

**TENNESSEE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND
CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS MINUTES**

DATE: March 20, 2015
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Center
Poplar Room, 665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Susan Hammonds-White, Ed.D. LPC, President
Bradley Bull, Ph.D., LMFT
Howard Nelson, Ph.D., LPC, LCPT
Stephen Caldwell, M.Div., Citizen Member

BOARD MEMBER

ABSENT: Kimberly Speakman, LPC

STAFF PRESENT: Johanna Barde, Advisory Attorney
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
James Hill, Board Administrator

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

Ms. Barde reviewed the conflict of interest policy with the Board.

MINUTES

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Caldwell, to approve the December 5, 2014 minutes. The motion carried.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Ms. Barde stated there are currently four (4) open cases in OGC against four respondents.

Ms. Barde discussed the Board's legislative activities which are mostly informational, stating the Board can vote to either support or oppose the legislation.

SB0217/HB03389 extends the Board for four (4) more years and changes the nomination language to allow groups other than the Tennessee Counseling Association, the Tennessee Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and the Tennessee Association of Pastoral Therapists to make nominations for Board members. Upon discussion and a review of a letter from **Lisa Henderson, LPC** and TMHCA President, the Board made no motion to support or oppose the bill.

SB0397/HB0566 does not allow a counseling program to retaliate against a student who refuses to counsel someone due to a deeply held moral belief. Upon discussion, Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to oppose the bill. The motion carried.

SB0469/HB0406 allows the legislature to rewrite the rules of any agency under certain conditions and make suggestions to the Boards for their consideration to support or oppose the changes. The Board made no motion to support or oppose the bill.

Ms. Barde said the rules regarding the fee changes are in the AG's office awaiting approval and the rules pertaining to distance counseling have been drafted and awaiting a response from the task force.

Ms. Barde said there are other miscellaneous rules she is working on for the Board's review and the jurisprudence exam has been updated with the NBCC and went in affect in December.

OGC is monitoring the North Carolina Dental Board Examiners vs. the FTC Supreme Court case. The Dental Board of Examiners issued cease and desist letters to kiosk teeth whitening companies. The teeth whitening companies contacted the FTC who ruled it was an anti-trust case behavior by a group of dentists trying to exclude the companies from the profession. The Supreme Court agreed with the FTC. Ms. Barde said OGC will keep the Board informed on what, if anything needs to be done to prevent this from happening in Tennessee.

Administrative Report

As of March 13, 2015 there are 1749 licensed professional counselors, 465 licensed marital and family therapists and 27 licensed pastoral therapists. There are a total of 1491 licensed professional counselors with the mental health services provider endorsement as of February 27, 2015.

Mr. Hill reviewed the 2015 Board meeting dates and the conflict of interest statement which must be signed and reviewed annually.

Application Review

Mr. Hill asked the Board to review the reciprocity application of **Melody Ingram** to verify her clinical hours. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve Ms. Ingram's application as submitted. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Rosalyn Pitt**, LPC/MHSP applicant, requesting that the Board allow her to use her hours as a psychological examiner as supervision hours for her MHSP designation. Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to inform Ms. Pitt that she must complete the 3000 hours under an approved supervisor. The motion carried.

Reciprocity Agreement

Dr. Hammonds-White stated that the Board has been discussing the reciprocity language in the statute and looking at agreements with other states. The Board said if other states allowed reciprocity with Tennessee licensees then Tennessee would allow reciprocity with their state.

Ms. Barde said the agreement is only between Kentucky Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCC) and Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselors with Mental Health Service Provider (LPC/MHSP) designation. The LPC license without MHSP is not equivalent to Kentucky statutes.

Ms. Barde stated she has drafted a reciprocity agreement with the Licensed Marital and Family Therapist in Kentucky which is a separate Board in that state.

Dr. Bull said COAMFTE is coming out with a new set of criteria for accreditation and since there are accrediting agencies that have national standards it seems like the Board would use the same procedures for reciprocity.

Dr. Hammonds-White said CACREP is going to accept grandfathering from CACREP approved programs in 2022. Kentucky, Ohio and Georgia have gone in that direction. This is being imposed on the states by the Federal Government because of VA, TriCare and the Department of Defense. They will only accept people who work for those groups who are CACREP approved.

Financial Report

Ms. Wilkins reviewed the financial report stating the Board should have a reduction in revenue with the fee reduction.

Teleconference with Kentucky LPC Board

The Board conducted a teleconference with the Kentucky LPC Board. The Kentucky Board Chair, Mr. Griffith, introduced himself and stated all Board members were present including the Board attorney and administrator.

Dr. Hammonds-White introduced the Tennessee Board members, attorney and staff.

Ms. Barde reviewed the reciprocity agreement and stated the agreement would be between Tennessee's LPC/MHSP and Kentucky's LPCC. Ms. Barde said only those applicants who have five (5) years of experience could apply since Kentucky requires five (5) years.

The Kentucky Board asked that language be included to allow each party to reserve the right to require proof of active valid licensure from the other state to practice as an LPC/MHSP or LPCC in good standing with the certifying or licensing Board. Dr. Wesley, of the Kentucky Board, made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ringed, to approve the agreement as amended. The motion carried.

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to approve the agreement as amended. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve the following newly Licensed Professional Counselors:

Kasim W. Barnes
Nancy Bartley

Stacey L. Guthriwe
Daniella Hansen

Shane T. Malekgoodar
Elain K. Mccullough

**Eric James Bausch
Ellen L. Blaylock
Robert Branch
Kelsey Farley Brock
Michael Allen Burkeen
Kathryn S. Burns
Alisha Cobb
Allison L. Cole
Rachel E. Combs
Shannon Cramer
Ryan Daniel
Mildred S. Dukic
Emily Eisenhart
Menzo Lee Faassen
Jason Fox
Sister Cecilia Goodrum
Georgette D. Green**

**Emily Henley
Hillary A. Hirst
William D. Holden
Sara Hooper
Kimberly L. Hudlet
Nancy Hudson
Rebekah Hughes
Rachel C. Huser
Jessica Hyne
Kymberlee Jones
Kimberly B. Jones
Mary A. Jones
Cynthia Knott
Allison R. Koch
Susan Levitan
Susan Loar
Kara L. Logan**

**Thomas Molen
Sydney R. Peltier
Theresa Prendes-Walls
Angela Rusk
Jennifer Salas
Sasha Runne' Self
Benjamin Sinclair
Debra Renee Smart
Alexandria Spann
Lynne R. Sparrow
Kathryn A. Spittler
Alesha Stadie
Jill D. Summers
Whitney Toothman
James Trone
Laura L. Turpin
Ashley Yarbrough**

The motion carried.

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve the following newly Licensed Marital and Family Therapists:

**Rebecca Alexander
Gladson Andrews, II
Pamela A. Brown
Bethany Brummitt
Franklin P. Bunner, Jr.
Joseph Clemens
Alexander Furchess**

**Julia Halford
Melissa Hopper
Cynthia Knott
Lisa Lawhon
Alicia Lewis
Linda Martin
Teri Murphy**

**Paul Norman
Walter Wayne Rickard
Joyce Sharp
Connie Taylor
Noelle Warner**

The motion carried.

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve the following temporarily Licensed Professional Counselors:

**Juliana M. Albee
Maria Andruschenko
Markela Ballard
Joanne J.T. Christian**

**Vanessa Reinatz Connolly
April Crisp
Elizabeth Duck
Gretchen Fromke**

**James Hill
Carrie Kennedy
Anne Loubier
Alyssa M. Ritchason**

The motion carried.

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve the following temporarily Licensed Marital and Family Therapists:

Lori Castiglia
Vanessa Connolly
Marcus Geromes

Chelsey V. Hiehle
Eleah M. Hyatt
Jasmine J. JNO Baptiste

Eboni Sharai Long
Janet Velazquez

The motion carried.

