



# State of Nevada

The Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family  
Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors

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## PUBLIC WORKSHOP MINUTES

October 20, 2017

Purpose: To receive comments from all interested persons on the adoption and/or amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 641A of the Nevada Administrative Code:

- Administrative changes to regulations (NAC 641A.045) (NAC 641A.055) (NAC 641A.060) (NAC 641A.065) (NAC 641A.070) (NAC 641A.085) (NAC 641A.095) (NAC 641A.111) (NAC 641A.131) (NAC 641A.146) (NAC 641A.156) (NAC 641A.176) (NAC 641A.178) (NAC 641A.182) (NAC 641A.196) (NAC 641A.234) (NAC 641A.243)
- Endorsement requirements for a clinical professional counselor and a clinical professional counselor intern which authorizes the licensee to assess and treat couples or families (R091-14)

### Board Members Present

Jake Wiskerchen, President  
Suzanne Cram, Secretary/Treasurer  
Erik Schoen, Member  
Hal Taylor, Member  
John Nixon, Member  
Wendy Nason, Member  
Marta Wilson, Member  
Adrienne O'Neal, Member

### Board Staff Present

Quinn Kennedy

### Members Absent

Roberta Vande Voort, Vice President

### Others Present

Rosalie Bordelove - DAG

### Public Attendance

#### Las Vegas

Susanna Wingfield, Nicole Cauchois, Nicole Brewer, Robert Pellerin, Stacey Gray, Marj Castronova, Jim Jobin, Colleen Peterson, Michelle Blakeley, Katherine Unthank, Rebecca Love, Jean Griffin, Tabitha Johnson, Kelly Evans, Michelle Dahan

#### Reno

Jinan Barghouti, Adrienne Sutherland, Rachel Drake, Emilee Wade, Steven Nicholas, Jennifer

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Ross, Kellie Carter, Kristina McIntyre, Telisa Marquez, Chuck Holt, Elizabeth Dear, Rebecca Scherer, Andrea Johnson, Rudy Von Ravensberg, Michael Freda, Donna Buddington, Stephanie Vargas, Taylor Tica, James Studer, Amy Reha, Chris Dietrich, Eddie Ableser, Tricia Woodliff, Julia Catlin, Justine Hernandez

Open Forum for Public Comments

**Dr. Katherine Unthank-** she stated strong support for the proposed changes to the NAC 641A.

**Eddie Ableser-** he stated strong support for the changes to the NAC. He reviewed the CPC application process he went through to be licensed in Nevada via reciprocity. He stated that the reciprocity process will be beneficial for the state of Nevada.

**Jim Jobin-** he stated that he strongly endorses the change of language on the NAC. He discussed his stance on discrepancies between the licenses and how it is affecting his service to his clients. He stated that he believes that the current board is doing a great public service, and is in line with best practices.

**Rachel Drake-** she stated that her experience was very similar to Mr. Eddie Alvarez, and she is extremely excited about the changes with the NAC with regards to clarity and purpose for licensing. She asked for clarifications for Section 1(h) page 2 regarding if she was missing a part of it. Mr. Jake Wiskerchen provided clarification. She also stated concern about NAC 641A.085, section 8(b).

**Stacy Graham-** she stated the issue regarding the lapse on her extension. Mr. Jake Wiskerchen informed her that there would be time after the workshop to discuss it in the regular meeting.

**Marj Castranova-** she stated her background with losing hours. She thanked the board for putting in the time to make changes on the NAC. She stated her concerns on NAC 641A.065 Section 1(f) on page 2, NAC 641A.085 sections 1 and 2 on page 3, NAC 641A.085 section 5 on page 4, NAC 641A.131 section 3 on page 5, NAC 641A.146 section 4(a) on page 6, NAC 641A.178 section 5 on page 9, NAC 641A.234 section 11 on page 10, Changes in R091-14 on page 11, and Changes in R091-14, section 4, section 1 on page 12.

**Rudy Von Ravensburg-** he addresses the NAC 641A.065 and Changes in R091-14. He stated that these changes are very one-sided. He stated that there is a double standard that needed to be addressed. He called upon the board to either abandon these needless mandates entirely or consider softening them considerably moving forward.

**Colleen Peterson-** she stated that she is excited that the current board was able to address what the previous board was unable to do. She addressed a few regulations that she is opposed to and wanted clarification on. She clarified differences between reciprocity and equivalency. She stated that in her time serving on the board, they have tried to prove competence.

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**Steve Nicholas-** he stated that UNR has various counseling path, but all paths stemmed from individualized theories of practice. He noted that school counselors in Nevada has to be able to demonstrate that they have taken coursework in parent and family involvement in order to be licensed. He addressed Changes in R091-14, and stated that it simplifies the rigor of systemic education. He stated that the demonstration of competency is different from efficacy. He also questioned the rigor and consistency of online CEUs.

**Jeanne Griffin-** she stated that she echoes the comments made by Dr. Colleen Peterson, Dr. Marge Kastranova, and previous speaker. She stated that Marriage and Family Therapy goes through different training. She stated that she has a problem with NRC 641A.045 comment. She stated that the three letters of recommendation were crucial. She addressed NAC 641A.085 Section 5 and suggested it to be revised. She also stated that NAC 641A.146 section 4b (2) should be reconsidered due to the importance of a second eye supervising a counselor.

**Elizabeth Dear-** she stated that she has submitted proposed changes to Mr. Jake Wiskerchen and Mr. Erik Schoen. She explained her educational and licensure background, and she stated some changes she would like to see on some of the requirements.

**Julia Catlin-** she stated that we are creating too much red tape on the scope of practice and the changes on the NRC regulations. She addressed statues from other states, and disagreed that MFT is considered the OB-GYN. She stated that there is clear discrimination against CPC's in favor of MFT's.

**Andrea Johnson-** she stated that in her time as a CPC in Oregon she was informed that she does not need further coursework. She added that once she moved to Nevada, she was not able to practice her expertise. She discussed issues on competency and modalities.

**Jinan Barghouti-** she stated that she has a letter from a former UNR faculty member supporting the revision on the NAC 641A.182 section 3(a) on behalf of Dr. Ashley Luedke. Dr. Luedke expressed support for the changes.