

MINUTES May 20th, 2011
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
Approved June 24th, 2011

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

Staff Present:

M Olsan
D Wall

Absent:

A Williams

Guests: S Adams

Agenda

E Cowger moved to accept the agenda. T Moore seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Board Minutes

T Moore moved to approve both March and April 2011 Minutes. G Perkins seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Disciplinary Affairs – L Choate

L Choate presented the Discipline report. One new complaint was received since the last Board meeting. The following cases were opened:

10/11-33 – Unprofessional Behavior
10/11-34 – Unprofessional Behavior

Five cases were closed this month:

10/11-4 – Unprofessional Behavior
10/11-11 – Unprofessional Behavior/Unethical Behavior
10/11-12 – Unprofessional Behavior/Abusive Behavior
10/11-14 – Unprofessional Behavior/Unethical Behavior
10/11-15 – Unprofessional Behavior/Unethical Behavior

One complaint was dismissed. The complaint was illegible and the letter requesting clarification was returned.

Case 10/11-17 was brought before the Board for general discussion by M Reynaud. M Reynaud accepted the recommendations and suggestions by the Board.

The resolution of case 06/07-09 was re-discussed by the Board. S Adams will review the current status of the case with M Trahant and prepare a recommendation to the Board.

There are a total of 26 active cases. L Choate motioned to accept the Discipline Report. Approved, no abstentions.

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

P Millhollon reported three current PAP cases. M Olsan to work with S Adams to post PAP rules on the LPC Board website. M Olsan to create a PAP Action Chart to track the PAP cases.

Executive Session: L Choate provided the Board with an additional update regarding the Disciplinary Committee. No motions made.

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

P Millhollon reported 6 folders were reviewed for LMFT.

Sections Two and Three: 1 approved, 0 denied
Registration of Supervision: 2 approved, 0 denied.
Change of Supervisor: 1 approved, 0 denied.
Licensure: 2 approved, 0 denied.

A Allen presented one applicant for Registration of Supervision who completed her graduate level education in Honduras. The Board discussed her educational background at length before formally deciding her application for Registration of Supervision must be denied due to not meeting all academic requirements.

A Allen reported that 57 folders were reviewed for LPC.

Part One: 6 approved, 2 denied
Part One and Two: 1 approved, 0 denied
Part Two and Three: 4 approved, 0 denied.
Registration of Supervision: 19 approved, 2 denied
Licensure: 18 approved, 0 denied
Supervision: 2 approved, 0 denied

A Allen motioned to accept the report on licensure/supervision for LPC/LMFT. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Privileging – A Williams, A Allen

A Allen reported three applications were reviewed for privileging. All three applications were approved. A Allen motioned to accept the report. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Rules – T Moore, G Perkins, A Williams

T Moore reported that Act 613 rules will be promulgated on June 20th, 2011. T Moore also reminded the Board of the MFTAC retreat, immediately following the June Board meeting and continuing on Saturday, June 25th, 2011. The purpose of the MFTAC retreat is to review LMFT supervision rules. All Board members were invited to attend the retreat.

Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report – T Moore

T Moore discussed the substitute bill presented by Senator Mount. T Moore presented proposed new language to be included as part of the bill. This language included the clarification of scope of practice for LMFT's. T Moore suggested both LPC's and LMFT's have identical language for scope of practice. T Moore reported that LCA and LAMFT were currently working on changing the wording of the bill.

Executive Session: Legislative Updates – G Bockrath

Discussion regarding the current legislative session. The Board agreed to continue to work to change the rules to include a 60 hour degree requirement for LPC's (rather than the current 48 hour degree requirement). No motions made.

Committee on Correspondence – A Williams

M Olsan presented a case of a LPC applicant at risk of losing all supervision hours because they were acquired in another state. The Board discussed the need for a supervision rule review to allow Counselor Interns to keep at least some percentage of hours acquired in another state. The Board agreed that, at this time, the Board cannot accept any supervision hours acquired under anyone other than a Louisiana LPC Board-approved supervisor or an ACS Board-approved supervisor.

M Olsan presented an inquiry regarding the use of Skype as an appropriate medium for face-face counseling. The Board ruled that Skype cannot be used as an alternative or to satisfy the requirements of face-to-face counseling. The Board addressed the need for further discussion regarding supervision via a variety of mediums.

Public Comments

None.

Committee on Personnel – D Dowling

No report.

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

Discussed the use of additional counsel for the CSoC related report.

Financial Report – M Olsan

M Olsan presented the financial reports for February and March 2011. E Cowger motioned to approve the financial reports. G Perkins seconded.

Executive Director Report – M Olsan

M Olsan delivered the Executive Director Report.

LAMFT Liaison Report – F Selby

No report.

LCA Liaison Report – E Cowger

E Cowger asked for feedback from the Board to recount at the upcoming LCA retreat. The Board asked E Cowger to thank LCA for their help with the Board's involvement in the LCA Conference. The Board also recommended E Cowger provide LCA with a brief summary of the Board's current financial position. M Olsan will provide E Cowger will all needed information. M Reynaud suggested that E Cowger also highlight in his report the importance of a good working relationship with LAMFT.

Unfinished Business

Rules Review: Deferred.

Newsletter: No March newsletter.

New Business:

The next Board meeting is on June 24th, 2011 at the Board Office.

Closing

G Perkins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 PM. P Millhollon seconded. All approved, no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted by
Mary Alice Olsan
Executive Director