

MINUTES August 26th, 2011
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
Approved September 16th, 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:

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

Staff Present:

M Olsan
T Bergholtz

Absent:

T Moore
F Selby

Guests: S Adams, C Nardini, D Patterson, J Grimes

Agenda

E Cowger moved to accept the agenda. G Perkins seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Board Minutes

P Millhollon asked to amend the July 2011 Minutes to indicate that two MFT interns were approved for supervision. M Reynaud moved to accept the July 2011 Board Minutes as amended. E Cowger seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Legislative Updates – D Patterson

D Patterson provided information about the last legislative session and the implications of Act 320. He explained the concept of legislative intent. D Patterson also discussed questions regarding those clients with a serious mental illness, as defined by Act 320, who do not wish to see a medical practitioner. He stated that in his legal opinion, obtaining a client waiver from such individuals would not supersede the current law.

C Nardini explained LCA's position during the last legislative session and LCA's concerns with Act 320. M Reynaud moved to rescind the June 24th, 2011 Board vote to send Senator Mount a letter regarding her intent for Act 320. G Perkins seconded. All approved; no abstentions. M Reynaud asked C Nardini if a member of LCA could be present for the LPC Board update at the 2011 LCA Conference.

Committee on Disciplinary Affairs – L Choate

L Choate presented the Discipline report. Two new complaints were received since the last Board meeting. No cases were closed. Case 10/11-35 was dismissed for failure to meet the required deadline to submit a formal complaint.

The following cases were opened:

10/11-37 – Psychological Testing
11/12-01 – Unprofessional Behavior

The following cases were discussed:

06/07-09: L Choate moved to uphold the original Board ruling after the hearing in this case. All approved; no abstentions.

07/08-02: L Choate informed the Board that the hearing for this case was postponed until November 7th, 2011.

08/09-04: L Choate stated the hearing to clarify the order in this case was postponed. L Choate asked S Adams and M Olsan to determine what steps may be taken to revoke this person's license.

10/11-20: L Choate asked the Board for feedback regarding what sanctions, if any, should be levied against the Supervisor for not adequately supervising the Counselor Intern whom the complaint was filed against. The Board asked that additional information be provided.

There are a total of 33 active cases. L Choate motioned to accept the Discipline Report. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee Professional Assistance Program (PAP) – P Millhollon, S Adams, E Cowger
P Millhollon presented the PAP Committee's proposed guidelines for PAP referrals. P Millhollon asked for suggestions and feedback regarding PAP protocol. E Cowger asked for suggestions for his presentation on PAP at the LCA conference.

P Millhollon discussed case PAP-03. She asked the Board for feedback regarding the person's request to be inactive. S Adams will draft a letter regarding this status for the PAP Committee. The Board agreed with the PAP Committee's suggestion of requiring personal therapy twice a month for the person discussed. P Millhollon moved to accept the PAP Report. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Licensure and Supervision – A Williams, A Allen, P Millhollon
P Millhollon reported 8 folders were reviewed for registration/licensure/supervision for LMFT.

Registration of Supervision: 5 approved, 1 denied.
Supervision: 2 approved, 0 denied.

A Allen reported 107 folders were reviewed for registration/licensure/supervision for LPC.

Part One: 14 approved, 0 denied.
Part One and Two: 2 approved, 0 denied.
Part Two: 1 approved, 0 denied.
Part Two and Three: 11 approved, 0 denied.
Change of Supervisor: 11 approved, 0 denied.
Registration of Supervision: 24 approved, 1 denied
Licensure: 27 approved, 0 denied
Supervision: 16 approved, 0 denied

G Bockrath motioned to accept the report on registration/licensure/supervision for LPC/LMFT. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Privileging – A Williams, A Allen

No applications received for Privileging.

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

No report.

Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report – M Reynaud

M Reynaud said the MFTAC is still in the process of revising supervision rules. M Reynaud reported that all MFT forms were updated. M Olsan to prepare and post new forms on the Board website.

Committee on Correspondence – A Williams

M Olsan presented an email from an LSU student requesting a Board member to speak at a LSU Psychology Club meeting. L Choate volunteered to attend the meeting. M Olsan to forward information to L Choate.

M Olsan discussed multiple calls and emails requesting the Board to consider the use of video-conferencing as an acceptable means of gaining supervision for Counselor Interns. D Dowling stated that the Board must consider a rule change to accommodate for new technology. The Board agreed to work on a revision of this rule during the upcoming rule revision meetings.

M Olsan presented a letter from SWLA regarding Act 320. G Bockrath suggested we use the letter as a starting point for developing a list of questions we expect to receive at the LCA conference. M Olsan also presented an email from an LPC who conducted an independent survey on industry best practices in consultation.

Public Comments

None.

Committee on Personnel – D Dowling

D Dowling suggested dissolving this committee and removing this item from the agenda. The Board discussed this suggestion and decided to leave the committee intact.

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

M Olsan presented the LA Attestation Questionnaire for formal adoption by the Board. G Perkins moved to adopt the document. D Dowling seconded the motion. All approved; no abstentions. M Olsan discussed the new policy that Board members will not receive reimbursement of conference fees for those conferences where they also gain CEU credit. Additionally, Board members will only be reimbursed for travel and lodging for conferences they are asked to attend on Board business.

Financial Report – M Olsan

M Olsan presented a financial snapshot of the 10/11 fiscal year. She reported the fiscal year end deficit as nearly \$67,000 less than expected as of January of 2011. M Reynaud stated that the Board must continue to encourage both LCA and LAMFT to support fee increases.

Executive Session: Executive Director Report – M Olsan

M Olsan presented the Executive Director report. G Bockrath and D Dowling recommended M Olsan hire a temporary, part-time person specifically to help with updating the database.

LAMFT Liaison Report – M Reynaud

M Reynaud reported that T Moore went to the LAMFT Executive Board meeting to discuss increasing fees for LMFT licensure. LAMFT submitted a position statement regarding LMFT scope of practice to AAMFT for their opinion. M Reynaud also reported that M Olsan, S Adams, and LAMFT representatives met with DHH regarding CSoC.

LCA Liaison Report – E Cowger

E Cowger reported that he will attend the LCA Executive Board meeting and relay the Board's needs for a fee increase. The Board also discussed the Board update and potential discussion topics at the LCA conference. G Bockrath will create the power point presentation for the Board update. M Olsan will contact LCA about including Board questions sheets in the welcome packets for all attendees. D Dowling suggested collecting email addresses from LCA Conference participants to help with the dissemination of the future Board e-newsletter. E Cowger motioned that that Board respectfully request LCA to pursue an Act 320 law change at the Executive Meeting at the LCA conference. G Perkins seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Unfinished Business

The Rules Committee Retreat originally scheduled for after the September 2011 Board meeting is most likely cancelled. M Olsan to follow up with T Moore. The MFTAC will have a retreat to work on LMFT supervision rule changes on September 16th- 17th, 2011.

New Business

The next Board meeting is September 16th, 2011 at the Board office.

Closing

M Reynaud motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 PM. G Perkins seconded. All approved, no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted by
Mary Alice Olsan
Executive Director