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

**DATE:** December 7, 2018

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards Conference Center

Poplar Room, 665 Mainstream Drive

Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS** Susan Hammonds-White, Ed.D. LPC/MHSP, Chair

**PRESENT:** Kimberly Speakman, LPC/MHSP

Shelly Steel, MFT Howard Nelson, CPT

**BOARD MEMBERS** 

**NOT PRESENT:** 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. Speakman, to approve the minutes. All in favor. The motion carried.

## **Order of Compliance**

At the last board meeting the board requested to speak to David Saunders before lifting the suspension on his license. Mr. Saunders no longer lives in the State of Tennessee and cannot appear in person so there will be a phone conference. The Board decided that they would like to see documentation from his therapists before lifting the Order. Dr. Nelson made a motion to require Mr. Saunders to submit formal documentation regarding his mental health contact with the VA and any other therapists he has worked with on these issues, seconded by Ms. Steel. All in favor. The motion carried.

# Office of Investigations Report

Ms. Leonard stated there are thirty (30) new open complaints for LPC's and five (5) new complaints for MFT's year to date. Of the five (5) for MFT's, one (1) for unlicensed practice, three (3) for unprofessional conduct, and one (1) for medical records request. Of the open thirty (30) for LPC's, one (1) was for abuse or neglect, one (1) was for drug use, four (4) for unlicensed practice, eighteen (18) for unprofessional conduct, and four (4) for practicing beyond the scope

of practice. There are four (4) new complaints and one closed without action for MFT's. One (1) was for unlicensed practice and three (3) were for unprofessional conduct. Investigations has closed a total of thirty-seven (37) cases. Nine (9) of which went to OGC for discipline, twenty-two (22) were closed with no action, and six (6) were closed with a letter of warning.

# **Financial Report**

Noranda French presented the financial report and discussed the actual year end numbers. The total expenditures for the year were \$187,210.96, total revenue for the year was \$263,201.00. That allowed the board to close at \$75,990.04 with a cumulative carry over of \$822,749.95.

# Office of General Counsel Report

Mr. Flinchbaugh stated that currently, the Office of General Counsel has eight (8) open cases. There are two (2) Consent Orders ready for the Boards review. The first of those is **Vanessa A. Londino**, LPC license # 3419. Respondent provided a letter to her boyfriend at the time, J.C., pertaining to behavior of E.C. Respondent did not have a professional relationship with E.C. Respondent's letter was submitted to a California court by J.C. The discipline in the Consent Order is twelve (12) months' probation, weekly reviews by a practice monitor and quarterly reports submitted to the disciplinary coordinator, ten (10) Continuing Education Hours in Ethics and Professional Boundaries, which must be completed within one (1) year. These hours in addition to hours needed to maintain licensure 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 next Consent Order is for Ms. **Stacie Putman-Yoquelet**, LPC license #1479. 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 did not accept the presented Consent Order. The Board made the changes of probation being for 1 year rather than the 180 days they were 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. Mr. Flinchbaugh will send the offer back to the respondent and if she accepts it will be presented at the March 8, 2019 Board meeting.

## **Rulemaking Hearing**

Rules 0450-01-.12, 0450-02-.12, and 0450-03-.12 are being promulgated to insert language regarding suicide prevention to comply with the 2017 Public Chapter 396 the "Kenneth and Madge Tullis, MD, Suicide Prevention Training Act.

Rules 0450-01-.13, 0450-02-.13, and 0450-03-.13 are being modified to comply with the 2017 Public Chapter 215. Ms. Speakman made a motion to accept the amendments to the LPC rules, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Steel made a motion to accept the proposed rules for MFT's, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept the proposed rules for CPT's, seconded by Ms. Speakman. All in favor, Motion carried.

