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MICHIGAN BOARD OF COUNSELING MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2008

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Counseling met in regular session on June 27, 2008, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 2, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Suzanne Dugger, Ed.D., L.P.C., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Delila Owens, Ph.D., L.P.C.
Julian Pate, Public Member
Marian Turowski, L.P.C.
Harriet Singleton, L.P.C.
Stuart Itzkowitz, L.P.C., Vice-Chairperson
Suzanne Dugger, Ed.D., L.P.C., Chairperson

Members Absent:

Steven Hampton, L.M.S.W., M.B.A.
Robbie Steward, L.P.C.
Thomas Wuori, Public Member

Staff Present:

Bonnie Curtis, Secretary
Merry Rosenberg, Assistant Attorney General
Karen Carpenter, Analyst, Enforcement Section
Pam Millben, Analyst, Enforcement Section
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Lucinda Clark, Manager, Licensing Division
Amy Shell, Manager, Licensing Division
Ray Garza, Director, Health Regulatory Division

Others Present: Larry Pfaff, Ed.D., L.P.C.
Sara Sue Schaeffer, L.P.C., L.M.F.T., L.M.S.W.
Don Amidon, L.P.C., L.M.F.T.
Vicki Rafferty-Polk, L.L.P.C.
Richard Kraus, representing Vicki Rafferty-Polk
Kevin Keenan

Dugger asked the board members and guests to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Itzkowitz, seconded by Owens, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2008 meeting with the following correction:

Under **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS, John David Luna – Board's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**, the motion roll call should read: Yeas – Owens, Pate...”

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Turowski, seconded by Pate, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES COMMITTEE

Turowski reported that the committee has had two (2) meetings and one (1) conference call since the last Board meeting and should have a draft ready for the Board's review at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF BOARD RESOLUTIONS RE: DISCIPLINARY ISSUES – GARZA

Garza reviewed the updated proposed resolutions for the Board members.

Motion by Pate, seconded by Itzkowitz, to approve the master resolution regarding disciplinary issues.

MOTION PREVAILED

SUPERVISION EXCEPTION REQUEST

Dugger reported that she received a request for a non-LPC to supervise a LLPC and asked the Board members for their input. The consensus of the Board is that the law is very specific and only a LPC can supervise a LLPC.

Motion by Pate, seconded by Singleton, to deny the request for a supervision exception.

MOTION PREVAILED

REQUEST FOR ACTION – AMERICAN PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION CREDENTIAL

Dugger reported that the American Counseling Association (ACA) contacted her regarding the American Psychotherapy Association (APA) forming the American Board of Professional Counselors which offers counseling certification nationwide for anyone with a bachelor's degree. She asked the Department to draft a letter to the APA stating the title "Professional Counselor" is protected and should not offer this certification to anyone in Michigan. She also asked that information regarding this issue be added to the FAQ's on the website.

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION – RENEWAL OF LLPC'S WITHOUT SUPERVISOR

Dugger reported that she received correspondence regarding renewal of an LLPC without a supervisor. She stated that some LLPC's may not actually be working in counseling but want to keep their LLPC active.

Ramsdell stated that the current rules do not set a limit on how long a licensee can hold a limited license but that the new proposed rules will set a limit.

Discussion followed.

PETITION FOR ALTERNATIVE TESTING FOR VICKI RAFFERTY-POLK

Ramsdell briefly explained the situation regarding Rafferty-Polk and Dugger reviewed the material provided to Board members regarding this issue.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Singleton, seconded by Turowski, to deny the request for alternative testing as delineated in the letter from Krause dated June 13, 2008 and recommend that she seek accommodations offered by the NBCC.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pfaff, Schaeffer, Krause and Amidon expressed their opinions regarding the Rafferty-Polk issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

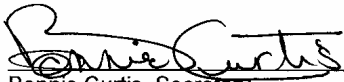
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 26, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Singleton, seconded by Owens, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.


Suzanne Dugger, Ed.D., L.P.C., Chairperson

9/26/08
Date Minutes Approved


Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

6-30-08
Date Minutes Prepared