

## MEETING MINUTES

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

**DATE:** December 1, 2017  
**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, Chair  
Kimberly Speakman, LPC  
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member  
Shelly Steel, MFT  
Howard Nelson, CPT

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

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

#### **Minutes**

Upon review of the September 1, 2017 minutes, Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor. The motion carried.

#### **Financial Report**

Noranda French presented the financial report and discussed the actual year end numbers. The total expenditures for the year was \$169,401.82, total revenue for the year was \$236,135.00. That allowed the board to close at \$66,733.18 with a cumulative carry over of \$763,493.46.

#### **Office of Investigations Report**

Ms. Leonard stated there is one (1) open complaint against a CPC and one (1) being monitored, there are (0) open complaints and one (1) closed against CMFT's. There are thirty-five (35) new open complaints against LPC's, twenty-seven (27) closed complaints, and twenty (20) being monitored. There is one (1) open complaint against LMFT's, and two (2) closed.

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

Mr. Flinchbaugh stated that currently, the Office of General Counsel has two (2) open cases, and one that will be closed within about a week. Mr. Flinchbaugh stated that the telehealth rules are now in the interim review process. As soon as they are completed they will be presented to the Board and then they will go on to the formal rule making hearing.

Mr. Flinchbaugh presented a Consent Order for Mr. Benjamin Vos to the Board. Mr. Vos has admitted to engaging in an inappropriate emotional and physical relationship with a patient in late 2015 and continued into 2016. Mr. Vos is surrendering his license. He will also be assessed costs not to exceed \$1,000 payable within 24 months. Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the Consent Order as it is written, seconded by Ms. Steel. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Administrative Report**

Ms. Hayes reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are two thousand two-hundred and eleven (2211) active Licensed Professional Counselors, of those, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six (1896) have the Mental Health Service Provider designation and three hundred fifty-four (354) are approved supervisors. There are currently one hundred sixty-six (166) temporary LPC/MHSP licenses. There are six hundred twenty-one (621) active Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and one hundred thirty-five (135) temporary MFT licensees. Ms. Hayes said there are twenty-four (24) Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists. Ms. Hayes stated that of the 238 LPC's who renewed their licenses since the September 1, 2017 board meeting, 73% renewed on-line. Ms. Hayes stated that of the (57) LMFT's who renewed their licenses since September 1, 2017, 74% renewed on-line.

Board meeting dates for 2018 have been scheduled for:

**March 9**

**June 1**

**September 7**

**December 7**

### **Newly Licensed**

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

**Heidi B. Ables**  
**Jessica L. Armitage**  
**Chelsey L. Birch**  
**Kelsey M. Callahan**  
**Jillian S. Creswell**  
**Mary C. Eber**  
**John S. Ferraro**  
**Brenda Flores**  
**Karen E. Fortuno**

**Catherine A. Allen**  
**Amanda Bilano**  
**JoAnn M. Breiner**  
**Justin Coggins**  
**Sarah E. Detring**  
**Ashley Evans**  
**Robert B. Fitzpatrick**  
**Scarlett M. Ford-Bright**  
**Kelley Goodwin**

**Michelle L. Gordon  
Nathan Grubb  
Brandi Jo Hampshire  
Danielle E. Hickman  
Kimberly A. Kellum  
Kimberly E. Kirk  
Michael Lasser  
Tamara Leininger  
Mary G. Mayorga  
M. Jane D. Neall  
Neesha N. Roberts  
Patience Ruffin  
Brenda J. Shelton Ford  
Cassandra M. Steinberg  
Lindsay Lamprecht Taylor  
Daniel J. Walker  
Jessica S. Whitfield  
Charles E. Winton**

**Jacquelyn L. Graham  
Sondra M. Haley  
Aimee Hegemier  
Jane Joyce  
Charnequa J. Kennedy  
Brian C. Kjolvik  
Katy Leech  
Lisa A. Maners  
William E. Moore  
Margaret Coleman Reynolds  
William R. Rubino, Jr.  
Steven M. Shampain  
Melissa D. Sowder  
Sara J. Strong  
Nicole A. Tomaszewski  
Sharletta M. Wentworth  
Janie Hesterly Wilkerson  
Porche T. Wynn**

The motion carried.

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

**Layla J. Bonner  
Mariam Coaster  
Summer Curwen  
Chelsey L. Gorham  
Austin Houghtaling  
Susan Reed Latta  
Jenny Matern  
Gabrielle K. McKeever  
Jessica L. Owen  
Marisol Rosas-Biser  
Kelcie N. Silva  
Mark R. Upton**

**Daniel Camp  
Amy E. Coxwell  
Blair Falconello  
Alison J. Hill  
Erica Krusen  
James P. Lewicki  
Louis W. Mattis II  
Jonathan P. Moore  
Christy Perry  
Meredith H. Shirey  
Jill Huse Tietz**

The motion carried.