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve the following reinstated Licensed Professional Counselors:

Denise MacFarlan Cutshaw
Joel F. Diambra
Sue Frazier-Bear
Pamela A. Gillon

Lori Kim Gilmore
Amy Lipsey Kiehl
Fred C. Morton
Patricia E. Robertson

William G. Seymore
Shera Herring Thiele
Dana Vince

The motion carried.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter from **Angela Scruggs, LPC/MHSP** applicant requesting an extension of the four (4) year requirement of supervised clinical practice as she is a full time student, working full time and counseling part time. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve the request. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Connie Walters-Carlson, LPC/MHSP** applicant asking if she can accumulate her supervised hours as a school counselor. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to deny her request as it did not meet the criteria for mental health facility. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Jared Voelker, LPC/MHSP** applicant asking if his supervision in Illinois is equivalent to Tennessee's supervision. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to ask Mr. Voelker to apply for licensure so they can determine whether or not his supervision meets the requirements for licensure in Tennessee. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Jeremy Northrop, Ph.D., LPC/MHSP** applicant requesting an extension of the four (4) year requirement of supervised clinical practice to complete four hundred (400) hours of face to face supervision. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve his request. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Julia Marx, LPC/MHSP** applicant requesting that the supervision she received from Dr. Philip Chanin, Ed.D, be allowed. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve her request and required Dr. Chanin to obtain continuing education in supervision. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Lauren Wright, LPC/MHSP** applicant requesting that her employment at the STARS Agency be counted as supervision through the school system. Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to allow the supervision if her employer has a mental health professional on site and meets the definition of a clinical mental health counseling site. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Marsha Thompson, LMFT** applicant requesting an extension of time on her temporary license to complete her supervision. Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to inform Ms. Thompson that the Board cannot extend a temporary license; a temporary license is not required to obtain supervision, and there is no four (4) year requirement on supervision for LMFT's. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Mary Zselvay, LPC/MHSP** regarding the continuing education hours she failed to obtain in 2012/2013. The Board asked Mr. Hill to contact Ms. Zselvay and apologize for the delay in contacting her and to give her the opportunity to submit the documentation or make up the deficient hours.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Michelle Arbogast, LPC/MHSP** applicant requesting an extension of time to obtain her supervision. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve her request. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Sharon Cade, LCSW** regarding approval of a non-Tennessee licensee to facilitate at an ALIVE Convention sponsored by The Wesleyan Church in Nashville. The Board determined they had no jurisdiction to approve or disapprove Ms. Cade's request and to wish her well at the convention.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Amy Allison, LCSW/MHSP** applicant requesting video supervision from an approved supervisor. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve Ms. Allison's request. The motion carried.

Educational Programs

Mr. Hill reviewed the education programs listed on the Boards web site. Mr. Hill said Carson Newman contacted him asking to be included in the list. Upon discussion, the Board asked that a disclaimer be included on the list to state that perspective students are urged to investigate these programs before applying to determine if it meets the education requirements for licensure in Tennessee.

National Organizations of State Boards

The Board reviewed the list of National Organizations of State Board and asked Mr. Hill to include the American Counseling Association, CACREP and COAMFTE to the list. The Board also asked Mr. Hill to take off the sentence at the beginning of the list.

Task Force

Dr. Bull said he received nominations from various sources who agreed to serve on a task force to examine licensure procedures for LMFT's. They are:

Sara Cawood
Robbie Hutchens
Dave Morgan

Brandon Arbuckle
Bradley Bull
Barney Self

Anna Clair Louder

Dr. Bull stated that **Linda Oxford** was asked to serve but is away for an extended time.

New Business

Dr. Hammonds-White stated she attended the American Counseling Association Conference and stated that conferences are a meaningful place for professionals to meet and share ideas beneficial to their profession.

Ms. Wilkins asked the Board to inform her and Mr. Hill of the conferences so they can place them on the agenda for the Board's nomination and vote to attend.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to send Kim Speakman and Susan Hammonds-White to the AMHC Conference in July 2015. The motion carried.

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to send Dr. Bull to the AAMFT Conference in September 2015. The motion carried.

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Caldwell, to adjourn at 12:05 p.m.

Ratified by the Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapist, Clinical Pastoral Therapist on this the 5th day of June, 2015.