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MICHIGAN BOARD OF COUNSELING JUNE 3, 2011 MEETING 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 3, 2011, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Marion Turowski, L.P.C., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Marion Turowski, L.P.C., Chairperson
Martha Burkett, L.P.C.
Steve Hampton, L.M.S.W.
Rev. Meredith Hunt, Public Member
Laura LeClear, Public Member
Harriet Singleton, L.P.C.

Members Absent: Stuart Itzkowitz, L.P.C., Vice Chairperson
Delila Owens, Ph.D., L.P.C.
Thomas Wuori, Public Member

Staff Present: Kristen Kinney, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Pam Millben, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Susan Balkema, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Fitzgerald, Assistant Attorney General
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division
Stephanie Rosenthal, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Michelle Wagner – Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General
Bridgett Smith, Assistant Attorney General
Ken Bauman Attorney General, Licensing and Regulation Division

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Others Present: Max Hoffman, Public
Eric Blumberg, Michigan Mental Health Counselors Association
Merry Rosenberg, Retired Assistant Attorney General

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Singleton, seconded by LeClear, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2010 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Singleton, seconded by Hunt to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Ramsdell notified the Board of the Public Hearing on the proposed changes to the administrative rules scheduled to be held July 25, 2011

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on supervision by video – Turowski read a letter from Joe George that requested the assistance of the Board regarding Skype supervision as he needs the supervised hours to become LPC. He currently is practicing in Russia at an Anglo-American school as an LLC. Discussion was held. Ramsdell will follow up with George to inquire of his reason for the request and to verify his supervisor's credentials. The Board stressed that the communication should not compromise the ability to appropriately supervise.

Department Update

Ramsdell advised that previous Bureau Director Melanie Brim has accepted a position with the Department of Community Health as Director of Policy and Planning and has not transitioned with the Bureau of Health Professions to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. She stated that she will be acting as interim Bureau Director until a replacement has been chosen.

Ramsdell advised that Laurie VanBeelen, who has been serving as the Board secretary, has taken another position. She introduced the temporary board secretary, Kristen Kinney.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Susan Ann Cadwell, L.P.C. – Petition for Reinstatement

MOTION by Singleton, seconded by Hunt, to remove from the table the Petition for Reinstatement in the matter of Susan Ann Cadwell, L.P.C.

MOTION by Singleton, seconded by Hunt to accept the Proposal for Decision in the matter of Susan Ann Cadwell, L.P.C. and deny reinstatement.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Turowski, Singleton, LeCLear, Hunt, Hampton, Burkett

MOTION PREVAILED

Kirtis Thomas, L.P.C., L.L.C. - Proposal for Decision

MOTION by Hunt seconded by Singleton to accept the Proposal for Decision in the matter of Kirtis Thomas, L.P.C. and deny reinstatement.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Singleton, LeCLear, Hunt, Hampton, Burkett, Turowski

Discussion was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Turowski invited members of the public to introduce themselves.

Eric Blumberg introduced himself and questioned whether video, email or social networking counseling is legal. He also asked if the Board would consider taking a position on whether it is legal or ethical to "friend" clients in social network settings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

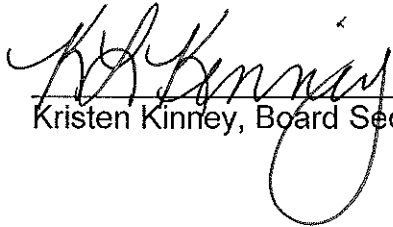
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held **September 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Hampton, seconded by LeClear, to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m.



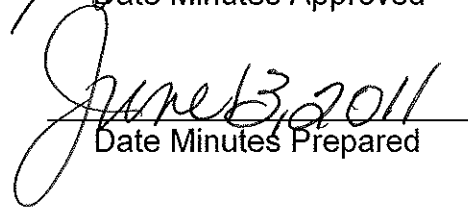
Marion Turowski, L.P.C., Chairperson



Kristen Kinney, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Approved



Date Minutes Prepared