

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

DATE: September 2, 2016
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
Howard Nelson, Ph.D., LPC, LPCT
Kimberly Speakman, LPC
Bradley Bull, Ph.D., LMFT
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
James Hill, Board Administrator
Vanessa Hayes, Board Administrator
Todd Pinckley, Advisory Attorney

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order and a roll call vote was conducted and a quorum was present.

Minutes

Upon review of the June 3, 2016 minutes, Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel Report

Mr. Pinckley stated as of August 31, 2016, the Office of General Counsel has two (2) open complaints. One against a Board's licensee and another is a denied application, which is set for a hearing at the December 2, 2016 board meeting.

Mr. Pinckley stated that there are no policy statements for the Board to review. For rule changes Mr. Pinckley and Ms. Wilkins are collaborating and reviewing the statue change for the Clinical Pastoral Therapists and working on new rules to address the new statue. Mr. Pinckley stated that he has been in touch with the Telehealth Task Force regarding telehealth rules and they have made some recommended changes to the current draft. He is hoping to incorporate those changes and get them to the board at the December 2, 2016 Board meeting. There is no legislation for the board at this time.

Office of Investigations Report

Ms. Dorroh stated there is one (1) complaint against CMFT's, two (2) open complaints against LMFT's, five (5) complaints against LPC's, one (1) complaint against a CPC and one (1) complaint against a LCPT.

Ms. Dorroh stated that they just had a review this month.

Administrative Report

Ms. Hayes reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are 2231 Licensed Professional Counselors, 1956 Licensed Professional Counselors with Mental Health Service Provider designation and two hundred eighty-eight (288) Licensed Professional Counselors as approved supervisors. Ms. Hayes said there are twenty-three (23) Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists; and five hundred and fifty-one (551) Licensed Marital and Family Therapists. Ms. Hayes stated that of the 213 LPC's who renewed their licenses since the June 2016, 62% renewed on-line. Ms. Hayes stated that of the (58) LMFT's who renewed their licenses since the June 2016, 67% renewed on-line. Ms. Hayes stated that of the (2) LCPT who renewed their licenses since the June 2016, one (1) renewed on-line for a rate of 50%.

Ms. Hayes stated that the last Board meeting for 2016 is:

December 2, 2016

Board meeting dates for 2017 have been scheduled for:

March 3, 2017

June 2, 2017

September 8, 2017

December 1, 2017

Newly Licensed

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to approve the following newly Licensed Professional Counselors:

Samantha O. Abplanalp

Elisa N. Allen

Maria Andruschenko

Lauren M. Ashley

Angel D. Babcock

Christine E. Bates

Amy M. Benedict

Benjamin M. Biggers

Shaundra L. Bills

Jason M. Boling

Alice A. Justiss

Cute J. Lee

Leah E. Lennox

Mary H. Linkous

Rhonda M. Livers

Kathy A. Loggins

Vanessa A. Londino

Sarah J. Lord

Lisa Matthews

Emily Morrell

**Leigh E. Bruce
Laura E. Cartwright
Deborah K. Champion
Sheaba C. Cherian
Rachel Christian
Stuart A. Coleman
Glyndora Condon
Vanessa R. Connolly
Benjamin C. Cook
Jessica R. Cox
Linda J. Creswell
Sarah Davidson
Sarah J. Dempsey
Kathryn E. Eller
Krystal D. Fortney
Angel L. Gooden
Jamie L. Gray
Glynn J. Griggs
Julie Griggs
Ashley N. Hampton
Jennifer M. Haugland
Scherri N. Henderson
Zina S. Henry
Kevin M. Hull**

**Morenike Murphy
Glenda D. Murray
Keith A. Nilsen
Leslie D. Oattis
Danielle G. Paschall
Jason Pawlik
Shervetta R. Porter
Anna J. Reed
Marisol Rosas-Biser
Barbara L. Schmitt
Tara J. Seay
Nina Serman
Mary Ann Sokolowski
Shelley D. Spence
Stephanie Stavinoga
Shanna L. Stevens
Rebecca E. Taylor
Jonathan C. Tinniswood
Jodi D. Vermaas
Allen E. Vosburg, Jr.
Dorothy S. Walters
Savana E. Williams
Laura M. Zelenka
Elizabeth J. Ivey**

The motion carried.

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

**Elizabeth Berg
Amy Brashear
Juliann R. Burks
Juli M. Clendenin
Jonathan Hodge
Stephen L. Jackson
Annchristine Johnson
Trudy M. Johnson
Susan B. Kelly
Cheryl L. King
Jean Landphair
Jeffrey Lindsey**

**Heather L. McCue
Sharon E. Moore
Jeanne Moren
Raquel Nichols
Sarah Proctor
Jennifer Rainey
Erin Rayburn
Angela J. Rusk
Laura L. Sousa
John L. Tindell
Julie B. Weaver**

The motion carried.

