24) or more CEU’s every two (2) years. Of those forty-six (46), twenty-seven (27) of those require forty (40) every two (2) years. The Board would like to see the CEU requirement increased.

The LPC Jurisprudence exam change proposal that is offered by the NBCC has been delayed due to the AASCB and the NBCC merging. It was initially due to launch in April. The Board is waiting to hear what the exam will entail and the cost. Ms. Wilkins stated that she will keep in close contact with Tammi Lee and Mary Alice Olsan.

Ms. Wilkins discussed AASCB/NBCC Conference in August. Ms. Steel made a motion for Dr. Susan Hammonds White, Ms. Kimberly Speakman, Board Attorney Nathaniel Flinchbaugh and Director Ms. Teddy Wilkins to be approved to attend the conference, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. The motion carried.

**Adjourn**
With no other Board business to conduct Ms. Speakman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Little. All in favor. The motion carried.