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MICHIGAN BOARD OF COUNSELING MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 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 December 5, 2008, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 2, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Stuart Itzkowitz, L.P.C., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Robbie Steward, L.P.C.
Julian Pate, Public Member
Steve Hampton, L.M.S.W.
Rev. Meredith Hunt, Public Member
Laura LeClear, Public Member
Delila Owens, Ph.D., L.P.C.
Thomas Wuori, Public Member
Marian Turowski, L.P.C., Vice-Chairperson
Stuart Itzkowitz, L.P.C., Chairperson

Members Absent:

Harriet Singleton, L.P.C.
Martha Burkett, L.P.C.

Staff Present:

Bonnie Curtis, Secretary
Susan Balkema, Assistant Attorney General
Karen Carpenter, Analyst, Enforcement Section
Pam Millben, Analyst, Enforcement Section
Amy Shell, Manager, Licensing Division
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Liz Arasim, Policy Analyst, Licensing Division

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Owens, seconded by Pate, to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2008 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION PREVAILED

INTRODUCTIONS

Itzkowitz asked Board members and staff to introduce themselves to the new members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES COMMITTEE

Turowski reported that the committee will meet again to complete the proposed rules and should have the draft ready for the Board's review at the March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD MEMBERS SERVING AS CONFEREES

Itzkowitz stated that one responsibility of Board members is to serve as conferee on regulatory cases and requested that members consider serving. He stated that both professional and public members may serve as conferees.

Balkema explained the role of the conferee.

Turowski and Hunt expressed interest in serving as conferees.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Ramsdell reported that as of October 1, 2008 the Bureau is requiring criminal background checks and fingerprinting for all new applicants. She stated that reports are usually received within 24 hours of fingerprinting when there are no convictions; reports are received in 5-7 days when there are convictions.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

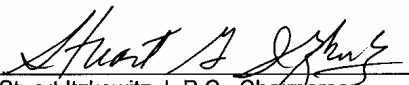
None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 6, 2009 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION by Hampton, seconded by Steward, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.



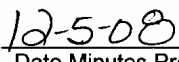
Stuart Itzkowitz, L.P.C., Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Bonnie Curtis, Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared