

GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2013

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, September 6, 2013, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tommy Black, LPC, Chair
Steve Livingston, MFT
Jack Perryman, LPC
Ben P. Marion, CSW
Arthur Williams, LPC
William C. Bacon, MFT
Richard Long, MFT
Robert King, CSW

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tonya Barbee, CSW
Eunice Mixon, Consumer Member

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1
Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General (via teleconference)
Amanda M. Allen, Licensing Analyst
A. Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist, HC-1

GUEST ATTENDEES:

Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA	Ekoum Essien (APC)
Catherine Ivey, Executive Director, NASW	Mark Butcher (LPCA)
Mark Zuccolo, Executive Director, GAMFT	Jessica Hatcher (LPCA)
Everick Lesane (LPC)	Theresa Holt (LPC)
Tracy Hall (LPC)	

Tommy Black, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Agenda:

Mr. Long motioned, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as amended to include a late agenda correspondence item. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes:

Mr. Williams motioned, Mr. King seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 9, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report: No report

Board Policies:

V. APC Applicants:

If an application for APC is complete except for the Contract Affidavit, and approved by two of the three members of the PSC, then the applicant can be approved to sit for the exam and the

approval letter sent out. The approvals will be ratified at the next scheduled Board meeting. The applicant will NOT receive a license until the Contract Affidavit is received and approved by the Board, even if the exam is passed.

After one year, pursuant to rule 135-3-.01(3) (b), an incomplete application will be withdrawn and the individual will need to submit a new application and fee (transcripts, exam scores etc....from first application will be retained, used for new application).

Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the above policy for APC Applicants. None opposed, motion carried.

VI. Reinstatement of Lapsed APC/AMFT Licenses:

APC/AMFT licenses are only valid for a five (5) year period. An associate license that lapses for failure to renew may be reinstated once with the remaining time period of the initial five (5) years. Example: Issued APC/AMFT 1-1-11; Lapses 9-30-2012 = 21 months or 1 year and 9 months. The one time reinstatement would be granted giving the associate license a balance of 39 months or 3 years and 3 months left before expiration.

An associate level license that lapses a second time shall not be reinstated.

Mr. Williams motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to accept the above policy for Reinstatement of Lapsed APC/AMFT Licenses. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondences:

Correspondences received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

- P. Dorman, APC: Request for Records – Approved
- D. Estopinal, CSW: Is a CSW eligible to supervise with two or more years post licensure experience in another state if actively licensed in that state and Georgia?
Response: Yes, if the CSW meets the qualifications of supervisor as defined in Board Rule 135-5-.04.
- P. Herbert, CSW: Request for Records – Approved
- T. Holder, CSW: Review of job duties for qualification as clinical experience – Job duties as reported would qualify as clinical experience.
- L. Jacobs, CSW: Review of job description for qualification as clinical experience – Provide description of how job duties meet requirements of rule 135-5-.04(1) (a).
- L. Marquez, LPC: Request for Records – Approved
- A. Palmer, MSW: Licensed MSW obtaining clinical hours and supervision in another state – Can apply for Georgia CSW licensure by exam waiver.

Mr. King motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to authorize the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Waiver/Variance:

- Bell, De'Meco – 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements

- Denied: Licensee can submit all continuing education hour credits obtained from the entire renewal cycle (October 2012 to September 2014). These credits will be accepted as long as they meet LPC requirements.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to deny the Petition for Waiver of Board Rule 135-9-.01. None opposed, motion carried.

Rule Discussion:

- TeleMental Health Proposal
This proposed rule was submitted to the associations for feedback. Mr. Long recommends referring this rule back to the Rules Committee for further discussion.
- Rule 135-5-.01 Associate Professional Counselors
- Rule 135-5-.02 Professional Counselors

The Rules Committee submitted proposed amendments to Rules 135-5-.01 and 135-5-.02 for consideration by the Board.

