

MINUTES December 8th, 2017
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
Approved January 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order by L Choate at 12:36 p.m. The Board Secretary took the roll call and determined a quorum was present.

Members Present:

L Choate P Millhollon
E Cowger K Steele
R Cathey E Airhia
J Mims G Perkins
N Pierce

Members Absent:

D Mayeux
C Guillotte

Staff Present:

M Olsan
J Doming

Guests Present:

M Feduccia M Reynaud
J Raines

Agenda

L Choate asked for a motion to approve the agenda. E Cowger motioned to approve the agenda. E Airhia seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Board Meeting Minutes

L Choate asked for a motion to approve the April Board Meeting minutes. G Perkins motioned to approve the April Board Meeting minutes. E Cowger seconded. P Millhollon mentions she would like more notes in the minutes going forward. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Disciplinary Affairs – L Choate, K Steele, E Augustin, J Raines

L Choate asked J Raines of Breazeale, Sachse, & Wilson, LLP to proceed with the presentation of Consent Agreements.

J Raines presented the Consent Agreement for Blaine Bonnett, PLPC, Disciplinary Case 14/15-45. L Choate asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agreement. G Perkins motioned to accept and P Millhollon seconded. All approved; no abstentions. All Board Members present signed the Consent Agreement.

L Choate asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. J Mims moved and G Perkins seconded. Public left. (Executive Session)

Public invited back. E Airhia motioned to revoke license of M Songe. J Mims seconded. All approved; L Choate abstained. K Steele reads statement from S Noreia: The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in the Opinion and Order of the Board dated February 2, 2017 remain valid. Based on those Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Ms. Songe's license has been suspended since January 10, 2017, however a final disposition has yet to be made because the Board wanted to fully assess whether Ms. Songe's rehabilitative efforts would allow her to safely practice mental health counseling.

Ms. Songe has always been advised the revocation of her license was a possibility.

The Board ordered Ms. Songe through its Opinion and Order of February 2, 2017 and its Amended Order of August 24, 2017 to provide documentation to the Board of her rehabilitative efforts as outlined in those respective Orders.

Ms. Songe has failed to comply with the Orders of the Board.

Ms. Songe has been notified that an assessment of her licensure would be made at the Board meeting of today's date.

As a result of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of February 2, 2017 and in consideration of the continued failure to comply with orders of the Board, it is the unanimous opinion of the Board that Margaret Songe's LPC license, license number 4487, be revoked. An Opinion and Order will be prepared memorializing these findings.

L Choate presented the Disciplinary Affairs Committee Report:

Unofficial Complaints Received since September 22, 2017:

1. 17/18-23 Fraudulent Billing (Anonymous complaint)
2. 17/18-31 Inappropriate relationship (Anonymous complaint)

Official Complaints Received since September 22, 2017:

1. 17/18-23: Unprofessional Conduct
2. 17/18-25: Practicing outside scope of practice
3. 17/18-29: Licensed with another board
4. 17/18-30: Medicaid Fraud
5. 17/18-32: Fraudulent Billing
6. 17/18-34: Unprofessional Conduct
7. 17/18-35: Unprofessional Conduct

Cases to Open:

1. 17/18-09: Sexual Misconduct
2. 17/18-10 Unprofessional Conduct
3. 17/18-23 Unprofessional Conduct
4. 17/18-24: Unprofessional Conduct*
5. 17/18-25: Practicing outside scope of practice
6. 17/18-26: Fraudulent Billing (Anonymous Complaint)
7. 17/18-27: Medicaid Fraud*
8. 17/18-28: Practicing without a license/Fraudulent Billing?*
9. 17/18-30: Medicaid Fraud
10. 17/18-32: Fraudulent Billing
11. 17/18-33: Practice prior to registration*
12. 17/18-34: Unprofessional conduct
13. 17/18-35: Unprofessional conduct

Cases to Close: *(all cases for which a Consent Agreement was signed were also closed)*

1. 16/17-19: Unlicensed Practice
2. 16/17-43: Unlicensed Practice
3. 16/17-48: Unlicensed Practice
4. 16/17-62: Unlicensed Practice
5. 15/16-07: Fraud and unprofessional conduct

