

MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
May 11, 2012

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, May 11, 2012, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bonnie Barker, LPC, Chair
Ben P. Marion, CSW, MFT, Vice-Chair
Jack Perryman, LPC
Tommy Black, LPC
William C. Bacon, MFT
Robert King, CSW
Eunice Mixon, Consumer Member
Richard Long, MFT
Steve Livingston, MFT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tonya Barbee, CSW

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

GUEST ATTENDEE:

Jerry Gardner, Elite Cont. Education

Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor
Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Bonnie Baker, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Agenda:

Perryman motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes:

Long motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

- **March 09, 2012**
- **April 13, 2012**

Board Chair Report:

Bonnie Barker, Chair, reported to the Board of the new administrative staff assigned to support the Board under the direction of the Assistant Division Director and Executive Director of the Healthcare II Section, Tanja Battle and her staff. Ms. Barker and the Board thanked the previous administrative staff for their work.

Executive Director's Report:

- Report to the Board of the passage and signing into law of House Bill 434
- Review of the Memo from Attorney General Sam Olens regarding changes in the Open Meeting and Open Records Acts, HB 397, recently signed into law, effective April 17, 2012.
- Mr. Zimmerman, on behalf of his staff, thanked the Board for all its hard work over the last few years and encouraged the members to continue their review of Board rules and policies for revisions and updating, and to continue to assist staff in development of more efficient ways to process applications for licensure.

Black motioned, Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Executive Directors report and polices as stated. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondences:

Correspondences received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

- Valerie McDowell, Virginia Jackson, Chantay Golson and David Koepnick

Black motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Variance/Waiver Requests:

- Cloud, Tina, MSW004279-Rule 135-5-.04-Requirements for Licensure; Clinical Social Worker

Long motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to deny the variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship; in addition, the Board does not approve virtual technology as a method used to obtain supervision. Supervision must be conducted face-to-face. None opposed, motion carried.

- Robertson, Jeanie, LPC001307-Rule 135-6-.04 Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses

Long motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for variance/waiver request. None opposed, motion carried.

- Zaglin, Charles, LPC004661-Rule 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements

Long motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for variance/waiver request upon the receipt of additional information. None opposed, motion carried.

Rule Discussion Continued:

Rule 135-5-.05 Requirements for licensure –Associate Marriage and Family Therapists

Long motioned, Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to post the amendments to Rule 135-5-.05 Requirements for licensure, Associate Marriage and Family Therapists for the 30-day minimum requirement upon the receipt of the memo of authority from Tricia Downing, AAG. None opposed, motion carried.

Bacon motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2-(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Professional Practice Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Barker, Marion, Perryman, Black, King, Bacon, Livingston, Long and Mixon.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, May 11, 2012, Ms. Barker declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

Applications:

Bacon motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following Marriage & Family Therapists applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:

1. L.C. Pending the receipt of additional information

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST- CONTRACT CHANGES:

1. McMaster, Laura Contract changes approved

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:

1. C.A. Approved to sit for exam
2. R.C. Approved extension request

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. D.H. Pending the receipt of additional information
2. Thompson, Brittany Approved for licensure

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY ENDORSEMENT:

1. Hill, Tequilla Approved for licensure

Perryman motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following Professional Counselors applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR – CONTRACT CHANGES:

1. Bowen, Ruth Contract changes approved
2. Bradley, Robin Contract changes approved

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| 3. Dack, Lauren | Contract changes approved |
| 4. Gold, Emily | Contract changes approved |
| 5. Seabolt, Taisha | Contract changes approved |
| 6. Wasden, Chrystal | Contract changes approved |

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

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| 1. M.A. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. P.A.F. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. D.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. J.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. S.C. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 6. A.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 7. A.D. | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |
| 8. S.D. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 9. V.D. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 10. D.G. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 11. B.H. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 12. S.J. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 13. M.J. | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |
| 14. N.K. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 15. K.L. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 16. A.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 17. M.P. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 18. I.R. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 19. S.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 20. S.W. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 21. T.Z. | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

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| 1. Bell-Callahan, Monica | Approved for licensure |
| 2. P.C. | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |
| 3. Defnall, Carlyn | Approved for licensure |
| 4. J.D. | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |
| 5. Dorton, Alicia | Approved for licensure |
| 6. Earnest, Justin | Approved for licensure |
| 7. S.E. | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |
| 8. K.F.S. | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |
| 9. Holloway, Amanda | Approved for licensure |
| 10. Nazari, Negar | Approved for licensure |
| 11. Onabule, Adebayo | Approved for licensure |
| 12. Scott, Lakeshia | Approved for licensure |
| 13. S.S. | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |
| 14. A.T.H. | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |
| 15. Valdes, Kim | Approved for licensure |
| 16. Wacht, Angela | Approved for licensure |
| 17. K.W. | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |
| 18. R.W. | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

