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MICHIGAN BOARD OF COUNSELING JUNE 21, 2019 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Counseling met on June 21, 2019, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Patrick Munley, Ph.D., L.P.C., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Patrick Munley, Ph.D., L.P.C., Chairperson
Robyn Emde, L.P.C., Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson
Stephen Craig, Ph.D., L.P.C.
Walter Harper, Public Member
Harold Koviak, Public Member
Harold Love, M.A., L.P.C.
Gerald Papazian, C.A.A.D.C., L.P.C.
Jana Simmons, Public Member

Members Absent: Mary Billman, Public Member
Katie Bozek, Ph.D., L.M.F.T.
Diane Parfitt, Ph.D., L.P.C.

Staff Present: Kimmy Catlin, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section
Weston MacIntosh, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Erika Marzorati, Assistant Attorney General
Kiran Parag, Analyst, Compliance Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Emde, seconded by Koviak, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Emde
Love
Craig

DSC:

Simmons (Chair)
Bozek
Papazian
Harper
Koviak (Public Alternate)

Rules:

Emde
Craig
Koviak
Papazian

Education Review Committee:

Emde
Craig
Simmons

Board Member Resolutions

Emde presented a resolution for both Munley and Parfitt, to honor them for their time serving on the Board.

Papazian presented a plaque to Dr. Munley to thank him for his untiring service to the Board of Counseling.

Chair Report

Munley thanked the Board for all their work.

Department Update

MacIntosh announced that the Department will provide another board training on July 31, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 6, 2019, immediately following the regularly scheduled Michigan Board of Counseling meeting, scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Papazian, seconded by Harper, to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on September 6, 2019.

Prepared By:

Kimmy Catlin, Board Support
Bureau of Professional Licensing

June 26, 2019

June 4, 2019

To: Members of the Michigan Board of Counseling
From: Chair Michigan Board of Counseling Rules Committee

Subject: Status Report on Possible Changes to Counseling Rules

At the last Board of Counseling meeting as part of the Chair's report I indicated that I would ask the Rules Committee to give an update on the discussion of possible rules revision. The Rules Committee currently includes board members Robyn Emde, Diane Parfitt, Jerry Papazian and Patrick Munley.

Prior to the last Board meeting LARA distributed a track changes draft of the current counseling rules as proposed rules changes LARA wished to see adopted. I indicated at that time, while there have been discussions between the Rules Committee and LARA advisory staff up to last fall of 2018, the most recent draft distributed by LARA had not been reviewed by the Rules Committee. Also, although there was significant agreement on a number of aspects of proposed changes to the counseling rules there were significant disagreements. In particular, there has been substantial disagreement on a few key points LARA is recommending be changed as part of changes to the rules that the Rules Committee does not agree with and does not recommend.

Attached is a track changes version of the draft of the rules shared by LARA with Board members prior to the April 2019 board meeting. The version attached to this memo has additional track changes to the last draft shared by LARA with the full board prior to the April Board meeting. These additional track changes, which should appear in a different color on the attached document from the rules committee, reflect the main rules committee recommendations provided to LARA in the fall of 2018 that were not incorporated into the recent draft distributed to the full board.

Essentially there have been three areas of disagreement between LARA staff and the Rules Committee. These major points of disagreement are noted below. The Rules Committee strongly recommends that any change in the rules not move forward without adopting the Rules Committee recommendations in each of these three areas.

(1) One of the first major points of difference between the LARA advisory staff draft of the rules change, and the Rules Committee recommendations has been LARA's position that the majority of definitions currently in the rules be moved to a new section of the rules that would pertain to education only. Moving the definitions, and thereby implicitly implying they are only applicable to the educational preparation of counselors, loses the important understanding that some of the definitions apply to counseling practice and are not solely applicable to educational preparation, i.e. counseling techniques, group techniques. This loss of perspective has the potential to create significant confusion, lack of clarity and substantial negative consequences for services provided to the public by over 10,000 licensed professional counselors. These 10,000

professional counselors have provided counseling services to the public consistent with these definitions as currently written and approved. The section on definitions has been in place for over 25 years. Each revision and update to the rules has been vetted through prior rules revision and updating processes. This included vetting by LARA, prior Rules Committees of the Board of Counseling, former full Boards of Counseling, the legislature, and the public. The current Rules Committee of the Board of Counseling strongly recommends that these definitions remain in place in the definitions section of the rules, applicable to the counseling section of the public health code.

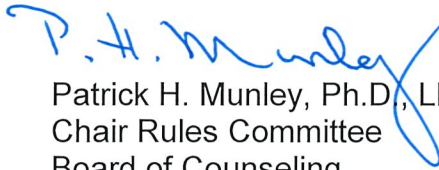
(2) The second major point of difference pertains to the requirements for supervision training for Licensed Professional Counselors who are supervising Limited License Professional Counselors. Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) who will be supervising Limited Licensed Professional Counselors have previously been required by the rules to have 3 years of counseling experience and training in supervision to serve as an LLPC's supervisor. Prior to January 1, 2013 the rules specified that supervisors were required to have training in the function of counseling supervision and have acquired at least three years of experience in counseling. With the implementation of the 2012 counseling rules, the current rules specified that licensed individuals who began providing supervision after January 1, 2013 had to have acquired at least three years of practice in counseling and completed training in the function of counselor supervision that complies with the requirements specified in subrule (2) of R 338.1757. The importance of training in supervision for those providing supervision to students, interns and post-graduates working towards being fully licensed is widely recognized in the profession. Supervision training to help ensure consistent quality of supervision to be provided by LPCs who will be supervising Limited License Professional Counselors (LLPCs) serving the public is considered fundamental and essential. The Rules Committee strongly recommends that the existing supervision training requirements for LPC's, who will serve as LLPC supervisors, remain in place without any change in the rules pertaining to supervision.

(3) The third major point of difference pertains to inclusion of the multicultural counseling course in the list of required course areas for licensing. With the approval of the 2012 revision of the counseling rules, a course in multicultural counseling was added to the list of required course areas. Since the Public Health Code, as part of section 333.18111, states that "The board shall approve only those programs that include graduate studies in the following areas: research, group techniques, counseling theories, ethics, counseling techniques, counseling philosophy, testing procedures, career development, consulting, practicum, and internship" LARA staff have indicated that the rules should not include a multicultural counseling course, and this course should be deleted from the rules. The Rules Committee perspective is that since the current rules include all the course areas required in the public health code, with the addition of one multicultural counseling course, the public health code requirement is met. Given the importance of multicultural counseling training in the profession, the fact that multicultural training is included by the major accrediting bodies, i.e. CACREP, as foundational to professional practice, the multicultural course should be continue to be included in the rules as a required course area. The Rules Committee strongly

recommends that the multicultural course continue to be included in the list of required graduate study areas.

The Rules Committee would like to note that when the current version of the rules were implemented and approved by 2012; none of the current board members were involved in the prior rules change processes. The three major points of disagreement between the Rules Committee and LARA advisory staff, all involve aspects of the rules previously adopted and approved through the vetting process to establish and change rules. The current Rules Committee strongly recommends that these three components of the current rules remain in place.

Attached to this memo is a track changes version of the draft of the rules changes distributed by LARA prior to the April 2019 Board meeting. The attached version includes these three areas reinserted into the draft as the Rules Committee recommends so board members may see the sections being discussed above.


Patrick H. Munley, Ph.D., LPC
Chair Rules Committee
Board of Counseling