

Nevada State Board of Examiners  
for Marriage and Family Therapists &  
Clinical Professional Counselors  
Carson City, NV Simulcast to Las Vegas  
September 5, 2014

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR PROPOSED CHANGES AND  
ADDITIONS TO CHAPTER 641A REGULATIONS**

Purpose: To receive comments from the public regarding the proposed rules and regulations changes, additions and/or adoptions in Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) File No. R091-14.

Board Attendance

Colleen Peterson, PhD.	President	in Las Vegas
Joan Winkler, MA	Vice-President	in Carson City
Richard Harrison	Secretary/Treasurer	in Las Vegas
Donald Huggins, Ed.D.	Board Member	in Carson City
Erik Schoen	Board Member	in Carson City
Hal Taylor	Board Member	in Carson City
Jeanne E. Griffin, Ed.D.	Board Member	in Las Vegas
Rose Marie Reynolds	Deputy Attorney General	in Las Vegas
Raymond E. Smith Sr.	Executive Director	in Las Vegas

Public Attendance

1. Dr. Shannon Smith, CPC	<a href="mailto:shoannon.smith@unlv.edu">shoannon.smith@unlv.edu</a>	in Las Vegas
2. Mr. Oscar Sida, CPC	<a href="mailto:osida23@gmail.com">osida23@gmail.com</a>	in Las Vegas
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11. Jill Packman, MFT	<a href="mailto:jillpackman@gmail.com">jillpackman@gmail.com</a>	in Reno

The Proposed Regulations were Recited.

Section 1. Chapter 641A of NAC will be amended. No comment from the Board and no public comment.

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Section 2. The 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to chapter 641A. No comment from the Board and no public comment.

Section 3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to chapter 641A.

**Dr. Shannon Smith** – read the Nevada Revised Statutes NRS 641A.065: “The Practice of Clinical Professional Counseling defined” in order to emphasize paragraph (2) subsection (b) where it states that the practice of CPC includes the assessment or treatment of couples and families by CPC’s who “through the completion of coursework or supervised training or experience” have demonstrated competence as determined by the Board. His emphasis was upon the “or” used in the language and the fact that the proposed changes in the regulations use “and”.

He expressed his views that the qualifications seemed extreme to him.

He pointed out that there was no grandfathering clause in the regulations.

He also pointed out that there was not language for the supervision of interns.

**Mr. Oscar Sida** – stated that he would like to see alternative methods of demonstrating competence.

Section 4. NAC 641A.035. LCB made no changes. No comment from the Board and no public comment.

Section 5. NAC 641A.176. LCB made no changes. No comment from the Board and no public comment.

Section 6. NAC 641A.243. LCB made no changes. No comment from the Board and no public comment.

Section 7. NAC 641A.256. LCB made no changes. No comment from the Board and no public comment.

Section 8. NAC 641A.258. LCB made no changes. No comment from the Board and no public comment.

Section 9. NAC 641A.306. LCB made no changes. No comment from the Board and no public comment.

Section 10. NAC 641A.441. LCB made no changes. No comment from the Board and no public comment.

Section 11. NAC 641A.176. No changes. No comment from the Board and no public comment

### **Open Forum for Public Comments**

The President queried the public for general comment about how they think CPCs should show competence to work with couples and families.

**Smith** – indicated that he supported competency demonstration with a combination of education, supervised experience and testing. However, he shared that he would be more comfortable with a higher number of experience hours, such as 750 hours, instead of 500. In his estimation any Clinical Professional Counselor who endeavored to pursue the CPC endorsement to see couples and families would need to make at least a \$10,000 investment in the educational coursework required in the Regulation Changes as Proposed in the current R091-14, and then a second investment in the cost of

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Supervision to gain the hourly experience and then finally the cost of the exam. He did not specify any further amounts specifically.

**Sida** – brought attention to the potential requirements for Continuing Education Units that have not been identified yet and the cost associated with them. Mr. Sida also spoke of a transitional period (grandfather clause) for currently licensed CPC to prepare to meet the new requirements.

**Smith** – He went on to say that perhaps the Board should provide annual training. He envisioned that the in-state universities would work with the Board to provide Certification Programs for those seeking the required education. He felt that other universities could also benefit from the move of providing a Certification Program.

**Sida** – indicated that many of the courses were already provided at some universities.

#### **Future Rulemaking Procedures**

There will be a Board Meeting on Monday, 29 September 2014 at 9:00 AM in the same meeting room where the Board will consider the comments made at the workshop. We will take the comments that have been submitted and presented by the public and make corrections or changes to the proposed regulations.

After this we will schedule another Workshop to solicit more comments about the proposed regulations after changes have been made.

This second workshop will be followed by second submission to LCB to consider changes made. We will then have to hold another workshop, probably in conjunction with a public hearing and an adoption meeting. If the changes are not considered too substantive and LCB accepts the adopted changes to the regulations then LCB will send the adopted regulations to the Secretary of State for finalization.

**President's Note:** The Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors would like to thank the members of the public who participated in the Workshop this day. The Board would like you to know we are continuing to work as quickly and diligently as we can to get those who are qualified endorsed as soon as possible. Thank you.

Note: This workshop was digitally recorded.

Minutes were not yet approved and are subject to change.