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Professional Counselors:

Shara D. Biggs
Julie M. Burge
Nick K. Choate
Kayla E. Cordell
Ginger C. Crowe
Roger T. Dewilde
Geneva E. Dunlap
Lynn A. Fannin
Brianne M. Franklin
Eric J. Gott
Teresa S. Hall
Musenge L. Hayslett
Shaundreika N. Heyward
Cynthia D. Hughes

Carlye Hutchinson
Jennifer M. Johnson
Lauren E. Kelly
Kimberly E. Kirk
Courtney R. Loveless
Cassandra R. Mondragon
Katie L. Odom
Julie A. Raulie
Charlotte K. Trussell
Nicholas R. Valadez
Brianna C. Velazquez
Tekisha M. Washington
Amanda M. Wells
Shanta N. Wilson

The motion carried.

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Marital and Family Therapists:

Daniel F. Camp
John W. Chandler, Jr.
Angela M. Cross
Alex A. Derry
Meredith C. Fielder
Ashley Gainey
Christine Gilbert
Ragan Graves
Katherine D. Graybeal
Musenge L. Hayslett
Amanda Jones
Jenny Matern
James Morrill
Jessica Owen
Elizabeth M. Perez
Taryn J. Peterson
Lauren E. Pitoscia
Kelcie N. Silva
Jennifer Van Boxel
Jennifer P. Wagner
Lindsay W. Wilburn
Barbara Wyer

The motion carried.

Reinstatement Applications

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

Lisa M. Dorn
Alan Lenz
Gregory Martin
Lucas B. Queen
Kerri Stock
Richard Swistek
Stanley Vespie

The motion carried.

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to approve the following reinstated Licensed Marital and Family Therapists:

Jeffrey Lindsey
Erin Rayburn

The motion carried.

Correspondence

Dr. Brian Wind spoke with the board about the Tennessee Colleague Assistance Foundation (TCAF.) Dr. Wind stated that they have had a really good experience with the pilot study with the board. There have been a total of five (5) referrals; unfortunately, the success rate has not been exactly as they would like it to be. Only one (1) of the five (5) individuals has successfully gone through the protocol and followed all of the recommendations and executed a monitoring contract and obtained their advocacy. There is one (1) pending individual that is anticipated to be in that category in the near future. Dr. Wind proposes a simple three (3) part solution to this. The first part being time limits placed on requirements for the individuals that are referred to them, such as ninety (90) days (to have an initial assessment.) The second part is an establishment of a formal relationship with the board such as what has been done with the Board of Examiners in Psychology, which was a release of a request for proposal of contract. Dr. Wind stated that point number three (3) is related to point number two. In addition to a formal contract they would also like a budget to be in place. With a budget in place it would allow them to be able to get more organized with regards to adding additional staff they would need for the volume. Dr. Murphy Thomas and Dr. Pete Harris are present and have expressed interest in being involved with this board.

Dr. Hammonds-White stated that the board had discussed at the last meeting that the people who are dealing with this need to be LPC or MFT and not Psychologists, and her concern is that LPCs, MFTs, and CPTs are very different than that of the Psychology Board. Dr. Wind stated that there are already three LPC's that are interested in helping out.

Dr. Wind then introduced Dr. Thomas to speak. Dr. Thomas first explained that the TCAF is the Tennessee Colleague Assistance Foundation. TCAF is an independent, non-profit, tax exempt, Tennessee Corporation developed by Psychologists for the sole purpose of providing assistance to professional colleagues who become impaired in their functioning. The TCAF would like to be a preventive agent so people will come to them early on with getting help. In a recent survey, nine (9) out of (10) people come to them voluntarily. Dr. Thomas stated that they do not charge for their services and most of the people that work with them are volunteers. He also stated that they carry malpractice insurance for anyone who works with them. They want to have a campaign to inform the community within the next year. Dr. Thomas went through the process when someone is referred to them. TCAF does not diagnose people or treat people. However, when a person is referred to them, they will meet with that individual and sit down and try to figure out what needs to be assessed and what needs to be done. Then they monitor them and work with them quarterly over a period of time from a couple of years to indefinitely. They will then periodically report to the board.

Ms. Kim Speakman questioned what happens when someone does not enter into a contract as requested or they start the program, but do not follow through with what they are supposed to be doing, who would that come back to? Does it come back to the board or investigations office and how quickly does it happen?

Dr. Thomas responded that they would implement consequences such as giving them a time frame and if they do not comply they will be sent back to the board for non-compliance and adjudication.

Dr. Bull requested that there be promotional articles sent out with licensure or a message when a caller is on hold.

