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Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists

Regular Board Meeting

May 16, 2006

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 111  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board members present were:

Gloria Busch Johnson, Ed.S., President; Chairperson, LPC Standards Committee  
Tanya A. Williams-Reeves, M.Ed., Vice President  
David L. Evans, Jr., M.A., Secretary-Treasurer; Chairperson, LPES Standards  
Committee  
M. Ellenor Mahon, M.Ed., Chairperson, Continuing Education Committee  
Pamela G. Clark, PhD, Member  
Jackie H. Fleshman, Public Member  
Danny L. Garnett, M.Div.

Also present were:

H. Rion Alvey, LLR Assistant Deputy Director  
Larry E. Atkins, Jr., Investigator - Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Camilla Bravo, PhD, LPC  
Deborah L. Cantrell, LPC, AMHCA-SC  
Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator  
Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel  
Harriet Gardin Fields, LPC, South Carolina Counselors Association (SCCA)  
C. Rudy Guajardo, LPC, AMHCA-SC  
Susan F. Harrington, Administrative Assistant  
Janice F. McMillan, PhD, AASCB, Chair National Credentials Registry  
Barbara Melton, LPC  
Richard P. Wilson, Deputy General Counsel, Advice Counsel to the Board

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BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

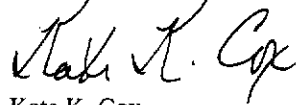
President Johnson stated that Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108, at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210 and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act. President Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. It was noted that a quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kate K. Cox".

Kate K. Cox  
Administrator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Mahon to approve the agenda. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 14, 2006 meeting.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2006 meeting as presented. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

President Johnson welcomed the three new Board members and asked Ms. Cox to introduce Dr. Clark, Ms. Fleshman, and Mr. Garnett. Ms. Cox gave a brief introduction for each member and asked each member to address the Board, if they wished. Ms. Johnson asked Mr. Wilson to swear in the new members. Mr. Wilson swore in the three new members and addressed a few remarks to them regarding the meaning of their oath and service to the public.

President Johnson announced that J. Benjamin Alexander, Esquire, Public Member of the Board, has resigned from his expired term. She thanked him for his loyal service to the citizens of South Carolina over the many years of his term on the Board.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: AASCB's CREDENTIALS REGISTRY AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN LICENSURE FOR PORTABILITY PLAN – Janice F. McMillan, PhD, Chair National Credentials Registry

Dr. McMillan made a presentation to the Board to describe and update them on the status of the American Association of State Counseling Board's (AASCB) National Credential Bank. She described the filing of registrants' credentials, work history, supervision documents, continuing Education (CE), and work experience with the Bank. She also discussed the model of portability of licensure plan that AASCB has been developing and the intent for state licensing boards to consider using a component of work experience as being "equivalent" for deficiencies between a registrant's credentials and a state's particular requirements to facilitate portability. It was noted South Carolina law does not allow for work experience to be considered "equivalent." Dr. McMillan stated that boards could participate at different levels in the portability model. After a question and answer period, the Board thanked Dr. McMillan for her presentation and noted the Portability Plan will be reviewed and taken under advisement.

APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD: Barbara Melton, M.Ed., LPC and LPC-S

Ms. Melton appeared before the Board to present seven concerns that she has with the Proposed Regulations that the Board filed before the State Legislature. Her concerns were focused on the limitation of the number of supervisees that a supervisor may have and the financial impact that the limitation might cause, on the requirement for a three semester hours graduate course being required of applicants who wish to become supervisors, on the types of supervision strategies suggested in the Proposed Regulations, and the inclusion of Standards of Supervision in the Proposed Regulations. After discussion, the Board thanked Ms. Melton for her appearance and stated that her comments and concerns will be reviewed and taken under advisement.

**Recommended for an Extension of LMFT Intern Licensure Status:**

Cross, Elizabeth  
Posner, Tara

**Recommended for Transfer from LMFT/Intern to LMFT:**

Little, Michelle  
Raiford, Alice  
Rose, Jeffrey N.

**Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Supervisor (LMFT/S):**

Carter, Marie

**Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist:**

Gutshall, Carolyn  
Leonard, Sherese

**One-Time Providership:**

Aiken County Public Schools  
Darkness to Light  
Family Counseling, Cathy Battle  
Good Success Consulting Group, LLC (2<sup>nd</sup> application)  
Horry Georgetown Technical College  
Sawtelle, Kathleen  
SC Cancer Center/Palmetto Health Richland  
SC Counseling & Consulting Network (3<sup>rd</sup> application)  
SC DOGS Therapy Group, Inc. (2<sup>nd</sup> application)  
SC Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (3<sup>rd</sup> application)  
Southeastern Family Institute (formerly The Family Center) (3<sup>rd</sup> application)  
USC-Children's Law Office (3<sup>rd</sup> application)

**Permanent Providership:**

Greenville Tech College  
SC Counseling & Consulting Network

**Permanent Sponsor Renewals:**

None

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Williams-Reeves to ratify the reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans. The motion passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mrs. Cox announced the next Board meeting dates for 2006 to be August 15, and November 21, 2006. The Board meeting dates for 2007 were announced to be February 20, May 15, August 21, and November 20, 2007.

REPORTS/INFORMATION:

Administrative Information:

Mrs. Cox gave the administrative report on the work of the Board with numerical data provided by Ms. Harrington. Mrs. Cox reported that she is continuing to speak with the Governor's Office for Boards and Commissions to assist in submitting information on the status of members' terms on the Board and the vacancies on the Board. She reported that the Board still has a vacancy for a public member and a professional member with the marriage and family therapy license. She reported that the Board Member Forum which was attended by Ms. Johnson and Mr. Evans on Friday, February 17, 2006 at the South Carolina Fire Academy. She informed the Board there is a Board Member Manual on-line now for members use.

She noted that Dr. Chrys Harris continues to serve on the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) for the Board. Ms. Cox reported to the Board that there is an on-line status of application component now available for applicants and on-line change of address capability for licensees. She said that the 2007 renewal would be an on-renewal for all licensees.

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Cox reminded the Board that financial information is available upon request. She reported the Board is financially sound.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

Mr. Atkins introduced Mr. Alvey who is the ADD of the Office of Investigations and Enforcement and then presented the IRC report concerning disciplinary matters.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept the Investigative Review Committee's recommendations as presented by Mr. Atkins: Case Numbers - 2005-15 for Dismissal, 2004-225 for Dismissal, 2005-9 for Dismissal, and 2005-12 for Dismissal. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept the Investigative Review Committee's recommendations as presented by Mr. Atkins on Case Number 2005-13 for Formal Complaint. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Williams-Reeves to accept the Investigative Review Committee's recommendations as presented by Mr. Atkins: Case Numbers: 2005-6 for Dismissal with Letter of Caution and 2005-27 for Dismissal with a Letter of Caution. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LEGAL ISSUES:

Ms. Dantzer made a presentation to the Board focusing on the meaning of board membership and service. She covered the idea of members being part of government, due process, areas of law and regulation that direct the working and service of board members, and the IRC process. Ms. Johnson thanked her and told the board members that more training will be offered at meetings to instruct the new members and refresh the existing members.

**Recommended for Transfer from Intern Status to Professional Counselor:**

Anderson-Goss, Sharon E.  
Axson, Thomas Shane  
Fleming, Andrea M.  
Gill, Linda  
Grantham, Melonie  
Hamilton, Charlotte R.  
Holcombe, Amy  
Kelly, Carolyn S.  
Lipscomb, RaeJean  
Martin, Janet  
McLeod, Sharon W.  
Morrison, Elizabeth  
Oddo, Jewel  
Rhodes, Frankie  
Slater, Faye  
Strickland, Shanda

**Recommended for Bypass from Intern Status to Professional Counselor:**

Woods, Candy G.

**Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Endorsement:**

Evonna, Julie FL  
Gill, Heather C. Colorado  
Wharton-James, Phyllis NC

**Recommended for Extension of LPC Intern Licensure Status:**

Altman, Alan C.  
Bailey-Padgett, Lydia C.  
Cathcart, Lucy Anne  
Demint, Deborah  
Hammond, Laura  
Loftis, Rhonda H.  
McCrudden, Rebecca A.  
Watanabe, Takako  
Williams, Lisa (2<sup>nd</sup> extension)

**Recommended for Extension on LPC/S:**

None

**Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor:**

Frick, Melodie

**Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern:**

Brown, Karen L.

**Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Therapist:**

None

**Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist by Endorsement:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The board had no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board had no new business.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

The Board had no discussion topics.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Harriet Fields addressed the Board to thank them for their work on proposed regulations and for Ms. Johnson's appearances at the South Carolina Counseling Association (SCCA) meetings twice a year to keep the SCCA informed about the South Carolina Licensing Board's work.

**REPORTS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

President Johnson called for review and ratification of the reports submitted for the Standards Committees and Continuing Education Committee beginning February 15, 2006 through May 16, 2006.

**Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern:**

Brown, Karen L.  
Casley, Faye D.  
Childress, Kelly  
Griffin, Charles L.  
Hightower, Derrick  
Hiott, Kimberly  
Holmes, Allie E.  
Johnston, Danielle R.  
Mitchell-Blitch, Melissa S.  
Neely, Kimberly P.  
Perrine, Merilee W.  
Robinson, Zabrina K.  
Sick, Kelley C.  
Sullivan, Elizabeth D.  
Weaver, Racquel  
Wilson, Margaret Elizabeth