#### **Administrative Report**

Ms. Hayes reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are two thousand four-hundred and twenty-three (2423) active Licensed Professional Counselors, of those, two thousand and eighty-four (2084) have the Mental Health Service Provider designation and four hundred sixteen (416) are approved supervisors. There are currently two hundred thirty (230) temporary LPC/MHSP licenses. There are six hundred seventy-five (675) active Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and one hundred forty-six (146) temporary MFT licensees. Ms. Hayes said there are twenty-four (24) Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists. Ms. Hayes stated that there have been eighty-two (82) newly licensed LPC's and twenty-one (21) newly licensed MFT's since the September 7, 2018 Board meeting.

Board meeting dates for 2019 have been scheduled for:

# 2019

March 8, 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.

Sara R. Anderson John R. Armstrong Gabriela A. Barnett Laura F. Boggan John C. Braddock Valorie C. Bronstone Zachary R. Budesa Sierah M. Campbell Christine L. Clark Kathryn M. Defatta Susan M. Dentler Roger T. Dewilde Rachel G. Downer James E. Feltman **Christine Finnegan** Chelsea W. Fite **Andrew Follet Aaron Free** Rebecca V. Gregory **Nanette Griffin** 

Clair F. Herb

Kala Hight

Natalie L. Lequang Kristi Maxwell Cynthia L. Moody Cynthia A. Nicholls Cherilyn D. Padgett Nichole Piispanen Jacob Ramsey Kimberly M. Rate Christa M. Reed Robert D. Rickman, Jr. Dennis J. Sattler Christine L. Schneider Alexandria M. Sheucraft Adrianna P. Sifford Kathrvn W. Silverstein Kelsey A. Tardy **Timothy Terry** Ricky G. Varney Davida D. Vaughn **Rain Voss** Laura E. Watts Nathan B. West

Lille M. Holcomb Jenna Hotovec Reisha V. Jack Lori A. King Lauren M. Kolacinski Sherilyn P. Lacy Amy B. Lazarov Clinton A. White Whitney L. Wilbanks Brittney S. Williams Jesse Williams Jill S. Woicik Meredith H. Wood Ashley Leary

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

Kiersten A. Hawes Sara Fleming Timothy R. Horn Tiffany D. Marks Connie D. Stricklin Jolynne C. Chapman Aleyda Sanchez Alfonzo N. Lyons Lois A. McCrone Emily K. Kilbourn Beth L.H. Barrington Matthew B. Wilson Angela B. Velez

Kristen N. Maloney

Kimberly R. Mathis

Andrea M. Pizzano

Richard E. Sanders

Emily G. Pardy Catherine D. Phipps

**Greg Sharp** 

**Trillion Small** 

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.

Ashley Bergman Margaret A. Embody Anne C. Floyd Christine Gilbert Musenge L. Hayslett Katherine A. Hofstetter

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Katherine A. Hofstetter
Gloria R. Joffe
Gary L. Johnson
Nona D. Kelly

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Pennie J. Leggett
Barbara R. Tamkin
Julie W. Tilley

## **Temporary Licenses**

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

Elizabeth M. Andersen Jessica L. Ashley Laci J.R. Baker David Ball Denise Barlow

Courtney E. Bottoms Jordan D. Bradden

Somer Brown

Jeffery A. Cockerham

**Kayla Davis** 

Pamela C. Lamb Stephen Lockridge Rahab K. Marshall Brianna K. Martin Cynthia A. Mason Robin T. Michaels

**Anna Moise** 

William C. Mooney Angela K. Moralee Sarah L. Owen Kelsey M. Dillehay
Jonathan L. Edwards
Maghan Eversmith
Natae J. Feenstra
Amy D. Frazee
Laura R. Fritzsche
Elizabeth P. Garrott
Thomas M. Garrott
Erica S. Gunter
Mallory N. Hawkins
Tori D. Horenstein
Casey Jenkins
Erica Harms

Lydia G. Phillips Marian E. Saffle Christine L. Snipes Nathan B. Strickland Edward L. Varner Julie A. Wakeman Mary A. Seiler Walker

Emily Webster Chloe West Courtney White Jade Wiggins Andria Wilson

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.

