

MINUTES November 9th, 2012
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
Approved January 18th, 2013

The meeting was called to order by G Perkins at 12:07 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Members Present:

G Perkins P Millhollon
L Choate A Williams
M Reynaud D Dowling
E Cowger K Lammert

Members Absent:

T Moore
A Allen

Staff Present:

M Olsan

Guests Present:

S Adams
C Morrell
C Nardini
P Ceasar
G Gautreaux
J Huber

Agenda

K Lammert motioned to approve the agenda. A Williams seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Board Minutes

M Reynaud motioned to accept the September 21st Meeting Minutes. K Lammert seconded. All approved; no abstentions. G Perkins thanked everyone who attended the LCA Board Update at the LCA Conference.

Legislative Updates – G Perkins, M Olsan, C Morrell, G Gautreaux

M Olsan reported on the BACB meeting regarding SR 159 and explained each of the presentations regarding the regulatory authority for behavior analysts (BAs). G Gautreaux presented information about BAs and LaBAA's journey thus far regarding the regulation of BAs. C Morrell explained the presentation both she and A Munn gave at the last BACB meeting. G Gautreaux and C Morrell thanked M Olsan for her work on the commission and the Board for considering the proposal of the BAs joining the LPC Board.

G Perkins called for a vote to accept the BAs as part of the Board, much like the current MFTAC structure, whereby 2 BAs would be voting members of the Board. E Cowger motioned to accept the option of expanding the LPC Board by 2 members to include the BAs. M Reynaud seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

G Perkins called for a vote to accept the BAs as an independent Board that shares resources with the LPC Board—a.k.a. "a sister Board". E Cowger motioned to accept the sister Board option for the BAs. K Lammert seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

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

No report.

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

P Millhollon reported six applicants were reviewed for registration/licensure/supervision for LMFT in October and November.

Registration of Supervision: 1 approved, 0 denied
Licensure: 3 approved, 1 denied, 3 approved to take NMFT exam
Change of Supervisor: 0 approved, 0 denied
Change of Practice Setting: 1 approved, 0 denied

Supervision: 0 approved, 0 denied

A Williams reported 103 folders were reviewed for registration/licensure/supervision for LPC in October and November.

Part One: 12 approved, 5 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: 13 approved, 0 denied

Registration of Supervision: 27 approved, 2 denied

Licensure: 20 approved, 2 denied

Privileging: 0 approved, 0 denied

Supervision: 14 approved, 0 denied

Areas of Expertise: 1 approved, 0 denied, 2 need more information

A Williams presented an applicant who wished to use a multicultural course to count for the required counseling techniques course. E Cowger and L Choate both explained that the techniques course is a fundamental course and could not be substituted by a multicultural course. Board recommended the Licensure Committee deny applicant.

A Williams presented an applicant who wished to use an abnormal course specific to children only to meet the abnormal course requirement. The Board discussed the importance of an abnormal course providing information across age groups. Board recommended the Licensure Committee deny applicant.

A Williams presented an applicant with a felony who was pardoned several years prior to application. The Board asked S Adams for input. S Adams stated that a pardon was sufficient. Board recommended the Licensure Committee approve applicant.

M Olsan presented the top rated new application questions by the Board and Board staff. The Board discussed several questions and asked M Olsan to create a final draft for approval at the January Board meeting.

M Olsan asked the Board for input regarding waiving the Change of Supervisor fee due to extenuating circumstances. The Board asked M Olsan to ensure all applicants provide documentation from their supervisor as to why the fee should be waived. K Lammert motioned that the Licensure Committee present each individual who wishes to have this fee waived for Board approval. M Reynaud seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

M Olsan presented concerns regarding the denial of applicants based on moral character. Board agreed a legal opinion regarding this issue should be sought by M Olsan. The Board also discussed the current and future oral examination process.

P Millhollon motioned to accept the Licensure Committee and Supervision report. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Appraisal Privilege – A Williams

No report.

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

G Perkins presented an update on the development of Act 276 related rules. G Perkins stated that the recommendation of the Rules Committee was not to accept any type of military occupation as equivalent. She explained the process for expedited review for military applicants. G Perkins stated that the Rules Committee hopes to promulgate the Act 276 rules as

part of the larger rule promulgation associated with Act 636 in March or April of 2013. G Perkins motioned to accept the Rules Committee report. All approved; no abstentions.

Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report –M Reynaud

M Reynaud reported that the MFTAC will be working on rules related to intern endorsement to be in compliance with Act 276. He reported that MFTAC is still working on the supervisor handbook. M Reynaud also reported that MFTAC will conduct their first supervisor training course at the 2013 LAMFT conference. G Perkins asked M Reynaud if MFTAC would consider providing a supervisor training course at LCA as well. M Reynaud also reported that no new Board appointments had been made by the Governor for MFTAC, to date. M Reynaud motioned to accept the MFTAC report. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Correspondence – A Williams, M Olsan, S Adams

M Olsan and M Reynaud presented an email from P Ceasar regarding the endorsement of intern hours. Board agreed this could not be handled via policy, only via a rule change.

M Olsan presented a response letter from LSBEP regarding Parker’s SB 216 testimony. S Adams answered questions by the Board regarding the legal information provided in the LSBEP letter and possible next steps.

M Olsan and M Reynaud discussed the LSBEP requested AG opinion regarding LMFTs.

M Olsan provided a synopsis of the LSBEP requested AG opinion regarding BAs.

Committee on Disciplinary Affairs – L Choate, M Reynaud

L Choate presented the Disciplinary Committee report. Zero unofficial and 23 official complaints were received since the last Board meeting. One complaint, 12/13-55, was dismissed.

The following cases were closed:

1. 10/11-07: Unprofessional Conduct
2. 11/12-34: Unprofessional Conduct
3. 12/13-02: Misrepresentation of Credentials
4. 12/13-03: Misrepresentation of Credentials
5. 12/13-04: Misrepresentation of Credentials
6. 12/13-06: Unprofessional Conduct
7. 12/13-10: Misrepresentation of Credentials
8. 12/13-11: Misrepresentation of Credentials
9. 12/13-24: Misrepresentation of Credentials
10. 12/13-30: Sexual Misconduct

The following cases were opened:

1. 12/13-38: Practicing without a License
2. 12/13-41: Abusive Conduct*
3. 12/13-42: Practicing without Board-Approved Supervision*
4. 12/13-43: Inappropriate Supervision*
5. 12/13-44: Abandonment of Supervision*
6. 12/13-45: Practicing without Board-Approved Supervision*
7. 12/13-46: Inappropriate Supervision*
8. 12/13-47: Abandonment of Supervision*
9. 12/13-48: Applicant Practiced Before Registered with Board*
10. 12/13-49: Applicant Practiced Before Registered with Board*
11. 12/13-50: Applicant Practiced Before Registered with Board*

12. 12/13-51: Applicant Practiced Before Registered with Board*
13. 12/13-52: Applicant Practiced Before Registered with Board*
14. 12/13-53: Applicant Practiced Before Registered with Board*
15. 12/13-54: Applicant Practiced Before Registered with Board*
16. 12/13-56: Abandonment of Supervision*
17. 12/13-57: Inappropriate Supervision*
18. 12/13-58: Hiring Individuals not Licensed/Registered with Board*
19. 12/13-59: Practicing without Board-Approved Supervision*
20. 12/13-60: Applicant Practiced Before Registered with Board*
21. 12/13-61: Unprofessional Conduct
22. 12/13-62: Unprofessional Conduct
23. 12/13-63: Unprofessional Conduct

*Board-Initiated Complaint

There are a total of 64 active cases. S Adams presented updates on two ongoing discipline cases: 06/07-09 and 07/08-02. L Choate asked for Board input regarding spiritual vs. mental health counseling for case 12/13-33. L Choate motioned to accept the Disciplinary Committee report. All approved; no abstentions.

Public Comments

None.

Committee on Personnel – D Dowling, M Olsan

No report.

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

No report.

Financial Report – M Olsan

M Olsan presented the September and October financial reports. P Millhollon motioned to approve the financial reports. E Cowger seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Executive Director Report – M Olsan

M Olsan presented the Executive Director report.

LAMFT Liaison Report – M Olsan

M Olsan presented the LAMFT Liaison report.

LCA Liaison Report – E Cowger

M Olsan presented the LCA Liaison report.

New Business – G Perkins, M Olsan

G Perkins reminded the Board that the January Board meeting date is January 18th, 2013.

Closing

K Lammert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 PM. M Reynaud seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Alice Olsan
Executive Director