

GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2012

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, July 13, 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
Tommy Black, LPC
Eunice Mixon, Consumer Member
Richard Long, MFT
Steve Livingston, MFT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jack Perryman, LPC
William C. Bacon, MFT
Robert King, CSW
Tonya Barbee, CSW

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Farr, Deputy Secretary of State
Lisa Durden, Division Director
Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1
Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist, HC 1

GUEST ATTENDEES:

Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA

Bonnie Baker, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Black motioned, Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

- June 08, 2012

Full Board Presentation:

Mr. Kelly Farr, Deputy Secretary of State presented the Board with an overview of the budget for the upcoming physical year.

Public Rule Hearing

Rule 135-5-.05 Associate Marriage and Family Therapists

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS RULE FOR CHAPTER 135-5, REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, RULE 135-5-.05, ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

Purpose: The purpose of this rule is to correct rule language with regard to directed work experience and supervision requirements.

Main Features: The rule change clarifies language regarding engaging in the practice of marriage and family therapy while under direction and supervision, removing the language “under direct supervision”.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS RULE FOR CHAPTER 135-5, REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, RULE 135-5-.05, ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; ~~lined-through text is proposed to be deleted~~.

135-5-.05 Associate Marriage and Family Therapists. Amended.

(1) Definitions:

(a) Board Approved Marriage and Family Therapy Supervisor means a person who is licensed as a marriage and family therapist and who has been approved by the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists to provide supervision of the practice of marriage and family therapy. To obtain such approval the person shall submit documentation of the following: five years of full-time post-licensure experience in the practice of marriage and family therapy; 180 hours of experience providing marriage and family therapy supervision for at least two supervisees during a period of no less than two years and no more than five years; 36 hours of supervision received from an American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Approved Supervisor or a Georgia Board Approved Marriage and Family Therapy Supervisor, specifically in the skill of providing marriage and family therapy supervision, a minimum of 24 hours of which shall have been individual supervision-of-supervision and a recommendation from each of the supervisors who provided supervision-of-supervision attesting to the applicant’s competence as a supervisor. In addition, the Board may, at its discretion, accept a supervisor who is licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist in another jurisdiction and who has been designated an Approved Marriage and Family Therapy Supervisor by the Board that licenses Marriage and Family Therapists in that jurisdiction.

(b) Contract for Post-Graduate Experience and Supervision means a statement, on forms provided by the Board, made by a person who has completed one of the degree programs required for licensure as either an associate marriage and family therapist or a marriage and family therapist, specifying that person’s plan for obtaining the remaining experience and supervision required for licensure as a marriage and family therapist. Such a statement, once reviewed and approved by the Board, shall be considered a registered contract. A registered contract may be amended, so long as any changes have been approved by the Board.

(c) Course in Human Development means a graduate level course in any aspect of human development across the life span, including but not limited to theories of individual development, theories of learning, theories of personality, theories of normal and abnormal behavior, gender, human sexuality and psychopathology.

