

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

DATE: March 4, 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
Todd Pinckley, Advisory Attorney

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A roll call vote was conducted and a quorum was present.

Dr. Susan Hammonds-White welcomed students from Trevecca Nazarene University Doctoral program.

Dr. Hammonds-White welcomed Ms. Little to the Board. Ms. Little will be serving as the citizen member.

Dr. Hammonds-White would also like to recognize Mr. Stephen Caldwell for his five years as the citizen member and would like to recognize him and express sincere of gratitude from the Board for his service.

Minutes

Upon review of the December 4, 2015 minutes, Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Upon review of the February 12, 2016 minutes, Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel

Mr. Pinckley stated as of March 1, 2016, the Office of General Counsel has cases against six (6) of the Board's licensees and no cases will be discussed at the March 4, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Pinckley presented SB 1814/HB 1849. This proposed bill would change the requirements to receive a license in pastoral therapy. The proposed bill would also create a temporary license for CPT's to garner experience prior to licensure. OGC has been working with the legislature to address potential issues with the temporary license that the Board has seen with other temporary licenses. Particularly, the effect of a nonrenewable license with a fixed time limit on the ability of licensees to obtain required hours.

Mr. Pinckley presented SB 1556/HB 1840 the "Conscientious Objector" bill which was the subject of the emergency Board meeting held February 12, 2016. This proposed bill would allow for professional counselors to refer a patient to another counselor if the counselor believes that providing counseling would violate a sincerely held religious belief.

At the December, 2015 Board meeting, the Board asked that Mr. Pinckley review the process regarding how the reciprocal agreement with Kentucky had been established previously. Mr. Pinckley reached out to previous counsel, Ms. Johanna Barde, who informed the steps she took regarding contacting the Kentucky Board staff and setting the process in motion. The process establishing reciprocity is not an easy or expedient process; however, if the Board is interested in establishing more reciprocal agreements with other states, the Mr. Pinckley can begin contacting other states about the possibility of creating reciprocal agreements. This is relevant to Statutes: T.C.A.63-22-103 (MFT's) and T.C.A. 63-22-116 (LPC's). Must have substantially the same or higher requirements for licensure than Tennessee.

Agreed Citations

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the Agreed Citation for **Annemarie Sears, LMFT**, for practicing on a lapsed license. The motion carried.

Office of Investigations

Ms. Dorroh stated there are eight (8) complaints against LMFT's, eighteen (18) complaints against LPC's, one (1) complaint against a CPC and one (1) complaint against a LCPT.

Ms. Dorroh said they are currently monitoring two (2) practitioners.

Administrative Report

Mr. Hill reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are 1872 Licensed Professional Counselors, 1616 Licensed Professional Counselors with Mental Health Service Provider designation and two hundred sixteen (216) Licensed Professional Counselors as approved supervisors.

Mr. Hill said there are twenty-five (25) Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists; and five hundred and nineteen (519) Licensed Marital and Family Therapists. Mr. Hill stated that of the 225 LPC's who renewed their licenses since the February 2016, 140 renewed on-line for a rate of 62%. Mr. Hill stated that of the (62) LMFT's who renewed their licenses since the February 2016, forty-one (41) renewed on-line for a rate of 66%. Mr. Hill stated that of the (4) LCPT who renewed their licenses since the February 2016, one (1) renewed on-line for a rate of 25%.

Mr. Hill said all travel requests must be submitted 120 days prior to the travel date for approval.

Mr. Hill covered the conflict of interest and asks the Board to please review and sign a new contract of interest.

Mr. Hill stated the following Board meeting dates for 2016 have been scheduled:

June 3, 2016
September 2, 2016
December 2, 2016

Newly Licensed

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

**Kimberly Anderson
Michelle E. Arbogast
Ingrid C. Baldwin
Dareen Basma
Sharon Leah Bruner
David Ray Carrillo
Heather Nicole Clayton
Rachel Cupit
Michele Daniel
Elizabeth F. Donatto-Clark
Jane Yancey Doody Elizabeth
Kelly Cheryl Drake
Leiah Deann Drew
Jonathan A. Dukes
Nadiyah J. Gibbs
Suzanne M. Grannis**

**Holli Elaine Hines
Jacqueline Huffaker
Brittney N. Jackson
Marlene Kincade
Ashley Liston-Avnaim
Brittney McHughes
Rita M. Meeker
Anthony A. Michael
Jennifer Ann Moralejo
Alana M. Morris
Reginald G. Nesbitt
Leigh Mitchell Owens
Jason Leon Reich
Shilo Morning Star Satran
Melissa D. Simmions
Maria Wilkins**

The motion carried.

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

**Tiffany Atchley
Jessica P. Davis**

**Hillary King-Werthan
Laura Meadow**

**Jillian Hawks
Stephanie C. Hunneke
Stacy Jagger
Debbie Jamison
Lavonne D.M. Johnson
Megan Kent
Heidi Kilmer**

**Ryan D. Miller
Tina Parker
Annemarie Sears
Danielle Lynn Sukenik
Timothy Olin Sutherland
Arlin Troyer**

The motion carried.