*Board-Initiated

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

Committee on Legislative Affairs –L Choate, G Perkins, J Mims, M Olsan, H Brownell

M Feduccia-PLCA discussed distance counseling. PLCA does not support PLCA's doing distance counseling. Working with School Board-PLPCs to get positions in schools. J Mims asked for

clarification. Hiring in schools for MHP positions-PLPCs could get those positions. M Feduccia to send inform to J Doming to send to the board. E Airhia also provided feedback on the topic. J Mims-LCA needs to market the LPCs and PLPCs more. Some school systems have made themselves Medicaid providers. PLPCs need to be part of that network. Some school systems have made themselves Medicaid providers. PLPCs need to be part of that network. P Millhollon- this goes back to our ongoing discussions with OBH and LDH about who can and cannot practice. J Mims believes this causes disciplinary case. L Choate and J Mims discuss working together on this issue.

M Reynaud deferred to P Millhollon to give the update on MFTAC conference being held in February at Crowne Plaza. MFTAC update-the association will dissolve and reform due to AAMFT bylaw changes. There are 4 structures possible: independent affiliate, top network, regional group and family teams. AAMFT will be running state conferences and the local division will submit their plan by April 2018.

Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal –E Cowger, P Millhollon, R Cathey, J Mims

E Cowger reported applicants were reviewed for provisional licensure/licensure/supervision for PLPC/LPC/LPC-S . M Olsan reminded the Board that the data includes those practice settings and expedited applications approved each month by Board Staff.

Application Type	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
LPC Application for Licensure	27	5	11	43
<i>38-APPROVED 5-DENIED 0-Need more Info</i>				
LPC Out-of-State Applications for Licensure	3	1	5	9
<i>6-APPROVED 3-DENIED 0-Re-Review</i>				
PLPC: Sections 1, 2, 3	13	7	29	49
<i>33-APPROVED 17-DENIED 0-Need more Info</i>				
PLPC: Section 1	3	0	3	6
<i>5-APPROVED 1-DENIED 0-Need more Info</i>				
PLPC: Section 1 and 2	1	1	0	2
<i>2-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
PLPC: Section 2	0	0	0	0
<i>0-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
PLPC: Section 2 and 3	0	1	0	1
<i>1-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
PLPC: Section 3	0	0	2	2
<i>0-APPROVED 2-DENIED</i>				
PLPC: Change/Add Supervisor	6	5	2	13
<i>13-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
LPC Supervisor Application	11	6	7	24
<i>21-APPROVED 3-DENIED 0-Need more info</i>				
Appraisal Privilege	0	3	1	4
<i>4-APPROVED 1-DENIED 0-Need more info</i>				
LPC Areas of Expertise Review	0	0	1	1
<i>1-APPROVED 0-DENIED 0-Need more info</i>				
Application for Expedited Processing	16	21	9	46
PLPC: Change/Add Practice Setting	43	34	3	80
Total Applicants Reviewed	123	84	73	280

R Cathey reported 18 applicants were reviewed for provisional licensure/licensure/supervision for PLMFT/LMFT/LMFT-SC/LMFT-S May through July 2016.

Application Type	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
LMFT Application for Licensure	1	1	2	4
<i>4-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
LMFT Out-of-State Applications for Licensure	0	0	1	1
<i>0-APPROVED 1-DENIED 0-Need more info</i>				
PLMFT: Section 1, 2, 3	0	1	1	2
<i>3-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
PLMFT: Section 1	0	0	0	0
<i>1-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
PLMFT: Section 2 and 3	0	0	0	0
<i>0-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
PLMFT: Change/Add Practice Setting	2	4	0	6
<i>6-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
PLMFT: Change/Add Supervisor	0	1	0	1
<i>0-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
LMFT SC Application: Section 1	0	0	0	0
<i>0-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
LMFT SC Application: Section 2	0	0	0	0
<i>0-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
LMFT SC Application: Section 1 and Section 2	0	0	0	0
<i>0-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
LMFT Supervisor Application	1	0	0	1
<i>0-APPROVED 0-DENIED</i>				
Application for Expedited Processing	0	4	0	4
Total Applicants Reviewed	5	11	4	20

J Mims mentions the high number of renewals that did not follow the rules on supervision hours. She makes a motion to notify PLPC and PMFT about licensure differences and also that a letter be sent to their supervisor. If they do not respond they go to discipline committee. Gerra second. All in favor; no abstentions.

