

MINUTES APRIL 20TH, 2012
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
Approved May 18th, 2012

The meeting was called to order by G Bockrath at 1:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Members Present:

G Bockrath D Dowling
M Reynaud P Millhollon
E Cowger T Moore
A Allen L Choate
G Perkins A Williams

Staff Present:

M Olsan

Guests Present:

C Nardini

Absent:

No absent members.

Agenda

G Perkins moved to accept the agenda. T Moore seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Board Minutes

G Perkins moved to accept the March 9th, 2012 Meeting Minutes. M Reynaud seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Board Officer Elections

G Perkins was elected the new Board Chair. L Choate was elected as the new Vice Chair. P Millhollon was elected as the new Board Secretary.

Committee on Disciplinary Affairs – L Choate, M Reynaud

L Choate presented the Disciplinary Committee report. Three unofficial and five official complaints were received since the last Board meeting. Four complaints were dismissed.

The following cases were closed:

- 11/12-23 – Abandonment of Supervision
- 11/12-24 – Practicing without a License
- 11/12-28 – Failure to Respond to Board Requests

The following cases were dismissed:

- 11/12-37 – Abusive Behavior*
- 11/12-38 – Fraudulent Billing
- 11/12-39 – Dual Relationship**
- 11/12-40 – Misrepresentation of Credentials

The following cases were opened:

- 11/12-35 – Failure to Report
- 11/12-36 – Unprofessional Conduct
- 11/12-41 – Sexual Misconduct

*This complaint was forwarded to the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.

**Anonymous complaint; insufficient evidence.

There are a total of 26 active cases.

M Olsan reported that a new Private Investigator was chosen and contract negotiations were underway. M Olsan also asked the Board for feedback regarding complaints received from correctional institutions.

L Choate motioned to accept the Disciplinary report. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee Professional Assistance Program (PAP) – P Millhollon, E Cowger

No report.

Legislative Updates – G Bockrath, M Olsan

C Nardini presented a status update on SB 216 and HB 1113. She also reported that no author was found for a fee change bill.

Committee on Licensure and Supervision – A Allen, A Williams, P Millhollon

P Millhollon reported no folders were reviewed for registration/licensure/supervision for LMFT.

Registration of Supervision: 0 approved, 0 denied.

Licensure: 0 approved, 0 denied.

Supervision: 0 approved, 0 denied.

A Williams reported 81 folders were reviewed for registration/licensure/supervision for LPC.

Part One: 6 approved, 3 denied

Part Two: 1 approved, 0 denied

Part One and Two: 1 approved, 0 denied

Part Two and Three: 3 approved, 0 denied

Change of Supervisor: 6 approved, 0 denied

Registration of Supervision: 15 approved, 2 denied

Licensure: 30 approved, 3 denied

Privileging: 1 approved, 0 denied

Supervision: 9 approved, 0 denied

Areas of Expertise: 0 approved, 1 denied

M Olsan presented the application policy and procedure document. M Reynaud suggested out of state LPCs who have actively practiced for five or more years and are in good standing with all Boards with which they are licensed may apply for LPC endorsement in Louisiana without meeting substantial equivalency requirements. M Olsan reported that many other Boards in the U.S. had adopted a similar policy to encourage portability.

The Board discussed several policies, including policies regarding “stopped” interns and those applicants who apply for ROS from non-CACREP accredited degree programs. M Olsan suggested only those who graduate from non-CACREP accredited degree programs be subject to the substantial equivalency policies outlined in the policy document. The Board asked M Olsan to edit the policy and procedure document and present the revised document at the May 18th, 2012 Board meeting.

A Williams motioned to accept the Licensure and Supervision report. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Appraisal Privilege – A Allen

A Allen reported that one application for Appraisal privilege was received and approved. A Allen motioned to accept the Privileging report. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Rules – G Perkins, A Allen, E Cowger, A Williams

G Perkins reported that the Rules Committee was still working on revisions to the rules related to Act 320 as well as other rule changes the Board wanted included in the next draft of rule revisions.

Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report –M Reynaud

M Reynaud reported that the Attorney General opinion regarding LMFTs has still not been received. He also reported that M Olsan submitted the proposed LMFT Supervision rules as well as the revisions to the LMFT academic requirements to the Legislative Fiscal Office for review. M Reynaud stated that the MFTAC expected to receive many more applicants once the rule revisions to the LMFT academic guidelines were officially promulgated.

Committee on Correspondence – A Williams, M Olsan

M Olsan presented an email requesting clarification on the role of school counselors who practice psychotherapy and concerns over billing practices. The Board discussed the fact that the rules and laws do address the practice of psychotherapy but not specific billing practices. The Board directed M Olsan to provide the person with this feedback as well as suggest she contact Medicaid for specific billing concerns.

M Olsan discussed several emails received regarding confusion surrounding the title “Counselor Intern”. She reported that some Counselor Interns notified the Board of difficulties finding jobs because their title denoted “student intern” to many employers. M Olsan discussed the titles Social Workers use to denote who is required to be under supervision. L Choate stated that we must be careful not to mislead the public and/or create confusion over whether or not Counselor Interns are licensed by the Board. Counselor Interns are registered with the Board and must remain under supervision until licensed.

M Olsan presented emails received regarding the CANS assessment and whether or not one must have appraisal privileges in order to conduct the assessment. G Bockrath and T Moore stated that the Board should only refer those with inquiries regarding specific assessments to the Board’s position statement. M Reynaud asked the Board to consider providing individuals with more specific answers. D Dowling motioned to refer those with inquiries regarding specific assessments, including the CANS, to the Board’s position statement and applicable rules. G Perkins seconded. M Reynaud opposed. The motion passed.

Public Comments

None.

Committee on Personnel – D Dowling

M Olsan presented the Personnel report.

Committee on Budgeting – D Dowling, T Moore, E Cowger, M Olsan

D Dowling stated that because we did not get a fee increase, the Board will have to continue to find ways to increase revenue and cut expenses.

Financial Report – M Olsan

M Olsan presented the March 2012 financial report. E Cowger motioned to approve the financial report. A Williams seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Executive Director Report – M Olsan

M Olsan presented the Executive Director report. M Olsan also asked the Board for permission to require all LPC and LMFT supervisors to submit the names of their current supervisees. The Board supported this request. G Bockrath and L Choate stated that those who do not comply should be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. T Moore suggested a status update on all supervisees be a requirement of license renewal for those who are supervisors.

LAMFT Liaison Report – P Millhollon

No report.

LCA Liaison Report – E Cowger

No report.

New Business – M Olsan

G Bockrath announced that the next Board meeting is on May 18th, 2012.

Closing

G Perkins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 PM. L Choate seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Mary Alice Olsan, Executive Director