

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

DATE: March 9, 2018

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
Howard Nelson, CPT
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member

**BOARD MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:** Shelly Steel, MFT

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 December 1, 2017 minutes, Ms. Little made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Noranda French presented the financial report and discussed the year end projection. The total projected expenditures for the year is \$151,032.82, total projected revenue for the year is \$194,947.50. That would allow the board to close at \$43,914.68 with a cumulative carry over of \$765,499.15.

Office of Investigations Report

Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator, stated there are eight (8) currently monitored practitioners, six (6) of those are LPC's and two (2) are MFT's. There are two (2) LPC's under a Board order. There is one (1) LPC and one (1) MFT on probation. There are two (2) LPC's and

one (1) MFT on suspension. One LPC surrendered their license. There have been six (6) new complaints this year on LPC's. There have been nine (9) complaints closed. There are currently nineteen (19) complaints pending review. There has been one (1) new complaint on a LMFT. There has been one (1) complaint closed. There is currently one (1) MFT being investigated.

Office of General Counsel Report

Nathaniel Flinchbaugh stated that currently, the Office of General Counsel has four (4) cases that just came to OGC for prosecution. There are no other cases for today. Mr. Flinchbaugh discussed pending legislation SB1510 that would add an additional Board member and create a new level of licensure on this Board for Art Therapy. A motion was made by Ms. Speakman to oppose Art Therapy as becoming a separate profession under this Board, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. The motion carried.

Dr. Hammonds-White volunteered to write a letter to the Legislator on behalf of the Board. Ms. Speakman made a motion to allow Dr. Hammonds-White to speak on behalf of the Board on this issue, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

TDMHSAS -Suicide Prevention training and Substance Abuse Training

Ms. Morenike Murphy along with Ms. Diana Kirby with the Tennessee Mental Health and Substances Abuse services presented information of the upcoming training programs that will be an additional part of the requirements for the professionals licensed under several occupational boards, including the board for professional counselors, marital and family therapists, and clinical pastoral therapists. They presented a model list of training programs that stemmed from the recent Public Chapter 396 suicide training act. Per legislation requirements the department of mental health and substance abuse has provided the established model list of training programs in collaboration with Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN). Beginning January 1, 2020, this training must be completed once every five years and before initial licensure for those applying for initial licensure on or after that date. This act took effect on May 18, 2017.

Administrative Report

Ms. Hayes reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are two thousand two-hundred and forty-four (2244) active Licensed Professional Counselors, of those, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (1931) have the Mental Health Service Provider designation and three hundred sixty-nine (369) are approved supervisors. There are currently one hundred seventy-three (173) temporary LPC/MHSP licenses. There are six hundred twenty-nine (629) active Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and one hundred forty (140) temporary MFT licensees. Ms. Hayes said there are twenty-four (24) Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists. Ms. Hayes stated that of the 230 LPC's who renewed their licenses since the September 1, 2017 board meeting, 77% renewed on-line. Ms. Hayes stated that of the (69) LMFT's who renewed their licenses since September 1, 2017, 71% renewed on-line.

Board meeting dates for the remainder of 2018 have been scheduled for:

September 7, 2018
December 7, 2018

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.

**Airebis Baron
Holly Barruso
Lucretia Bennett
Laura Bertrand
Lindsey Burns
Emily Clifton
Chad Coleman
Kayla Cordell
Dottie Cornett
Christopher Creecy
Samanthia Curtis
Jennifer Dahlgren
Laura Deneen
Ashley Dillon
Christina Dukes
Nicole Dykes
Rachel Fleischer
Eric Gott
Rhonda Grimes
Leah Henderson
Shaun Hoffman
Faith Hurley
Margaret Johnson
Brooke Keels
Melissa Lowrey
Micah Loyd
Jennifer Lujan
Scott McDougal
Courtney McInturff
Anna McCurdy
Jeremy Mercer
Amira Mohamad**

**Anika Mullen
Lorena Murray
Hilary Musgrove
Adam Naylor
Molly Okeon
Marina Provenzano
Jessica Reed
Samantha Richardson
Landon Rives
Aleyda Sanchez
Tracy Serrano
Elizabeth Sherr
Lakshmi Subbanna
Ashley Tawfik
Douglas Taylor
Megan Tenenbaum
Laurence Towner
Brittney Turange
Katherine Van Cleave
Rain Voss
Tempia Waddell
Jonathan Wagner
Jaimie Walker
Leah Walker
Kristi Ward
Rebecca Weiler
Carol Williams
Megan Williams
Kristin Winbush
Donieka Wood
Juliana Yensho**

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

Susan M. Baker

Angela M. Mullins

**Melanie M. Campbell
Misty Davis
Pamela L. Holland
Jacquelyn E. Kiernan
Lois C. Kirk
Rhonda R. Laster
Persephone R. Lowe**

**Tynya D. Patton
Paula Perez
Sheena Pickett
Teresa Prendes-Walls
Nandita Rajanayakam
Ashley D. Fussell**

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

**Lindsey Castleman
Mary A. Coleman
Ragan Graves
Sarah E. Grove
Timothy C. Hamm
Shea G. Hightower
Elizabeth A. Houle
William H. Kelly
Brooke Lamb**