E Cowger reported no applicant issues to be discussed with the Board, thanked J Mims for her time reviewing applicants, and motioned to accept the Licensure Committee and Supervision report. All approved; no abstentions.

Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee (MFTAC) Report –P Millhollon, K Steele, R Cathey

P Millhollon reported a very short meeting. Discussed LAMFT association issues, finalized powerpoint for supervisor orientation exam and questions. Asked J Doming to have posted to website by January 1, 2018. Discussed rule changes but they were tabled until January. A lot of people apply to take the exam but that the MFTAC had a great rule-writing retreat since the last Board meeting and thanked R Cathey for hosting. She reported receiving helpful feedback from LAMFT regarding proposed rules. L Choate congratulated MFTAC on their work and asked P Millhollon about any specific areas of the proposed rules that she believed should be highlighted. P Millhollon reviewed the proposed rules regarding academic requirements and CEH requirements. G Perkins recommended structural changes for clarity. P Millhollon thanked the Board for the helpful feedback. P Millhollon also reported that MFTAC was still in the

process of updating the Supervisor Orientation course. She also reviewed correspondence from S Robinson regarding course titles. P Millhollon motioned to accept the MFTAC report. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Correspondence – M Olsan, L Choate

L Choate asked M Olsan to present correspondence.

M Olsan presented correspondence from Z Hebert and PLCA regarding online counseling. L Choate asked for rationale. G Perkins explained it was a policy placed in Board Rules. E Airhia recommends following ACA standards. K Steele recommends reconsidering the rule and possibly considering it as part of supervised experience hours. J Mims recommends everyone take some time to think about it and rules committee can review.

P Millhollon presented a letter from M Morris. P Millhollon will draft response and send to J Doming

Public Comments: M Reynaud thanked the board for their time.

Recess: J Mims motioned for a ten (10) minute recess. G Perkins seconded. All approved; no abstentions. E Airhia motioned to resume meeting and K Steele seconds.

Committee Professional Assistance Program (PAP) P Millhollon, R Cathey

R Cathey explained there was no report because the committee could not meet.

Committee on Rules –E Cowger, J Mims, L Choate, K Steele, M Olsan

J Mims reported on SMI update-emergency rules needed for the SMI language. M Olsan explains the process can take six months. An emergency rule can be put in place within 30 days. Rules committee can meet to discuss section 505.

Financial Report(s) – M Olsan

M Olsan presented the September 2017 financial reports. Penny motioned to approve. N Pierce seconds. All approved; no abstentions.

Ad Hoc Committee on Budgeting –L Choate, E Cowger, M Olsan

M Olsan provided an explanation for audit findings: All did not complete ethics training, deposits should be made daily, and there should be a 30 day reimbursement period. J Mims motions for 90 day reimbursement period. E Cowger seconds.

Recess: J Mims moves to recess, G Perkins seconds.

Personnel Report – M Olsan

M Olsan presents personnel report. G Perkins motions for the board to ratify J Doming as Executive Director. E Cowger seconds. All approved; no abstentions. 2 absent.

LCA Liaison Report – M Olsan

M Olsan presented the LCA liaison report. E Airhia brought up concern regarding board member appointment process and how they choose candidates. Believes there should be more discussion with LCA.

New Business – M Olsan

Election announcement and congratulations to everyone. G Perkins thanked L Choate for her leadership. Announced 2018 meeting dates. L Choate asked for a motion. J Mims motioned, K Steele second. All approved; no abstentions. Next board meeting date January 26, 2018.

Closing

L Choate asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. J Mims motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:56PM. K Steele seconded. All approved; no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Jamie S. Doming
Executive Director