- (d) Course in Marriage and Family Studies means a graduate level course in the principles, concepts or history of marriage and family life, family systems, family relations and family development.
- (e) Course in Marriage and Family Therapy means a graduate level course in the theory and practice of various treatment modalities in marriage and family therapy.
- (f) Course in Marriage and Family Therapy Ethics means a graduate level course in professional ethics, legal responsibilities and liabilities, standards of practice, licensure regulation, and professional socialization relevant to the practice of marriage and family therapy.
- (g) Course in Research means a graduate level course in research design, methods and statistics.
- (h) Direct Clinical Experience means time spent in client contact as therapist or cotherapist, in supervision, in case staffing, or in case consultation.
- (i) Direction means ongoing oversight by an employer or superior of the work of a person practicing professional counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy. The director shall be responsible for assuring the quality of services rendered by that practitioner, and shall ensure that qualified supervision or intervention occurs in situations which require expertise beyond that of the practitioner. In order to be acceptable to the Marriage and Family Therapy Standards Committee of the Board, a director must attest to having performed the functions specified in this paragraph, and when not an employer must have entered into a contractual agreement with the practitioner to perform these functions.
- (j) One Year Practicum means twelve months of supervised experience obtained while enrolled in graduate level courses designated as a practicum at an educational institution which, at the time, was accredited by a regional body recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation.
- (k) Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy means evaluating and treating emotional and mental problems and conditions, whether cognitive, affective or behavioral, resolving intrapersonal and interpersonal conflicts, and changing perception, attitudes and behavior; all within the context of marital and family systems. Marriage and family therapy includes, without being limited to, individual, group, couple, sexual, family and divorce therapy. Marriage and family therapy involves an applied understanding of the dynamics of marital and family therapy systems, including individual psychodynamics, the use of assessment instruments that evaluate marital and family functioning, designing and recommending a course of treatment, and the use of psychotherapy and counseling.
- (l) Program Equivalent to a Marriage and Family Therapy Degree Program means an organized course of study at an accredited educational institution consisting of a master's degree and additional post-master's degree coursework which includes three courses in marriage and family studies, three courses in marriage and family therapy, three courses in human development, one course in marriage and family therapy ethics, and one course in research.
- (m) Program in Marriage and Family Therapy means a master's degree program at an accredited educational institution which includes three courses in marriage and family studies, three courses in marriage and family therapy, three courses in human development, one course in marriage and family therapy ethics, and one course in research.
- (n) Supervision means the direct clinical review, for the purpose of training or teaching, by a supervisor of the interactions with clients of a person practicing professional counseling, social work or marriage and family therapy. Supervision may include, without being limited to, the review of case presentations, audio tapes, video tapes, and direct observation in order to promote the development of the practitioner's clinical skills. Both supervisors and supervisees are required to maintain a contemporaneous record of the date, duration, type (individual, paired, or group), and a brief summary of the pertinent activity for each supervision session to be submitted to the Board upon request. If there are any discrepancies in hours, contemporaneous documentation of supervision will be requested.

(2) Requirements for Licensure:

(a) Education. The applicant must have earned a master's degree from a program in marriage and family therapy, from a program equivalent to a marriage and family therapy degree program, or from any program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education. Such program shall be in an educational institution which, at the time the degree was awarded, was accredited by a regional body recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation.

(b) Practicum. The applicant must have completed a one year practicum in the practice of marriage and family therapy before or after the granting of the master's degree.

1. Such practicum shall include a minimum of 500 hours of direct clinical experience.

2. Such practicum shall include 100 hours of supervision provided by a licensed marriage and family therapist, professional counselor, clinical social worker, psychiatrist or psychologist, who was also an American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Approved Supervisor, a Georgia Board Approved Marriage and Family Therapy Supervisor, or a person who was receiving supervision-of-supervision in order to qualify for either designation.

(c) Contract. The applicant must register an acceptable contract for post-graduate experience and supervision with the Board.

1. Applicants who have not yet secured employment or begun supervision at the time of their application for licensure may indicate on the contract form that their plan for obtaining experience or supervision is not complete, provided that they submit a completed contract to the Board upon securing employment or beginning supervision.

2. Once registered, any proposed change in the contract must be submitted to the Board for approval.

3. The Board, at its discretion, may request an update of the contract.

(3) Restrictions on Practice:

(a) A person who holds a license as an associate marriage and family therapist may only use the title "associate marriage and family therapist."

(b) A person who holds a license as an associate marriage and family therapist may engage in the practice of marriage and family therapy, but only while under ~~direct~~ direction and supervision, and only for a period not to exceed five years while obtaining the post-master's experience and supervision required for licensure as a marriage and family therapist.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5 and 43-10A-13

Mr. Marion motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 135-5-.05 Associate Marriage and Family Therapists as posted for the 30-day minimum requirement. None opposed, motion carried.

In addition, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5 and 43-10A-13.

Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5 and 43-10A-13 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists.

Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman, Executive Director requested the Board consider rescheduling the December meeting date from December 7th to December 14th.

Following discussion, Mr. Marion motioned, Mr. Long seconded, and the Board voted not to change the December Board meeting date. None opposed, motion carried.

Livingston motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed. motion carried.

Board Policy: Inactive Status for Associate Level Licenses:

Pursuant to Georgia law and Board rules, the Associate Professional Counselors and Associate Marriage Family Therapist license may only be active for a five year period. An APC and/or AMFT license cannot be placed on inactive status (Rule 135-6-.06 Effective July 8, 2012). Any Reinstatement application submitted by a licensee whose APC/AMFT license was in Inactive Status, but whose license lapsed for failure to renew or was revoked, the reinstatement application must be reviewed by the full board. If approved for reinstatement, the license will be reinstated in an active status under a signed consent order detailing the number of years the license was previously active, as well as, the remaining number of years (for a cumulative total of five years) remaining for the associate license. The five year time limit for the license will not begin over do the license being reinstated. (Board Policy: Effective date: July 13, 2012)

Mr. Long motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the above noted policy for Associate level licenses. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondences:

Correspondences received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

- Terrence E. Borsare
 - Distance learning is defined as any course that is not taken in person, in a physical location, classroom with additional peers/associates. Distance learning is also defined as material or a lesson that is electronically delivered to the recipient.

Marion motioned, Livingston 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.

Livingston motioned, Long 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, Black, Livingston, Long and Mixon.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, July 13, 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:

Livingston motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following recommendations on the Marriage & Family Therapists applications as reviewed during today’s scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:

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| 1. N.H. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. G.M. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM WAIVER:

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| 1. Able, Christina | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Coussens, Brandon | Approved for licensure |

Black motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Professional Counselors applications as reviewed during today’s scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

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| 1. J.A.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. C.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. C.C. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 4. B.D. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. J.E. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 6. C.J. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 7. R.J. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 8. T.K. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 9. A.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 10. H.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 11. D.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 12. M.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 13. L.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 14. L.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 15. V.W. | Approved to sit for exam |

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

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| 1. Bailey, Alli | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Cooper, Hardin | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Finn, Rebecca | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Galster, Korin | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Griswold, Suzanne | Approved for licensure |
| 6. Gwyn, Andrea | Approved for licensure |

7. Hamilton, Megan	Approved for licensure
8. Hersey, Nicholas	Approved for licensure
9. Kelley, Marguerite	Approved for licensure
10. Kramer, Carmen	Approved for licensure
11. Laney, Vanessa	Approved for licensure
12. Marshall, Amy	Approved for licensure
13. Pass, Tamara	Approved for licensure
14. Pinkston, Alicia	Approved for licensure
15. Prescott-Carr, Latosha	Approved for licensure
16. Rose, Ashley	Approved for licensure
17. Schaab, Diane	Approved for licensure
18. Tillery, Jennifer	Approved for licensure

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

1. L.K.	Approved to sit for exam
2. S.L.	Pending the receipt of additional information
3. N.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Anderson, Jamie	Approved for licensure
2. Bozard, Robert	Approved for licensure
3. Burnett, Amy	Approved for licensure
4. Cassels, Heather	Approved for licensure
5. Ciulla, Tina	Approved for licensure
6. F.C.	Pending the receipt of additional information
7. Cunningham, Giselle	Approved for licensure
8. Dixon, Kenyon	Approved for licensure
9. Fountain, Yolanda	Approved for licensure
10. S.G.	Pending the receipt of additional information
11. Green, Marjorie	Approved for licensure
12. Karan, Caroline	Approved for licensure
13. Keappler, Judy	Approved for licensure
14. Kipfer, Erica	Approved for licensure
15. Kuck, Jennifer	Approved for licensure
16. Lord, Meredith	Approved for licensure
17. McCain, Ijuana	Approved for licensure
18. McManus, Palena	Approved for licensure
19. Page, Christine	Approved for licensure
20. Pierce, Ellen	Approved for licensure
21. Potter, Sheryl	Approved for licensure
22. H.R.	Pending the receipt of additional information
23. V.S.	Pending the receipt of additional information
24. Smiley, Jared	Approved for licensure
25. Sperduto, Brooke	Approved for licensure
26. Watson, Dayna	Approved for licensure
27. Weiland, Michael	Approved for licensure

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY ENDORSEMENT:

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| 1. Atanmo, Doris | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Audet, Philip | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Rieth, Theresa | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Wagner, Janis | Approved for licensure |

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REACTIVATION:

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| 1. Senior, Bernadette | Approved for licensure |
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LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATEMENT:

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| 1. Chandras, Kananur | Approved for licensure |
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Marion motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Social Workers applications as reviewed during today's scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

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| 1. M.A. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. S.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. F.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. L.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. L.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 6. R.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 7. P.D. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 8. A.D. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 9. H.H.E. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 10. J.J. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 11. S.J. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 12. M.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 13. S.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 14. J.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 15. K.M.J. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 16. S.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 17. K.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 18. C.P. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 19. A.T. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 20. D.T. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 21. N.T.T. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 22. R.W. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 23. F.W. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

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| 1. J.F. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 2. Greene, Leon | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Hamilton, Tamara | Approved for licensure |

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| 4. McCollum, Sonya | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Shepherd, Candace | Approved for licensure |
| 6. Sone, Andrew | Approved for licensure |

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:

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| 1. Dart, Shelia | Approved for licensure |
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MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

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| 1. J.A. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. S.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. A.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. D.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. C.A.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 6. S.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 7. P.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 8. S.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 9. N.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 10. G.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 11. A.J.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 12. D.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 13. D.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 14. C.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 15. R.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 16. L.D. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 17. N.D. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 18. C.E. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 19. K.J.E. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 20. J.G. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 21. L.H.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 22. D.H. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 23. J.I. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 24. C.J. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 25. C.L. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 26. H.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 27. R.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 28. M.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 29. A.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 30. D.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 31. M.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 32. S.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 33. P.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 34. J. M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 35. T.M. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 36. E.P. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 37. C.Q. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 38. S.R. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 39. S.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 40. N.S. | Approved to sit for exam |

41. K.S.	Approved to sit for exam
42. A.T.	Approved to sit for exam
43. D.T.	Approved to sit for exam
44. B.T.	Approved to sit for exam
45. C.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information
46. W.W.	Approved to sit for exam

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Aguirre, Mary	Approved for licensure
2. Fowler, Elisa	Approved for licensure
3. Harper, Rachel	Approved for licensure
4. Hill, Cheryl	Approved for licensure
5. Moran, Daniel	Approved for licensure
6. Welch, Elizabeth	Approved for licensure

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:

1. Henderson, Katrina	Approved for licensure
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Professional Practices Committee Report:

Complaint Cases Closed:

- COMP120063, COMP120081, COMP120084, COMP120086, COMP120088, COMP120090, COMP120095, COMP120099, COMP120101, COMP120102, COMP120104, COMP120109, COMP120100, COMP120117 and COMP130001,

Complaint Cases: In Investigations:

- COMP120040- Referred back to Investigations to obtain additional information
- COMP120079- Mr. Black is recused from this complaint case.
- and COMP130002

Complaint Cases: Pending the receipt of additional information:

- COMP120002, COMP120010, COMP120019, COMP120049, COMP120064, COMP120066, COMP120067, COMP120074, COMP120076, COMP120091, COMP120093, COMP120105, COMP120108, COMP120110, COMP120111, COMP120112, COMP120113, COMP120114 and COMP120115
- COMP120108 and COMP120118- Mr. Marion is recused from this complaint case

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

- COMP110030 and COMP120044

Complaint Cases: Pending Investigative Interview(s):

- COMP120066, COMP120072, COMP120082 and COMP120092

Long 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:

No report presented

Additional Business:

Association update provided by Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA.
Ms. Tracy Hall was introduced to the Board.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Livingston motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's scheduled meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist, HC1
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1



Bonnie Barker, Chair

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: August 10, 2012