**Jordan C. Manning
Brian P. Miller
Joshua A. Skinner
Mary B. Thompson
Kristyn Vanderland
Jennifer P. Wagner
Kimberly "K.C." Wolfe
Barbara Wyer**

Temporary Licenses

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

**Bearlyn Y. Ash
Lindsey B. Burns
Emily D. Clifton
Christina D. Dukes
Faith D. Hurley
Margaret K. Johnson
Micah Loyd
Scott McDougal
Courtney M. McInturf
Amira Mohamad
Anika K. Mullen
Adam Naylor**

**Marina Provenzano
Landon H. Rives
Aleyda Sanchez
Ashley A. Tawfik
Megan T. Tenenbaum
Laurence H. Towner
Rain Voss
Tempia C. Waddell
Jonathan S. Wagner
Leah Walker
Megan B. Williams
Donieka R. Wood**

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

**Sarah B. Beacham
Dominique G. Braden
Karin R. Bronleewe
Jenna Elrod
Nichelle Foster**

**Sarah O. Park
Elisabeth A. Porter
Katie C. Scott
Sarah F. Shannon
Leonard C. Shelby**

Hanna Hargrove
Molly M. Miller
Mary K. Oliver
Emily G. Pardy

Leighton Teague
Blake E. Tims
Stacey Williams

Reinstatement Applications

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

Melanie Campbell
Janet L. Harrison
Rhonda Laster
Tynya D. Patton

Paula Perez
Teresa Prendes-Walls
Shawn Spurgeon

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson to approve the following reinstated Marital & Family Therapists. All in favor. The motion carried.

Mary B. Page

Bonnie L. McKinney

File Review

The Board reviewed a file for **Ms. Rachel Fleischer** who applied for a LPC/MHSP license. She already has licensure in Florida. Her file was reviewed by a board member prior to this meeting. She did not have all of the required post master's supervision documents at the time. She has since turned in additional documents with hours of supervision. Ms. Speakman made a motion to accept the supervision hours, seconded by Ms. Little. All in favor. The motion carried.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Emma Portwood** requesting approval from the Board to be able to count face to face clinical hours for taking initial phone calls for mobile crisis. The Board determined that only hours that are truly face to face will count for face to face hours.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Dr. Robert Moore** who is the current President of the TLPCA who is working on a supervisory listing and wants to make sure what he puts on the list is correct. His question is if the supervisory designation is required at this point. At this point it is not required. It is required to provide either twelve (12) CEU's pertaining to Clinical Supervision, proof of passing a graduate course on Clinical Supervision, or have their ACS status.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Mr. Stephen Thayer** requesting exemption to the usual requirements for MFT supervisors. The Board stated that they do not have the authority to waive the supervision requirements for MFT supervisors. The Board has requested more information from Mr. Thayer.

Mr. Flinchbaugh has requested that the Board put together an application for MFT supervisors who are not AAMFT approved supervisors.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Julia Rhea** requesting to be approved for tele-supervision due to pregnancy. She would like to be able to continue receiving supervision while on maternity leave. The Board determined that if she is on maternity leave then she would not be seeing clients. If she is not seeing clients then tele-supervision would not be necessary. The Board's decision was to deny this request.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Lindsey Castleman** requesting to be approved to provide CEU's for Counselors in March. The Board has requested more information such as resumes and how many hours as per rule 0450-02-.12. The Board has denied this request for the current time.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Melanie Magliacano** to be approved to continue supervision from her supervisor that recently moved to Indiana due to financial hardship. The Board has requested more information on why there are no other options available through her job at Centerstone.

Discuss Other Board Business

- Ms. Little made a motion to send two (2) Board members and one (1) Administrative staff member to the NBCC Conference, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed and discussed the Bill HB1510/SB1797 that is pertaining to adding Occupational Therapists as mental health service providers in order to diagnose and treat mental illness and trauma to firefighters. Dr. Nelson made a motion to oppose the amendment as a Board, seconded by Ms. Little. All in favor. The motion carried.

Dr. Hammonds-White volunteered to write a letter to the Senator on behalf of the Board.

- The Board reviewed and discussed Bill HB2026/SB2040 pertaining to unlicensed mental health service providers that are not giving notification to those they are treating. This Bill would make the client able take the unlicensed mental health service provider to court to recover damages times three. The Board did not take a position on this Bill.
- Mr. Flinchbaugh discussed with the Board the Code of Ethics for MFT's. He made the proposal of adopting the AAMFT Code of Ethics 2012 version with the July 1, 2012 date and striking paragraph (A) and (B) as well as paragraph (4). Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept the proposal as written, seconded by Ms. Little. All in favor. The motion carried.
- Mr. Flinchbaugh discussed the APA Code of Ethics for the CPT's. He has drafted a proposal to completely strike #3 and change the placing in some sections and add social justice to the language. Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept this draft as it has been discussed, seconded by Ms. Speakman. All in favor. The motion carried.

Adjourn

With no other Board business to conduct the Board adjourned at 12:50 pm Ms. Little made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. The motion carried.