

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

DATE: March 7, 2019

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/MHSP, Chair
Kimberly Speakman, LPC/MHSP
Shelly Steel, MFT
Howard Nelson, CPT
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Vanessa Hayes, Board Administrator
Nathaniel Flinchbaugh, Advisory Attorney

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 9:00. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Minutes

Upon review of the September 7, 2018 minutes, Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Steel, to approve the minutes. All in favor. The motion carried.

Office of Investigations Report

Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator, stated there are five (5) new open complaints for LPC's all for unprofessional conduct and five (5) new complaints for MFT's year to date.

Financial Report

Noranda French presented the mid-year financial report. The total expenditures for the mid-year are \$91,543.30, total revenue for the mid-year is \$151,993.43.

Office of General Counsel Report

Mr. Flinchbaugh stated that currently, the Office of General Counsel has eight (8) open cases. There are three (3) Consent Orders ready for the Boards review. The first of those is **Richard A. Peaks III**, LPC/MHSP license # 2886. Respondent reported to work under the influence. A UDS was positive for amphetamines. The discipline in the Consent Order states he will be suspended and must undergo a substance abuse evaluation. Once a return to work recommendation is received, suspension will be stayed and the license placed on probation. Probation shall be for the duration of any monitoring agreement entered into if one is needed, but not less than one year. During probation, Mr, Peaks must be supervised by a practice monitor with weekly reviews

and quarterly reports to disciplinary coordinator. Also, costs shall be assessed not to exceed \$1,000, payable within twenty-four (24) months. Ms. Steel made a motion to accept the Consent Order, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next Consent Order is for Ms. **Stacie Putman-Yoquelet**, LPC/MHSP license #1479 is a representation due to the Board requesting modifications. Respondent drafted two (2) mental health letters for J.T; the first in June 2006 and the second in January 2008. In April 2017, Respondent posted inappropriate messages referring to this client. The Board made the changes of probation being for 1 year rather than the 180 days that they were originally presented with and they are requiring the respondent to get 6 in person CEU's on HIPAA and 6 in person CEU's on Ethics as well as monthly reports from a practice monitor each month and costs not to exceed \$1,000. Ms. Speakman made a motion to accept the Consent Order, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

The last Consent Order is **Kasim Barnes**, LPC/MHSP license # 3295. Respondent attempted to adopt a former client. Client was transferred back to Wyoming. Respondent admits he plans to complete the adoption. His license is being reprimanded and he must complete one of the following courses within twelve (12) months: a) PROBE b) PBI c) Any other course approved by the Board. Also, one Type B Monetary Penalty in the amount of \$500, payable within twenty-four (24) months and costs not to exceed \$500, payable within twenty-four (24) months. Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept the Consent Order, seconded by Ms. Speakman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rule Changes

The Board's telehealth rules are in internal review. The taskforce changes are currently being completed but are not ready for board review. The new Governor has issued a moratorium on all rules at this time.

Legislation

SB0204/HB0035 – changes Suicide Prevention training from “every 5 years” to “every 4 years”
SB1084/HB0868 - changes who is permitted to supervise Clinical Pastoral Therapists.
SB0949/HB0988 – Requires DCS to provide weekly mental health counseling to each child in a detention or shelter care facility. Provider must be licensed under Title 68.
SB0098/HB0430 - changes sunset of Board from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2023

Administrative Report

Ms. Hayes reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are two thousand four-hundred and eighty-one (2481) active Licensed Professional Counselors, of those, two thousand-one hundred and forty-five (2145) have the Mental Health Service Provider designation and four hundred eighteen (418) are approved supervisors. There are currently two hundred forty-nine (249) temporary LPC/MHSP licenses. There are six hundred seventy-two (672) active Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and one hundred sixty (160) temporary MFT licensees. Ms. Hayes said there are twenty-two (22) Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists. Ms. Hayes stated that there have been ninety-one (91) newly licensed LPC's and nine (9) newly licensed MFT's since the December 7, 2018 Board meeting.

Board meeting dates for 2019 have been scheduled for:

2019

May 31, 2019

September 13, 2019

December 6, 2019

Newly Licensed

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following newly Licensed Professional Counselors with MHSP designation. All in favor. The motion carried.

**Ariel B. Adams
Candace Albriton
Mary C. King
Kourtni Austin
Allyson L. Barnes
Megan Bearman
Daniel G. Lavelle
Stephanie M. Johnson
Cathaleen L. Blake
Tina M. Boni
Karyn Britt
Melinda Brooks
Amber Lopez
Pearl L. Brown
Emily G. Key
Kristen A. Carlosh
Aaron B. Clark
Paula Johnson Clark
Hannah L. Cole
Ashley N. Davis
Rachael Desaussure
Andrew Dozier
Danny C. Drew
Sarah Elizabetta
Stephanie Price
Paquita R. Pullen
Phillip M. Tucker
Alexander Hopkins
Corbett R. Hinkle
Joshua E. Reed
Kristen Hendrix
Sara Smith
Mary E. Rushing
Charles M. Hill**

**Rahab K. Marshall
Lauren A. McElhiney
Terra McGill
Catherine A. McKay
Tempest Meriwether
Amira Mohamad
Cecily R. Moore
Angela L. Moten
Tami S. Navalon
Katherine McLees Orem
Suzanna V. Owens
Mark C. Pafford
Kathryn R. Paradis
Angela N. Parham
Abbie C. Phifer
Alicia Powell
Emily Ellis
Sveinung Eriksen
Susan M. Forward
Angela K. Galyean
Kelsey L. Gilbert
Shannon M. Hardaway
Musenge L. Hayslett
Mary C. Helmbrecht
Lana B. Turner
Tempia Cole Waddell
Beverly J. Word
Ann C. Wheeler
Wanda M. Woodward
Sheila K. Stoner
Kristin Martin Smith
Alyssa M. Ritchason
Jamie L. Staggs**

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Steel, to approve the following newly Licensed Professional Counselors without MHSP designation. All in favor. The motion carried.