Mr. Long motioned, Mr. King seconded, and the Board voted to refer the proposed changes to Rule 135-5-.01 Associate Professional Counselors and Rule 135-5-.02 Professional Counselors to the Attorney General’s Office for review and to post for a minimum of 30 days upon receipt of a memo of statutory authority and authorization from the Assistant Attorney General. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Long seconded, and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules 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 Georgia law; that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the law or to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D); and 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.

Associations – Board Update:

- Catherine Ivey, NASW (Georgia Chapter)
 - Recommended the Board review the Department of Community Health (DCH) TeleHealth rule.
 - Annual Conference is scheduled for October 3-6 in Atlanta.
 - On October 2, 2013 – Military Culture Training (Tier 1) is offered for all clinicians to attend. The purpose is to help clinicians become confident in working with military families by providing an understanding of the culture, mental health needs, and effective evidence based practices.
- Gayle Macke, LPCA (Georgia Chapter)
 - Excited about the proposed rule changes
 - Stated that LPC’s are not able to complete National Certification since it is not clear in the laws and rules that LPC’s are permitted to work independently.

- Mark Zuccolo, AMFT (Georgia Chapter)
 - Inquired if the Board meeting minutes and video recording were able for public viewing. The Executive Director confirmed that Board approved minutes are posted on the Board's website. Any meetings that are video recorded are able for viewing as a live stream on the Secretary of State Professional Licensing Board's website. In addition, the video is archived for future viewing.

Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Perryman 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: Black, Livingston, Perryman, Williams, Long, Bacon, Marion, and King.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, September 6, 2013, Mr. Black declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

Applications:

Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following recommendations on the Marriage & Family Therapists interview and applications presented to the Board for review. None opposed, motion carried.

ASSOC. MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPITS CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT CHANGES:

Bowers, Freedom	Contract changes approved
Chin, Norma	Contract changes approved

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:

J. B.	Approved to sit for exam
E. B.	Approved to sit for exam
L. C.	Approved; pending receipt of additional information
A. D.	Approved to sit for exam
T. D.	Approved to sit for exam
A. G.	Approved to sit for exam
K. P.	Approved to sit for exam
N. R.	Approved to sit for exam
A. S.	Approved to sit for exam
K. T.	Approved to sit for exam
P. T.	Approved to sit for exam
L. T.	Approved to sit for exam
D. V.	Approved to sit for exam
R. W.	Approved to sit for exam

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS EXAM EXT. REQUESTS:

K. D.	Approved: 1 year extension
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MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:

C. C. Approved to sit for exam

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM WAIVER:

Bryant, Lori Approved for licensure
Gaya, Patricia Approved for licensure
McMillian, Jessica Approved for licensure
Smith, Valerie Approved for licensure

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS BY REINSTATEMENT:

L. B. Pending receipt of additional information

Mr. Perryman motioned, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Professional Counselors applications presented to the Board for review. None opposed, motion carried.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT CHANGES:

Anderson, Vanessa Contract changes approved
Baumohl, Lisa Contract changes approved
Bowling, Darlene Contract changes approved
Broadhead, Megan Contract changes approved
E. C. Contract changes disapproved
Cochran, Ruth Contract changes approved
Coley, Kenneth Contract changes approved
V. D. Contract changes disapproved
B. E. Contract changes disapproved
Harris, Adelle Contract changes approved
Hightower, Sarah Contract changes approved
Hodges, Laquetia Contract changes approved
Johnson, Willia Contract changes approved
C. L. Contract changes disapproved
Lunt, Jason Contract changes approved
Martz, Matthew Contract changes approved
McGinnis, Rhonda Contract changes approved
Michalewicz, Meghan Contract changes approved
Miller, Jessica Contract changes approved
Minear, Lydia Contract changes approved
Pierce, Mary Contract changes approved
Robbins, Amanda Contract changes approved
Simpson, Melissa Contract changes approved
Trzecieski, Alysha Contract changes approved
Tucker, Carolyn Contract changes approved
Walker, Rachel Contract changes disapproved
White, Terri Contract changes approved
Williams, Gwendolyn Contract changes approved
Williams, Sherry Contract changes disapproved

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

A. A.	Approved to sit for exam
V. D.	Approved to sit for exam
D. F.	Approved to sit for exam
L. F.	Approved to sit for exam
A. G.	Approved to sit for exam
E. G.	Approved to sit for exam
K. H.	Approved to sit for exam
T. J.	Approved to sit for exam
T. L.	Pending receipt of additional information
A. M.	Approved to sit for exam
R. M.	Approved to sit for exam
C. N.	Pending receipt of additional information
T. P.	Approved to sit for exam
M. R.	Approved to sit for exam
W. S.	Approved to sit for exam
G. S.	Approved to sit for exam
J. S.	Approved to sit for exam
J. T.	Pending receipt of additional information
D. W.	Approved to sit for exam

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

Brown, India	Approved for licensure
Brown, Jeremia	Approved for licensure
E. C.	Pending receipt of additional information
Dumas, Katrina	Approved for licensure
Freeman, Kelly	Approved for licensure
C. G.	Pending receipt of additional information
C. H.	Pending receipt of additional information
Jackson, Shannon	Approved for licensure
Jones, Megan	Approved for licensure
Jones, Toni	Approved for licensure
E. J.	Pending receipt of additional information
A. K.	Pending receipt of additional information
Kelly, Ashley	Approved for licensure
King, Sara	Approved for licensure
A. M.	Pending receipt of additional information
E. M.	Pending receipt of additional information
M. M.	Approved, pending receipt of additional information
Mueller, David	Approved for licensure
L. O.	Pending receipt of additional information
Y. O.	Pending receipt of additional information
K. R.	Pending receipt of additional information
I. R.	Pending receipt of additional information
Shirah, Marianena	Approved for licensure
T. T.	Pending receipt of additional information
Todd, Shawna	Approved for licensure

T. V.	Pending receipt of additional information
L. W.	Pending receipt of additional information

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

A. R.	Pending receipt of additional information
P. S.	Pending receipt of additional information
L. S.	Approved to sit for exam
Z. Y.	Approved to sit for exam

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

Arcuragi, Laura	Approved for licensure
Beckom, Ashley	Approved for licensure
Bullard, Silvette	Approved for licensure
J. C.	Pending receipt of additional information
K. E.	Pending receipt of additional information
Fluellen-Manley, Hope	Approved for licensure
Fort, Lisa	Approved for licensure
R. G.	Pending receipt of additional information
Hinek, Erin	Approved for licensure
Hoover, Douglas	Approved for licensure
P. J.	Pending receipt of additional information
Lam, Linh	Pending receipt of additional information
E. M.	Pending receipt of additional information
McDowell, Donna	Approved for licensure
Miller, Elizabeth	Approved for licensure
Montwid, Stephanie	Approved for licensure
Murphy, Kelly	Approved for licensure
Osler, LaSonya	Approved for licensure
Roark, Kelly	Approved for licensure
Simpson, Catalin	Pending receipt of additional information
Stewart, Caren	Pending receipt of additional information
Tucker, Lindsey	Pending receipt of additional information
Vinson, LaManica	Approved for licensure
Wade, Jean	Approved for licensure
Ward, Kelly	Approved for licensure
Williams, Scheril	Approved for licensure
J. Y.	Pending receipt of additional information
Zieshenne, Jeanneane	Approved for licensure

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY ENDORSEMENT:

Christenson, Jill	Approved for licensure
Harris, Rodney	Approved for licensure
Randall, Venita	Approved for licensure
Schumacher, John	Approved for licensure
Wilder, Ann	Approved for licensure

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATEMENT:

Johnson, William	Approved for reinstatement
Pearson, Lindsay	Approved for reinstatement
Tucker, Sonya	Approved for reinstatement

Mr. Marion motioned, Mr. Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Social Workers interviews and applications presented to the Board for review. None opposed, motion carried.

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

J. B.	Approved to sit for exam
P. B.	Pending receipt of additional information
A. B.	Approved to sit for exam
A. D.	Approved to sit for exam
K. E.	Approved to sit for exam
C. F.	Pending receipt of additional information
J. F.	Approved to sit for exam
N. F.	Pending receipt of additional information
P. F.	Pending receipt of additional information
K. G.	Approved to sit for exam
D. G.	Approved to sit for exam
C. H.	Approved to sit for exam
E. H.	Approved pending receipt of additional information
C. J.	Approved to sit for exam
S. J.	Approved to sit for exam
M. K.	Approved to sit for exam
D. M.	Approved to sit for exam
A. M.	Approved to sit for exam
S. O.	Approved to sit for exam
M. R.	Pending receipt of additional information
L. R.	Approved to sit for exam
L. S.	Denied to sit for exam
H. S.	Pending receipt of additional information
A. S.	Approved to sit for exam
S. W.	Approved to sit for exam
C. W.	Pending receipt of additional information

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

K. A.	Pending receipt of additional information
V. D.	Denied
L. E.	Pending receipt of additional information
Gellerstedt, Carol	Approved for licensure
Hamilton, Amanda	Approved for licensure
Reid, Lisa	Approved for licensure
R. R.	Pending receipt of additional information
Stevens, Jane	Approved for licensure
Sutherland, Sherry	Approved for licensure

Thomas, Michelle

Approved for licensure

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY REACTIVATION:

C. B.

Pending receipt of additional information

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER EXAM EXTENSION REQUESTS:

G. W.

Approved – one time 90 day extension

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

H. A.

Approved to sit for exam

J. B.

Approved to sit for exam

P. B.

Pending receipt of additional information

T. B.

Approved to sit for exam

M. B.

Approved to sit for exam

F. C.

Approved to sit for exam

C. D.

Approved to sit for exam

R. D.

Approved to sit for exam

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P. S.

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T. S.	Approved to sit for exam
C. S.	Approved to sit for exam
E. T.	Pending receipt of additional information
K. T.	Approved to sit for exam
A. T.	Approved to sit for exam
S. W.	Approved to sit for exam
O. W.	Approved to sit for exam
S. W.	Approved to sit for exam
M. W.	Approved to sit for exam
S. W.	Approved; pending receipt of additional information
T. W.	Approved to sit for exam
S. W.	Approved to sit for exam
B. W.	Approved to sit for exam

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

Baugh, Jocelyn	Approved for licensure
Cream, Ashleigh	Approved for licensure
Daise, Anita	Approved for licensure
Dant, Lauryn	Approved for licensure
Geist, Lindsay	Approved for licensure
Hogue, Nathan	Approved for licensure
Ikedionwu, Tochuku	Approved for licensure
Miles, Kathryn	Approved for licensure
Romesser, Kimberly	Approved for licensure
Shakoore, Omar	Approved for licensure
St. Raymond, Michelle	Approved for licensure
Thompson, Letandra	Approved for licensure
Williams, Shalena	Approved for licensure

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:

Arfa, Lily	Approved for licensure
Ayala, Patricia	Approved for licensure
Minnick, Jennifer	Approved for licensure

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY REACTIVATION:

Williams, Crystal	Approved for reactivation
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Professional Practices Committee Report:

Complaint Cases Closed:

- COMP130043, COMP130074, COMP130082, COMP130099, COMP130105, and COMP130107.
- COMP 130087 with a letter of concern

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

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General's Report. None opposed, motion carried.

Additional Business:

- August 9, 2013 Executive Session Minutes

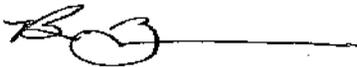
Mr. Marion motioned, Mr. King seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes for the August 9, 2013 Executive Session as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Perry motioned, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to release records for case COMP090068 as discussed. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Mr. Williams motioned, Mr. Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's scheduled meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist, HC1
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

Tommy Black
Tommy Black, Chair



Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: October 4, 2013