### **Temporary Licenses**

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

**Frank E. Barron  
Tiffany R. Dillard  
Benjamin M. Higgins  
Jenna Hotovec**

**Roberta Creamer  
Katherine Bolding Haaga  
Lille Montez Holcomb  
Amanda M. Jones**

**Ashley N. Jones**  
**Megan M. Moir**  
**Catherine M. Null**  
**Jamie R. Porch**  
**Kristine Stanfield**  
**Catherine Zanskas**

**Charles George V. Miller**  
**Sarah Montague**  
**Tatiana N. Peredo**  
**Dennis J. Sattler**  
**Tanner C. Yankey**

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

**Lisa A. Adams**  
**Edward T. Bowman**  
**Terrene E. Cartmill**  
**Christopher T. Gygi**  
**Jessica B. McCoy**  
**Marissa V. Pollard**  
**Gaia E. Robilio**  
**Holly J. Weerasekera**

**Sarah Aughtman**  
**Jourdan V. Bramwell**  
**Jonathan B. Durham**  
**Gloria R. Joffe**  
**Kristen M. Moore**  
**Michele Ramey**  
**Jonathan D. Sharpes**  
**Charles L. Wilson**

The motion carried.

#### **Reinstatement Applications**

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

**Sharon A. Cummings**  
**Sonja S. Fulmer**  
**Kassandra Krause Jolly**  
**Melissa Nally Shaw**  
**Susan Stone**

**Brittany Dyer**  
**Pamela A. Gillon**  
**Danny A. Kellum**  
**Kimberly Simpson**

The motion carried.

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Steel to approve the following reinstated Marital & Family Therapists:

**Teresa F. Matre'**  
**Amanda Westmoreland**  
**Barbara Rimer**

The motion carried.

#### **File Review**

The Board reviewed a file for **Ms. Wendy Bender** who has applied for a LPC license. Her file was reviewed by a board member prior to this meeting. She has requested to appear before the Board at this meeting and she is in attendance. The issue with her application is that she was unable

to provide documentation of the total required supervision hours. She has been unable to reach a past supervisor from Arizona, where she is licensed as a LPC. Ms. Bender explained the difference in the licensure procedure from Arizona to Tennessee, and explained her supervision situation. After review of the file and listening Ms. Bender's explanation, the Board requested that she apply for a temporary license and obtain a LPC/MHSP supervisor.

### **Correspondence**

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Angela Thompson** requesting approval from the Board to be able to present training for CEU's. She petitioned the Board at the September 1, 2017 meeting. The Board had requested more information. She has now provided the requested information. She is requesting to be able to provide 2.5 CEU's per group. Ms. Steel made a motion to approve her request, seconded by Ms. Speakman. All in favor. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Alexandria Sheucraft** requesting to be approved to do her supervision by tele-supervision. The Supervision must be on a HIPAA compliant video conferencing. A motion was made by Dr. Nelson to approve this request, seconded by Ms. Steel. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Rachel Reavis** requesting to be approved for tele-supervision. A motion was made by Ms. Steel to approve this request, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Mr. Riley Pate** for approval to be able to do his supervision via video assisted supervision due to needing a dually licensed supervisor and distance. A motion was made by Ms. Speakman to approve this request, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Tiffany Erwin** requesting to be approved for tele-supervision due to the hardship of distance. A motion to approve this request was made by Ms. Steel, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a request from **Ms. Judy Herman** to be approved to provide group web cam supervision. After discussion the Board decided to deny this proposal. Requests are granted due to hardship, and this is not considered a hardship. A motion was made by Ms. Steel to not accept this proposal, seconded by Ms. Little. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Discuss Other Board Business**

Dr. Susan Lahey, representing the Tennessee Marriage and Family Association spoke about the AAMFT task force. Dr. Lahey was asking the Board if the Task Force reviewing and trying to update the rules is still in line with what the Board wants. The Board affirmed that they would like them to continue their work. A motion was made by Ms. Steel to enable the MFT Task Force to move forward, seconded by Ms. Little. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Flinchbaugh discussed public chapter 215. There is some rule making that needs to be done. In the rules currently as they are written this Board uses the ACA code of ethics. As of April 28,

2017, the way that it was promulgated is no longer effective. Mr. Flinchbaugh cannot use that ethical code to bring any cases against any practitioners for ethics violations at this point. The Board will have to do a rule change due to this public chapter. The Board has the option of either drafting its own ethics section in the rules or adopting the ACA 2014 ethics in its entirety. Ms. Speakman made the motion to adopt the 2014 ACA code of ethics in its entirety sans section A11B, seconded by Ms. Steel. All in favor. The motion carried.

Mr. Flinchbaugh then discussed public chapter 396. He stated that licensees are now required to do suicide prevention training. There are five sections listed under b(2), that this Board has the opportunity to exclude licensees from any portion of the five sections that they feel they do not need to do. The current licensees must have this completed by 2020. The training must be done every five years thereafter. New licensees will need to have it completed within two years. The Board made the decision to defer this until the next meeting.

### **Adjourn**

With no other Board business to conduct the Board adjourned at 10:58 pm Dr. Nelson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Speakman. All in favor. The motion carried.