**Gayle Anderson
Leigh Pitre
Jacqueline Reeves Thomas
Charis Buckland
Jennifer Bice
Joshua Krebs
Dawn Brown
Anne Floyd**

**Joy Wilson Lowrance
Rhonda Pendergrass
Jennie Gerado
Jasmine N. Randle
Tiffany C. Moore
Tobie Thayer
Dusty Huff
Victoria Bentley**

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Steel, to approve the following newly Licensed Marital and Family Therapists. All in favor. The motion carried.

**Lauren E. Bondi
Meredith C. Fielder
Patricia A. Hamilton
James Jake B. Morrill
Elizabeth M. Perez**

**Verlynn R. Pruehs
Jeanetta Reston
Aaron Shaner
Robert L. Windrow**

Temporary Licenses

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Professional Counselors. All in favor. The motion carried.

**Whitney Ballinger
Tessa C. Batchelor
Whitney R. Biggs
Eric D. Bottoms
Carol J. Cayce
Cameron C. Chapman
Amy Smyth Cofer
Ian K. Duley
Ashley Dunn
Lindsey G. Dye
Diana N. Glasser
Jennifer M. Hampton
Christina M. Healey
Heidi Hensley
Barbara M. Hill
Dawn A. Howington**

**Jenny L. Hudson
Rochelle Kennedy
Daniel Latham
Cara L. Lindell
Kyle Macdonald
Margaret Mevers
Amanda L. Nowlin
Allison A. Parker
Ravi A. Patel
Caroline Rowlader
Catherine J. Stutzner
Ronald Surgeon
Bailee R. Teter
Connie C. Tomlin
Christopher S. Vickers
Samantha Wacenske**

Ms. Steel made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Marital and Family Therapists. All in favor. The motion carried.

**Megan P. Ballou
Tiffany E. Bridges Bankett
Barry D. Bryant
Sasha N. Cory-Pack**

**Michelle L. Harris
Grant W. Haun
Janet Shaw King
Jacquelyn Larson**

David Cowart
Philip D. Crowder, Jr.
Tameka Dennis
Lindsay Gunther
Pamela A. Hamilton
Cynthia O. Hannah

Jeremy Lehmann
Jennifer Caldwell Maynard
April Moseley
Lisa M. Oliver
Beth Frazier Piper
Patricia Winn Thomas

Reinstatement Applications

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson to approve the following reinstated Licensed Professional Counselors. All in favor. The motion carried.

Allison L. Cole
Colleen Crilley
Pamela A. Gillon
Jessica Moore

Deborah E. Pitts
Amy L. Skinner
Juliet N. Thomas
Janeen L. Ward

Correspondence

Ms. Cynthia Mason appeared before the Board to discuss her application. She wanted to change her temp license to a LPC license. She was trying to get student loan forgiveness, but she would have to be fully licensed to receive this. The Board has requested that she provide the 3000 clinical hours and 150 supervision hours by an approved supervisor with at least half of that from a LPC/MHSP. These hours must be completed in no less than 2 years and no more than 4 years. They also requested that she have her additional transcripts sent.

The Board reviewed correspondence and documents from **Ms. Dana Vince** requesting to be approved to provide CEU presentation “Hold Me Tight” on Relationship Education. Ms. Steel made a motion to approve this CEU presentation, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Elizabeth Porter** requesting to provide a CEU presentation. The Board did not feel the information submitted was therapeutic in nature. The board felt it did not fit as a counseling topic. Ms. Speakman made a motion to deny this request, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Mr. Scott Hull** requesting permission to allow Cumberland County Lead Safe Schools to be considered as a clinical setting so that licensees can count clinical hours for licensure. The Board is inclined to approve this due to it being a rural area and it is more of a community agency setting rather than a private practice. Ms. Speakman made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Ms. Little. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Kelly Flanagan** requesting to provide video supervision for four individuals. Each of these individuals has written their own letters as well. The Board would like to know more information on if the supervisor and supervisees are still in the same area. If they are not more than 50 miles away then this request will be denied.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Sonya Armstrong** requesting to receive video supervision from Ms. Cathy Dyer who is an LPC/MHPS approved supervisor due to the hardship

of distance. Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve for Ms. Armstrong to receive HIPAA compliant video supervision from this supervisor, seconded by Ms. Steel.

Discuss Other Board Business

The Board discussed and reviewed the CEU requirements for different states. Dr. Peter Wilson and some of his students compiled a CEU comparison by state. Two (2) states that do not require CEU's at all are Hawaii and Michigan. Tennessee and Kentucky are the only two (2) states that require twenty (20) CEU's biannually. The other forty-six (46) states require twenty-four (24) or more CEU's every two (2) years. Of those forty-six (46), twenty-seven (27) of those require forty (40) every two (2) years. The Board would like to see the CEU requirement increased.

The LPC Jurisprudence exam change proposal that is offered by the NBCC has been delayed due to the AACSB and the NBCC merging. It was initially due to launch in April. The Board is waiting to hear what the exam will entail and the cost. Ms. Wilkins stated that she will keep in close contact with Tammi Lee and Mary Alice Olsan.

Ms. Wilkins discussed AACSB/NBCC Conference in August. Ms. Steel made a motion for Dr. Susan Hammonds White, Ms. Kimberly Speakman, Board Attorney Nathaniel Flinchbaugh and Director Ms. Teddy Wilkins to be approved to attend the conference, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. The motion carried.

Adjourn

With no other Board business to conduct Ms. Speakman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Little. All in favor. The motion carried.