Ms. Wilkins mentioned that the Board of Nursing has a peer assistance fee built into their fee schedule. Several years ago you could see it on the nursing renewal application. Now they have spread it out through the fees.

Dr. Hammonds-White and Dr. Bull stated that a licensee may be more interested in finding out what it is if they are paying for it.

Ms. Wilkins stated that they will need to go over the financial report and see if the board is able to enter into a contract.

Dr. Hammonds-White asked for a motion to advance RFP to TCAF. Ms. Speakman made the motion, seconded by Dr. Bull. The motion carried.

File Review

The Board reviewed a file and correspondence from **Ms. Laura Medlin** regarding supervision. Dr. Hammonds-White stated that Ms. Medlin has had supervision by a number of very qualified supervisors. The issue is that two (2) of the supervisors do not meet the Tennessee requirement of being an AAMFT approved supervisor. Ms. Medlin is requesting that all of her supervision hours be accepted by the board for the purpose of full Tennessee licensure as a LMFT. Ms. Speakman asked Mr. Pinckley if the board has the ability to waive the AAMFT supervisor requirement. Mr. Pinckley responded that Rule 0450-02-.10 is the rule for MFT supervision. It states it must be supervision by an AAMFT approved supervisor or supervisor in training whose qualifications meet AAMFT standards. That gives the board a little wiggle room if the board feels like the supervisor meets AAMFT standards they could approve them as a supervisor. Dr. Bull made a motion to approve all of Ms. Medlin's supervision hours for the purpose of full licensure in Tennessee, seconded by Ms. Speakman. The motion carried.

The board reviewed a file from **Ms. Cornelia Cortright**, and the course summary worksheet was questioned. Ms. Cortright did not have anything listed for Abnormal Behavior & Psychopathology. She does have a 63 hour master's degree. However, Ms. Speakman does not feel that the courses Youth & Community health education and development in South Africa and Field school intercultural meet the requirements that need to be met. Dr. Hammonds-White asked what Ms. Speakman's recommendation would be. Ms. Speakman recommended a three (3) hour course in Abnormal Behavior and Psychopathology for this applicant to become licensed.

The Board reviewed a file from **Ms. Lyndsey Lee**, which had been reviewed by Ms. Speakman prior to the board meeting. Ms. Speakman stated that Ms. Lee went to a University in Colorado and when you look at her transcript there are six (6) credits that do not meet our requirements. Upon review, the board request that Ms. Lee provide proof of a course in Ethics and one that covers the DSM.

The Board reviewed a reinstatement application from **Mr. Ted Hagen, MFT**. Mr. Hagen had voluntarily surrendered his license because of a consent order from 2007. It was noted that he must appear before the board before his license can be reinstated. In the Consent Order it read that he could not reapply for at least a year from the date the order was entered. Ms. Wilkins stated that it has been well over a year and he has paid all of his fines and is compliant. A motion was made by Dr. Nelson to Reinstate Mr. Hagen's MFT license, seconded by Dr. Bull. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Hollie Hannan**, in California requesting approval for telehealth counseling for her client moving to Tennessee. She is requesting she be allowed to have five (5) phone sessions through October 31, 2016 or until her client finds a new therapist. The Board agrees that transitions are hard and are inclined to approve, however the Board cannot make a ruling based on Statue 63-1-155(g)(1) on Telehealth services. The Board requested that a copy of the Rules on Telehealth be sent to Ms. Hannan.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Dr. Joseph Kemper**. He is requesting approval of specific courses of study for the Clinical Pastoral Therapists. Dr. Hammonds-White suggests he contact the AAPC with this question. The Board does not make these determinations.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Mr. T. Murray Garrott** requesting approval of coursework completed. The Board request that Mr. Garrott send in an application before anything can be reviewed.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Yvette Hunter** requesting an extension of the four (4) year time limit for post-master's supervision due to life circumstances. Ms. Speakman made a motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Bull. The motion carried.

Mr. Tom Biller in the audience stepped up to speak. He was requesting an upgrade from LPC to LPC/MHSP. Mr. Biller stated that he was grandfathered in when he got his initial license and has not taken any of the exams and his license was not upgraded when the rule changed in 1993. He teaches many classes in the Counseling Program at the Pentecostal Theological Seminary. Mr. Biller requested a waiver on the exams. Dr. Susan Hammonds-White explained that all three (3) of the exams are now required and that they do not have the ability to waive the exams based on the way the law is written. The request was denied by the Board.

Discuss Other Board Business

The Board discussed the upcoming January 2017 AASCB Conference. The board voted on sending two (2) Board members, one (1) staff member and the Board attorney. Ms. Speakman made the motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Little.

Dr. Bull requested information on the next AAMFT conference. Ms. Wilkins stated she would email that information.

Adjourn

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to adjourn at 11:38 a.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board on December 2, 2016