Kristin Hibbett Dwight A. Hughes Mamie Crockett Joyce Keiara A. Marsh Nick McCollum Zachary W. Shappley Kevin Wells Bethany E. Winfield Rachel E. Young

### **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.

Mary Arwen Sheila J. Beard April Clanton Jessica R. Cox Cynthia S. Crawford Stephanie A. Finch Ralph Rogers
Jeremy Sublett
Patricia E. Thornton
Darrell T. Watson
Robbie Goad Whitaker

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

#### Linda A. Hazel

## Correspondence

**Ms. Michelle Harris** appeared before the Board to discuss her application due to her earning part of her post masters supervision by an Indiana supervisor that is not an AAMFT approved supervisor. The supervisor that is mentioned has a Masters in MFT, as well as being a licensed clinical addiction counselor and a licensed mental health counselor. The Board would still like to

see additional documentation of the supervisors credentials. Ms. Harris is eligible to get a temp license.

The Board reviewed correspondence and documents from **Ms. Lacretia Dangerfield** requesting to be approved to provide a CEU presentation on self-care on January 26, 2019. Ms. Steel made a motion to approve this CEU presentation, seconded by Ms. Speakman. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Sandy Arons** requesting to provide a CEU presentation. The Board did not feel the information submitted was therapeutic in nature. The board though it was more of a legal presentation rather than counseling related. Ms. Steel made a motion to deny this request, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Anika K. Mullen** requesting permission to allow an out of state CACREP graduate deaf counselor to assist with her deaf adolescent client. The board denied this request, due to statute the counselor must be licensed in the State of Tennessee.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Denise Walker** requesting to receive video supervision from her current supervisor from time to time due to the busy schedules that they both have. The Board approved for Ms. Walker to receive HIPAA compliant video supervision from this supervisor.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Liz Edrington** requesting an extension of the 2-4 year time frame for her to receive her post master supervision hours. The Board has given her one (1) additional year to finish her supervision on the 2 to 4 year time frame of completing hours.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Mr. Kevin Wells** requesting to receive video supervision from Dr. Tirrell Andrews who is an AAMFT approved supervisor. The Board approved for Mr. Wells to receive HIPAA compliant video supervision from this supervisor.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Kirsten M. Moussa** requesting to receive video supervision from her previous supervisor Ms. Julie Vogel who is licensed in Tennessee, but has moved to Virginia. The Board approved for Ms. Moussa to receive HIPAA compliant video supervision from Ms. Julie Vogel.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ms. Latonia Bailey requesting to receive video supervision from Ms. Lacretia Dangerfield. The Board approved for Ms. Moussa to receive HIPAA compliant video supervision from Ms. Dangerfield.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Mr. Travis Thompson** requesting to receive video supervision from Ms. Connie Crossley who is an AAMFT approved supervisor. The Board approved for Mr. Thompson to receive HIPAA compliant video supervision from Ms. Connie Crossley.

### **Discuss Other Board Business**

Ms. Teddy Wilkins discussed the LPC Jurisprudence exam change proposal that is offered by the NBCC. Currently it is on schedule to launch in April. The anticipated cost would be \$25 and could be accessed from the applicant's home computer. There would be a bank of 55 true or false questions that they would answer. The questions that they got wrong they would then have to go back and correct and get 100% before the exam would be complete. They would then receive a certificate. After the Board spoke with Mary Alice Olsan from the NBCC they decided that they would like to have a larger bank of questions with multiple choice rather than just true and false. This will be discussed further at the March 8, 2019 Board meeting.

Dr. Hammonds-White discussed the possibility of a reciprocity agreement with Virginia. Robin Lee suggested reaching out to the State of South Carolina for a possible reciprocity agreement. This will be discussed more at the March 8, 2019 Board meeting.

The Board would also like to discuss the number of hours of CEU's that are required per year at the next Board meeting.

# **Adjourn**

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