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MICHIGAN BOARD OF COUNSELING JUNE 1, 2012 APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Counseling met in regular session on June 1, 2012, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Steve Hampton, L.M.S.W, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Marion Turowski, L.P.C., Chairperson (arrived at 10:15 a.m.)
Martha Burkett, L.P.C., Vice-Chairperson
Steve Hampton, L.M.S.W.
Ramsey Y. Jiddou -Public Member
Rev. Meredith Hunt, Public Member
Laura LeClear, Public Member
Patrick Munley Ph.D. – Professional Member
Diane Parfitt, Ph.D. – Professional Member
Louellen Ramey, L.P.C., Ph.D. – Professional Member
Harriet Singleton, L.P.C.
Thomas Wuori, Public Member

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Amy Schneider, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Health Regulatory Division
Desmond Mitchell, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Pam Millben, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Stephanie Rosenthal, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
(left at 10:30)
Bridgette Smith, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present: Ed Ballance, Jr.
Jean Ballance
Carol Holmes, Attorney
Eric Blumberg, MMHCA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Wuori, seconded by Parfit, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2011 meeting.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Singleton, seconded by Hampton to approve the agenda with the addition of "G. Resolution" to New Business.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Brenda Sue O'Brien, LPC, LLP-Proposal for Decision

MOTION by Singleton, seconded by Hampton, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny reinstatement, in the matter of Brenda Sue O'Brien, LPC, LLP.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas – Wuori, Ramey, Singleton, Hunt, Parfit, Jiddou,
LeClear, Hampton, Munley and Turowski

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

HPRC Appointment

Lind described what the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC) does and that the Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP) can be voluntary or disciplinary. She mentioned that the committee is created in statute. Lind explained the purpose of the committee, which is to review the terms and policies of the HPRP.

MOTION by LeClear, seconded by Jiddou, to appoint Christine Walkons as the HPRC Representative.

A unanimous voice vote was taken.

Recess

Mitchell asked the Chair for a 5-minute recess at 10:30 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:35 a.m.

Accreditation Issue

Mitchell noted a case in which an individual was denied license due to not meeting regional accreditation standards required by rule. Mitchell stated that information will be gathered to study the difference between national and regional accreditation standards. Further questions pertaining to the current requirements for licensure can be forwarded to Mitchell. Finally, he shared a list of accreditation requirements for counselors in other states.

Department Update

Office of Regulatory Reinvention-(ORR) Occupational Administrative Rules Committee Report to Governor

Lind discussed the (ORR) Occupational Licensing Advisory Rules Committee report regarding the recommendation to deregulate licensees for 18 Occupations and 9 Boards. The (ORR) Report recommended the consolidation of the Boards of Social Work, Counseling, and Marriage and Family Therapy. This is only a recommendation at this time, pending introduction of legislation that would need to be passed through the Legislature and signed by the Governor in order for such legislation to become enacted.

Senate Bill 804 – Clinical Psychotherapist Definition

Turowski discussed Senate Bill 804 regarding Clinical Psychotherapists, stating concerns about similar terminology being used among various professions.

Mitchell advised if the scope of practice allows for other professions to have similar terminology, then this would not be excluded under the Public Health Code. Mitchell suggested sharing concerns with the professional associations regarding terminology and definitions.

Formation of Committee-Internet Usage

Turowski discussed the importance of forming a committee to study and report information to the Board on use of the internet and social media in supervision, as well as client counseling.

Mitchell advised that a Committee was being formed through the Department of Community Health to review the Public Health Code. This issue would be explored for a variety of professions.

Parfitt, LeClear, and Munley volunteered for the newly formed Internet Usage Committee.

Resolutions

Turowski read aloud the Resolution honoring former Board Member Martha Burkette.

MOTION by Hampton, seconded by Wuori, to accept the Resolution as written.

A unanimous voice vote was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Balance, Jr., thanked Mitchell for working on the accreditation issue and explained his concerns with having been denied a license.

Carol Holmes, Attorney, thanked the Board for the work they have done, and stressed the importance of reading the cases in detail to understand the issues.

Eric Blumberg, representing the Michigan Mental Health Counselors Association, stated that it is important for the board to shape the opinion of any discussion regarding practice standards.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Hunt, seconded by Ramey, to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.



Marion Turowski, L.P.C., Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Amy Schneider, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared