

MINUTES February 18th, 2011
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINER
Approved March 18th, 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: Staff present:

G Bockrath M. Olsan

T Moore

M Reynaud

L Choate

E Cowger

D Dowling

Alysius Allen

A. Williams

P Millhollon

G Perkins

F Selby

Absent: None

Guests

S Adams

M Trahant

M Choate

Agenda

F Selby moved to amend the Meeting Agenda to reflect that he will give the LAMFT Liaison Report at this meeting and future meetings. P Millhollon seconded. No abstentions.

Board Minutes

A Williams asked to amend the January 21st, 2011 Minutes to include him as present. F Selby motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by T Moore. Approved, no abstentions.

Financial Report

Financial Report delivered by M Choate. Documentation regarding current financial status of LPC Board distributed to Board. M Choate recommended curtailing expenses specific to travel and legal fees. D Dowling suggested the Personnel Committee and Budget Committee work in tandem.

December financial reports reviewed. F Selby motioned to approve the financial report, E Cowger seconded. No abstentions.

Executive Director Report

M Olsan delivered the Executive Director Report. E Cowger motioned to approve the Executive Director Report, G Perkins seconded. D Dowling motioned to issue press release ASAP about new Executive Director. Approved, no abstentions.

Executive Session for Committee on Personnel

D Dowling motioned to accept the personnel recommendations made during the Executive Session. Approved, no abstentions.

AdHoc Committee on Complaints/Disciplinary Affairs – L Choate

L Choate presented the Discipline report. Three new cases were received this month: 10/11-22, 10/11-23, and 10/11-24. Case 10/11-22 and case 10/11-24 were opened. Case 10/11-23 was reported anonymously by an individual from Oregon. It was determined that the Oregon Board had jurisdiction to resolve this complaint.

Three cases were closed this month: CI 10/11-02 (no evidence), LPC/LMFT 10/11-06 (letter of concern sent), and LPC/LMFT 10/11-08 (no evidence).

There are a total of 26 active cases. L Choate requested to move the disciplinary report up higher on the Meeting Agenda. L Choate also requested M Olsan to become active in disciplinary process and provide oversight.

M Trahant also updated the Board on the proposed hearing for February 18th that was cancelled. The Board discussed this case (File #9105) and decided to wait until the March Board meeting for formal approval. L Choate motioned to accept the Discipline Report and recommended action for File #9105. Approved, no abstentions.

LPC 06/07-9 Complaint against LPC/LMFT for Unprofessional Conduct.

Case is being investigated.

06/07 – 15 Counseling without a license. Case is being investigated.

Case is being investigated.

LPC 07/08-2 Complaint against LPC for Unprofessional Conduct

Case is being investigated

LPC/MFT 08/09-4 Complaint against LPC/LMFT for Unprofessional Conduct.

Case is being investigated.

CI 09/10 – 5 Complaint against a CI for Unprofessional Conduct

Complaint is being investigated.

Not Licensed 09/10 – 20 Complaint Misrepresentation of credentials

Case is being investigated.

Not Licensed 09/10 – 22 Complaint Misrepresentation of credentials

Case is being investigated.

LPC/LMFT 10/11– 1 Complaint against LPC/LMFT for Unprofessional Conduct.

Case is being investigated.

LPC/LMFT 10/11– 3 Counseling without a license.

Case is being investigated.

LPC/LMFT 10/11– 7 Complaint against LPC/LMFT for Unprofessional Conduct.

Case is being investigated.

LPC/LMFT 10/11 – 9 Complaint against LPC/LMFT for Unprofessional Conduct

Case is being investigated.

PA 10/11 – 10 Complaint for practicing without a license.

Case is being investigated.

LPC 10/11 – 11 Complaint against LPC for Mandatory reporting.

Case is being investigated.

LPC/LMFT 10/11 -12 Complaint against LPC/LMFT for Unprofessional Conduct

Case is being investigated.

LPC/LMFT 10/11 – 13 Complaint against LPC/LMFT for Unprofessional Conduct

Case is being investigated.

LPC 10/11 – 14 Complaint against LPC for Unprofessional Conduct

Case is being investigated.

LPC/LMFT 10/11 – 15 Complaint against LPC/MFT I for Unprofessional Conduct

Case is being investigated.

CI 10/11 – 17 Complaint against CI for Unprofessional Conduct

Case is being investigated.

CI 10/11 – 19 Complaint against CI for Unprofessional Conduct and Fraudulent Billing.

Case is being investigated.

LPC/LMFT 10/11 – 20 Complaint against CI for Unprofessional Conduct

Case is being investigated.

LPC/LMFT 10/11 – 21 Complaint against CI for Unprofessional Conduct and Fraudulent Billing.

Case is being investigated.

CI 10/11—22 Complaint against LPC/LMFT for Unprofessional Conduct and Fraudulent Billing.

Case is being investigated.

CI 10/11—24 Complaint against LPC/LMFT for Unprofessional Conduct.

Case is being investigated.

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

A Williams presented registration of supervision case regarding person with a prior conviction. A Williams recommended him for supervision with any restrictions.

A Allen reported that 37 folders were reviewed for LPC.

Part 1—reviewed 6, denied 1

15 Approved for Licensure (denied 1)

15 Registered for Supervision

4 Changing Supervisor

P Millhollon –no folders

A Williams motioned to accept the report on licensure/supervision for LPC/LMFT.

Approved, no abstentions.

Committee on Privileging – A Williams, A Allen

A Williams reported all three requests for privileging were denied.

Committee on Correspondence – A Williams

Discussion regarding changing payment system the for LPC licensure. Discussion concerning request to award an LPC license posthumously—the Board decided to review qualifications of applicant further before making a decision.

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

T Moore discussed the need to revise the rules on supervision of interns. T Moore suggested two mini Board Retreats to discuss items such as rule changes. The rules for Act 613 should be promulgated by February 20th, 2011.

Report of Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee – T Moore

M Reynaud and T Moore presented a memorandum to send out to all program directors and academic advisors so that they can advise their students as to the academic requirements for licensure as an LMFT.

Report of LAMFT Liaison – F Selby

F Selby announced that the LAMFT Conference will be March 10th-12th, 2011. All Board members were encouraged to attend the conference and specifically, the Board luncheon on the March 10th.

Report of LCA Liaison – E Cowger

E Cowger presented his report of findings from the American Association of State Counseling Boards Conference (January 5th-7th, 2011).

Committee Professional Assistance Program (PAP) – S Adams, M Reynaud, P Millhollon

S Adams reported that the PAP rules went into effect last month. There is one current PAP case. S Adams and M Reynaud will meet with a provider who is interested in providing services for those professionals who need assistance. The goal is to begin to develop a network of trusted providers.

Behavioral Health Professional Working Group – G Bockrath, J Williams

G Bockrath distributed the report submitted to Senator Mount to the Board. Both groups developed their own reports initially and then worked to combine them into one report for Senator Mount. G Bockrath discussed that no agreement was reached over the issue of diagnosis.

Executive Session

No motions were carried during the Executive Session.

AdHoc Committee on Budgeting - T Moore, D Dowling, E Cowger

D Dowling recommended closing our Chase CD and depositing the funds into the LPC checking account. D Dowling made a motion to accept this recommendation. All approved, no abstentions.

Personnel Committee Report

Discussed during Executive Session.

Executive Session

A motion was made by D. Dowling during the Executive Session to accept all personnel recommendations. All approved, no abstentions.

Unfinished Business

LPC/LMFT Renewal Report

Out of 401 renewals 55 have not renewed.

Website

Re-design of the website is a large priority for the Board.

Board Retreat

E Cowger motioned to cancel the Lake Charles Retreat. T Moore seconded. All approved, no abstentions. T Moore motioned to have a mini-retreat the weekend of March 18th, 2011. P Millhollon seconded. All approved, no abstentions. The Board Retreat will be March 19th, 2011 at the Residence Inn at Cedar Lodge in Baton Rouge, LA from 8:00AM-3:15PM.

Rules Review

Discussion tabled.

December Quarterly

D Dowling motioned that the newsletter no longer be printed. M Reynaud seconded. All approved, no abstentions.

New Business

The next meeting will be March 18th, 2011, at the LPC Board office.

Closing

The Board Meeting adjourned at 4:30PM, February 18th, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted by

Mary Alice Olsan

Executive Director