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MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 08, 2013
Nevada State Board of Examiners for Marriage and
Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors
9436 West Lake Mead Boulevard #11-J
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- I. Call to order/Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 09:01 A.M. by Dr. Colleen Peterson, President. Also present was Ms. Joan Winkler, Vice President; Mr. Richard Harrison, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Donald Huggins, Member; Ms. Louise Sutherland, Member; Mr. Erik Schoen, Member; Dr. Katherine Unthank, Member; Ms. Rose Marie Reynolds, Deputy Attorney General (DAG) and Raymond E. Smith Sr., Executive Director (ED). Also, public members attending were Ms. Adrienne O’Neil, MFT, President of Nevada Association of Marriage & Family Therapists (NAMFT); Ms. Helen Foley, NAMFT Lobbyist; Ms. Sherrie Collier, MFT; Mr. Alexander Neverton, MFT-Intern candidate; Ms. Gina Segno, MFT-Intern Applicant; Ms. Katrina Zmaila, MFT-Intern candidate; Ms. Erin Chapel, Capella U. student; and Ms Cheri Jacobson-Lloyd, MFT. Board Members absent were Ms. Cheryl Musson; and Ms. Sean Gamble.
- II. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
- III. Dr. Huggins moved to approve the Meeting Minutes for 2/15/2013. Seconded by Mr. Harrison. Mr. Schoen abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Schoen moved to approve the Meeting Minutes for 2/22/2013. Ms. Sutherland seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Motion made by Mr. Schoen to approve the following individuals for Marriage and Family Therapist Internship and Clinical Professional Counselor Internship. Mr. Alexander Neverton was removed due to ineligibility -- wait for documents to complete application file. Dr. Unthank seconded. Dr. Huggins abstained. Motion passed.

Ms. Winkler moved to deny Mr. Alexander Neverton internship at this time because his file needed documentation. Seconded by Dr. Unthank. Motion passed unanimously.

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Ms. Marby Bartone (MFT-Intern)	Primary/2 nd – Correa/Rowe (approved)
Ms. Ebony Igeleke (MFT-Intern)	Primary – Rowe (approved)
Mr. Alexander Neverton (CPC-Intern)	Primary/2 nd – Murphy/Johns (not approved)
Ms. Katrina Zmaila (MFT-Intern)	Primary – Huggins (approved)

- V. Ms. Sutherland moved to approve all proposed changes for interns, as listed. Seconded by Dr. Unthank. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Corissa Brunson	CPC-Intern	Secondary – Shaver (approved)
Ms. April Carney	MFT-Intern	Primary/2 nd – Krueger/Griffin (approved)
Ms. Kristen Dahlke	CPC-Intern	Primary/2 nd – Beach/Griffin (approved)
Ms. Allison Hillborn	MFT-Intern	Primary/2 nd – Hall/Griffin (approved)
Ms. Mona Martinez	MFT-Intern	Secondary – DeFilippo (approved)
Ms. Molly Parsons	MFT-Intern	Secondary – Grierson (approved)
Ms. Laura Robinson	MFT-Intern	Secondaries – Grierson/Knight (approved)
Ms. Michelle Sprague	MFT-Intern	Secondary – Von Ravensberg (approved)
Mr. Patrick Tobey	MFT-Intern	Secondary – Beach (approved)

- VI. Board discussed the necessity for an intern's openness and willingness to feedback during internship. Dr. Huggins and Dr. Unthank volunteered to gather more information. The Board would like to discuss this issue again in the future.
- VII. Dr. Huggins outlined the review of his Board office visit and discussed several recommendations for operations. All the other Board members volunteered to pitch in at the Board office and help out with various projects for upgrade and innovation, working with the Executive Director.
- VIII. This item was discussed as part of Item VII.
- IX. This item was not discussed.
- X. The DAG discussed with the Board members that they are free to testify at Legislative Committee meetings as individual members of the public. However, because they are members of State Board of Examiners, one must be very careful and specific to identify

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themselves as representing themselves as individuals speaking as a member of the public and not as a Board Member authorized to speak for the entire Board, unless the Board member is specifically appointed by the Board as a spokesperson for the Board.

- XI. The Board discussed the language and concept of Senate Bill SB 155 and the Proposed Amendment to SB 155 Relating to the Practice of Clinical Professional Counseling as submitted to the Legislative Committee by the Nevada Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (NAMFT). (see attached)

Ms. Sutherland moved that the Proposed Amendment to Senate Bill SB155, submitted by NAMFT, be denied as written. Dr. Unthank seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Cheri Jacobson-Lloyd, who is a Nevada licensed MFT and a Nevada licensed CPC, who has been an instructor at the University of Phoenix for six years and taught in the MFT Program and the CPC program at the university graduate level stated that by her experience there is no comparison in the training given in the two graduate programs. She added her strong belief that clinicians should “not practice beyond their training and education” as a matter of ethics. She stated she would be in support of an Amendment to SB155 that included MFT classes and the MFT exam.

The Board President reminded the Board that the current education and training requirements for CPCs to be licensed in the State of Nevada mirrors the definition of a Clinical Mental Health Counselor and requirements set and approved by the National Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP).

Ms. Adrienne O’Neil, Nevada licensed MFT and President of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) - Nevada chapter (NAMFT) underscored the importance of the function of the Board to protect the Public and to ensure that all clinicians do no harm. She noted the willingness of her organization to take part in finding a solution in the form of the right language for the amendment and their confidence in the Board making the determination whether a clinician has the competencies to treat couples and families.

Ms. Erin Chapel, a current Capella University student, stated her program is a CACREP accredited program. Although, in her program her classes include marriage and family courses such as Child and Adolescent Counseling; and Marital and Family

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Systems, she understands that after she graduates that she will not be able to see couples or families if she practices in Nevada.

Mr. Schoen informed the Board that in his research he has found that insurance companies do not see an increase risk for counselors to see couples and families. So, in fact, there may be a search for a solution to a problem that does not exist.

Ms. Debbie Garbett, NV licensed CPC in Elko, joined in the discussion.

Mr. Schoen stated to the Board that in some states there is a question and some concern about the scope of practice of MFTs is weaker because of their educational focus is so specialized. The competency of Professional Counselors seems to some to be much stronger and justifiable.

Ms. Helen Foley, who is the Lobbyist for the Nevada Chapter of the AAMFT National organization, stated that the focus on competency and the reduction of wording should be in the language of the proposed amendment and perhaps the proper coursework. Dr. Unthank and Ms. Sutherland agreed there should be less verbiage.

Mr. Schoen informed the Board that in his research he has also found that rates of complaints are not significant concerning assessment or treatment in other states.

Dr. Huggins moved that the language of the Proposed Amendment to SB 155 be altered to say

(b) The assessment or treatment of couples or families without demonstrated competency through coursework, supervision and experience working with couples and families, as determined by the Board of Examiners

The motion was seconded by Ms. Winkler. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Dr. Huggins to set fees for the execution of this amendment at \$50.00 for processing CPC expansion certification. Motion seconded by Mr. Harrison. This motion passed unanimously. Ms. Foley said she would pursue the changes in the Bill to include the fees.

XII. Public Comment. – There was no further public comment.

XIII. Items for future agendas include

1. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 26th, 2013 @ 9:00am.
2. Board Interviews will be April 10th & April 12th in Las Vegas and Reno, respectively.

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3. Discussion of Open Meeting Law statutes.

XIV. Dr. Unthank motioned to adjourn meeting at 12:10 pm.

Submitted By: _____
Raymond E. Smith Sr., Executive Director

■ This conference was recorded.

These Minutes have been approved by the Board and are not subject to revision.