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| 1. M.C. | Pending applicant interview |
| 2. B.G. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. J.J. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 4. M.L. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. L.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 6. J.S. | Pending applicant interview |
| 7. M.T. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 8. K.W. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 9. J.W. | Approved to sit for exam |

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

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| 1. C.A. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 2. Beam, Barbara | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Benitez, Carmen | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Caruth, Erlese | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Castro, Georgia | Approved for licensure |
| 6. Cobb, Rachel | Approved for licensure |
| 7. Crews, Tracy | Approved for licensure |
| 8. Dean, Sharral | Approved for licensure |
| 9. Earwood, Tina | Approved for licensure |
| 10. Essex, Shannon | Approved for licensure |
| 11. Ezell-Whiddon, Odon | Approved for licensure |
| 12. Frederick, Gabriel | Approved for licensure |
| 13. Grant, Dewayne | Approved for licensure |
| 14. Huckabee, Ebony | Approved for licensure |
| 15. Lauchlan, Carrie | Approved for licensure |
| 16. J.L. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 17. Maina, Rachel | Approved for licensure |
| 18. Mathews, Willie | Approved for licensure |
| 19. Mertig, Daniel | Approved for licensure |
| 20. Moore, Angela | Approved for licensure |
| 21. Mutize, Sabriya | Approved for licensure |
| 22. Perritt, Tammy | Approved for licensure |
| 23. Ross, Keshia | Approved for licensure |
| 24. Shaw, Brian | Approved for licensure |
| 25. Ulukpo, Okovie | Approved for licensure |
| 26. Wong, Phillip | Approved for licensure |
| 27. Wright, Tiffany | Approved for licensure |

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATEMENT:

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| 1. J.R. | Issue upon the receipt of a signed public reprimand with fine |
| 2. Stewart, Eleanor | Approved for licensure |
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LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REACTIVATION:

1. Culluor, Kimberley Approved for licensure

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY ENDORSEMENT:

1. Bates, Alisha Approved for licensure
2. Bianchi, Julie Approved for licensure
3. Burton, Penelope Approved for licensure
4. Carter, Tracey Approved for licensure
5. Lutmna, Greta Approved for licensure
6. Sessoms, Cheryl Approved for licensure

Marion motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following Social Workers applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

1. T.B. Approved to sit for exam
2. T.C. Pending the receipt of additional information
3. B.J. Approved to sit for exam
4. C.K. Approved to sit for exam
5. K.P. Pending the receipt of additional information
6. K.R. Approved to sit for exam
7. M.S. Approved to sit for exam
8. C.S. Approved to sit for exam
9. L.T. Approved to sit for exam
10. R.W. Approved to sit for exam
11. H.W. Approved to sit for exam

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. K.B.F. Pending the receipt of additional information
2. J.M. Pending the receipt of additional information
3. McMahan, Whitney Approved for licensure
4. VanBuren, Susan Approved for licensure

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

1. S.A. Approved to sit for exam
2. D.B. Approved to sit for exam
3. G.D. Approved to sit for exam
4. A.F. Approved to sit for exam
5. N.J. Approved to sit for exam
6. S.J. Approved to sit for exam
7. K.L. Pending the receipt of additional information
8. T.S. Approved to sit for exam
9. L.S. Approved to sit for exam
10. C.W. Approved to sit for exam
11. K.W. Approved to sit for exam

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Neustadter, Elana Approved for licensure

STANDARDS COMMITTEE- APPLICANT INTERVIEW(S):

Long motioned, and Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants for licensure by Examination appearing before the AMFT/MFT Standards Committee.

1. Armond, Mandi Approved for licensure
2. Morgan, Debonee Approved for licensure

Marion motioned, and King seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants for licensure by Examination appearing before the CSW/MSW Standards Committee.

1. Immergut, Shelley Approved for licensure
2. Roberts, MorRondao Approved for licensure

Professional Practices Committee Report:

Complaint Cases Closed:

- COMP120024, COMP120069, COMP120078, COMP120094 and COMP120096

Complaint Cases: In Investigations:

- COMP120006, COMP120040, COMP120074 and COMP120079

Complaint Cases: Pending the receipt of additional information:

- COMP100031, COMP110101, COMP120002, COMP120006, COMP120010, COMP120019, COMP120044, COMP120049, COMP120063, COMP120064, COMP120066, COMP120067, COMP120072, COMP120073, COMP120076, COMP120081, COMP120082, COMP120084, COMP120086, COMP120087, COMP120088, COMP120090, COMP120091, COMP120092, COMP120095, COMP120099, COMP120100, COMP120101 and COMP120102

Complaint Cases: Referred to the Attorney General's Office:

- COMP110030

Complaint Cases: Pending an Investigative Interview:

- COMP120089

Bacon motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Professional Practice Committee Report as presented. None opposed, one recusal, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action.

King motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Bacon motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's scheduled meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist and

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Bonnie Barker, Chair

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: June 08, 2012