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

**Andrew James Baker
Kara J. Coats
Amanda Gail Lee Dooley
Jacon Andrew Henry
Philip Eric Hood
Karma M. Howard
Jacqueline Marie Johnson**

**Julia Johnson
Denise M. Kalfazade
Julie F. Mangus
Neesha Nicole Roberts
Carolyn Hagemeyer Wadman
Jessica Stephanie Whitfield**

The motion carried.

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

**Christy Bonner
Erik Lance Carlton
Katherine A. Hofstetter**

**Jean Landphair
Jordan Cody Manning**

The motion carried.

Reinstatement Applications

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

**Anna Hagen
Steve Craig Riser
Jody Mae Stickle**

**Dr. Gary K. Sturgill
Patricia Evelyn Thorton
Jeraldine Ann Ziegele**

The motion carried.

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

Annemarie Sears

The motion carried.

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to approve the following closed Licensed Professional Counselors application files:

Brenda T. Lee

The motion carried.

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

**Vickie Sperling
Lindsey Taylor
Tonya Watson
Mark Begley
Emma Simpson**

**Wayne Shorter
Angela Rusk
Judith Ness Turriciano
James McDermott**

The motion carried.

Dr. Brian Wind, TCAF Executive Director with the Tennessee Colleague Assistance Foundation spoke with the board. TCAF is an independent, non-profit Tennessee Corporation developed by Psychologists for the purpose of providing colleague assistance to healthcare providers. The budget with the Board of Examiners in Psychology is about \$ 36,000.00, and currently has eight under contract with TCAF. Ms. Speakman asked what the credentials are that make up the Foundation. The makeup of the Foundation consists of Dr. Murphy Thomas, Chair, Board members which are nine (9) in number and consist of eight (8) psychologists and one (1) member at large who is an attorney.

Dr. Hammonds-White asked if TCAF would consider adding LPCs to the staff. Ms. Speakman stated that she would like to see a proposal from TCAF, and her concern is that LPCs, MFTs, and CPTs are very different than that of the Psychology Board and would like to see one of the LPC/MFT/CPT folks to be appointed as assistant Directors - probably one for each region so there is access to the individuals and to have at least one Clinical Pastoral Therapist, and One Marital and Family Therapist, and one Professional Counselor from each regions.

Dr. Lee suggested the Board itself would show representation of at least one constituent from each of the professions on the Board.

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to submit a RFP for the services from the Tennessee Colleague Assistance Foundation (TCAF). The motion carried.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter from the AMFTRB regarding Final English Language Learner (ELL) special arrangements request. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson to approve the proposal for accommodations. The motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter from **Mr. James Kyle Chappel**, asking the Board to grant full supervision of the (150) hours usage live video conferencing due to hardship. Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull to accept the request for supervision via video conferencing due to hardship. The motion carried

The Board reviewed a request from **Lauren Dickson, LCSW**, asking the Board's approval for the STARS agency as a clinical setting in which LPC and LPC/MHSP applicants may complete their supervision. Ms. Speakman made a motion, second by Dr. Nelson to approve this program as an appropriate clinical setting, however, these individuals will need to seek clinical supervision for 50% of the required supervision hours from a LPC/MHSP. And as of the date of employment any supervision provided by Ms. Dickson will be retroactive. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a request from **Rachel Gulley, LPC/MHSP (temp)**, and request for a two (2) year medical extension beyond the four (4) year deadline of acquiring supervision hours. The board cannot extend the Temporary license the Board is limited by statute. The temporary cannot be reissued, and her issue is that she is in a private practice and in order to take direct payment she will need to have a temporary. The board informed Ms. Gulley that she will not be able to take direct payment; she will be able to finish the hours and when completed with her hours she may reapply for full licensure.

The Board reviewed the invitation to attend the NBCC 2016 State Licensure Board Meeting in Reston, VA. The NBCC is also hosting a symposium for the masters and doctoral NBCC minority fellowship program (NBCC MFP) recipients. The state Board meeting will coincide with the meeting to be held May 25-27, 2016. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson to approve funding for Dr. Hammonds-White and Ms. Speakman to attend. The motion carried.

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Little for the Board to provide funding for Dr. Bull to attend the TNAMFT April 15-16, 2016. The motion carried.

Dr. Wilson presented to the Board a listing of the current graduating counseling programs and asked that the list be available for applicants on the Boards website.

Discuss Other Board Business

Dr. Lee with TLPCA addressed the Board regarding HB1840. The TLPCA would like to thank Dr. Hammonds-White and Ms. Speakman for attending the legislation session to share information with the legislators. SB1556 was introduced in the Senate Health and Welfare committee and passed then went to the Senate floor and passed. HB1840 went to the House subcommittee and is scheduled to go to the full House committee. This bill will limit as a Board the ability to deal with violations of the ACA ethical code which the Board has adopted. The TLPCA will continue to oppose the bill and will continue to ask the Board to opposing this legislation.

Adjourn

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to adjourn at 11:06 a.m. The motion carried.

Adopted by the Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapist, Clinical Pastoral Therapist on this the 3rd day of June, 2016.