

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Conference Call Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2014

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met by teleconference on Friday, May 16, 2014, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tommy Black, LPC, Chair
Steve Livingston, MFT, Vice-Chair
Arthur Williams, LPC
Jack Perryman, LPC
Will Bacon, MFT
Ben Marion, CSW
Robert King, CSW

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Long, MFT
Tonya Barbee, CSW

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Tricia Downing, Esq., Senior A.A.G.

GUESTS:

Jessica Hatcher, GA LPCA (Present in the Macon Board Offices w/Staff for Teleconference)

Tommy Black, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Agenda:

Mr. Williams motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes:

Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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Board Chair Report: (None Presented)

Executive Director Report:

- Reminder of upcoming renewal cycle – Renewal cycle will open around Mid-June (September 30, 2014 Expiration date).
- New agenda format for the remainder of 2014: Executive (Closed) session to be conducted in the mornings beginning with the Professional Practices Committee starting at 8:30 a.m., with the remainder of the Board to start at 9:00 a.m. (Applications and Interviews). Open session to begin in the early afternoon once closed session is complete.

Mr. Williams motioned, Mr. King seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Directors report. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Corker, M. – Supervision
- Ridgely-Smith, C. – Directed work experience/Supervision from another state

Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Perryman 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 Variance/Waiver Requests:

- Tarshis, M. – Rule 135-5-.04(3) LPC Licensure
 - Granted
- Jackson, L. – Rule 135-5-.02 LPC Licensure
 - Denied – No substantial hardship demonstrated
- Terry, L. - Rule 135-9-.01 CE Requirements
 - Granted

Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. King seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations made for the Petitions for Variance/Waiver Requests as shown above. None opposed, motion carried.

Open Records Request:

Stewart-Tianyu, S. – Copies of contents application file – To Missouri Board

Mr. Williams motioned, Mr. King seconded, and the Board voted to approve the release of copies of the application file to the Missouri Board as requested. None opposed, motion carried

Rules Discussion - Ongoing:

- **TeleMental Health – Proposed New Rule:**

Mr. Williams motioned, Mr. Long seconded, and the Board voted to table the discussion of the proposed new telemental health rule amendments to until the next scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

- 135-6-.04 Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses

135-6-.04 Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses. Amended.

(1) Failure to renew a license by the end of the established late renewal penalty period, December 31 of even numbered years, shall have the same effect as a revocation of said license and reinstatement of the license shall be in the discretion of the Board. If an application for reinstatement is submitted to the Board within five (5) years of the expiration date of the license, the Board shall require documentation of thirty five (35) hours of continuing education activities for **EACH** renewal cycle missed, a minimum of thirty five (35) of which must have been completed within two years of the date the reinstatement application is received by the Board, and payment of a late renewal penalty fee as set by the Board (See Fee Schedule). At its discretion, the Board may require additional information.

(2) If an application for reinstatement is submitted to the Board more than five (5) years after the expiration of a license, an applicant must provide the following with their application:

(a) A completed application for reinstatement, the required fee and documentation of thirty five (35) hours of continuing education activities that were completed within two years of the date the reinstatement application is received. In addition, the applicant must (re)take and pass the required licensing examination. **However**, the (re)taking of the exam is not required if an applicant for reinstatement is currently, and has continuously been, licensed and practicing in another state/jurisdiction whose licensure requirements meet or exceed the current Georgia licensure requirements. All other provisions apply.

(b) In order to meet the requirements listed above (2), the applicant may use any qualifying education, experience and supervision, including any which were applied toward his/her previous application for licensure.

(3) Associate level licenses (Associate Professional Counselor and Associate Marriage and Family Therapist) that lapse for failure to renew by the end of the established late renewal penalty period may be reinstated only once, and reinstatement is at the discretion of the Board. All other provisions apply.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. King seconded, and the Board voted to post amendments to rule 135-6-.04 Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses for a minimum of 30 days as required upon receipt of the Memo of Statutory Authority from the Attorney General’s office approving the amendments. None opposed, motion carried.

Associations – Board Update:

- Ms. Hatcher, LPC, reported to the Board that the recent annual convention of the GA LPCA went well. With next years planned for May 7-10, 2015 in Augusta, GA.

Board member Perryman asked Ms. Hatcher if in the future, once the new Board rules regarding supervisor certification goes into effect in October of 2017, would the GA LPCA be able to provide a list each meeting to the Board of those licensed individuals obtaining the certification. Ms. Hatcher commented she thought this would certainly be possible and would discuss with the association.

Mr. King motioned, Mr. Bacon 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, King, Williams, Perryman, Livingston, Bacon and Marion.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, May 16, 2014, 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. Williams 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:

Name	Board Decision
1. B.B.	Denied.

2. K.R.	Approved to sit for exam
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MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT CHANGES:

Name	Board Decision
1. Coley, Kenneth	Contract changes approved
2. Egenes, Catherine	Contract changes approved
3. Engram, Kristell	Pending

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM WAIVER:

Name	Board Decision
1. L.B.	Pending
2. Glenn, Scott	Approved for licensure
3. Lamb, Misty	Approved for licensure
4. Manuel, La'Conya	Approved for licensure
5. Mercer, Lauren	Approved for licensure
6. Pendergrass, James	Approved for licensure
7. C.Y-G.	Pending

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST POST GRADUATE COURSES:

Name	Board Decision
1. The Link Counseling Center	Approved by
2. B.T.	Denied.

Mr. King motioned, Mr. Perryman 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:

Name	Board Decision
1. O.A.	Approved to sit for exam
2. S.B.	Schedule applicant interview
3. S.B.	Approved to sit for exam
4. M.B	Approved to sit for exam
5. C.B.	Pending
6. J.C.	Pending
7. I.D.	Pending
8. K.D.	Approved to sit for exam
9. A.D.	Approved to sit for exam
10. H.D.	Approved to sit for exam
11. T.E.	Approved to sit for exam
12. P.H.	Approved to sit for exam
13. L.H.	Approved to sit for exam
14. A.L.	Pending
15. A.L.	Approved to sit for exam
16. J.L.	Approved to sit for exam
17. L.L.	Approved to sit for exam
18. S.M.	Approved to sit for exam
19. C.M.	Approved to sit for exam
20. C.M.C.	Approved to sit for exam

21. J.N	Pending receipt of LOE
22. A.P.	Pending
23. B.P.N.	Approved to sit for exam
24. B.R.	Approved to sit for exam
25. D.R.	Pending
26. T.R.	Approved to sit for exam
27. R.S.	Approved to sit for exam
28. D.S.	Approved to sit for exam
29. B.S.	Approved to sit for exam
30. D.W.	Approved to sit for exam
31. T.W.	Approved to sit for exam
32. T.W	Approved to sit for exam
33. L.W.	Pending
34. S.Y.	Approved to sit for exam

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

Name	Board Decision
1. Beckett, Mindy	Approved for licensure
2. Diefenbach, Shelley	Approved for licensure
3. Duncan, Taylor	Approved for licensure
4. Fears, Cheryl	Approved for licensure
5. Hogin, Shawneka	Approved for licensure
6. Lamar, Elouise	Approved for licensure
7. McCoy, Shantra	Approved for licensure
8. Overstreet, Mary	Approved for licensure
9. Salehi, Ladan	Approved for licensure
10. Santiago, Elizabeth	Approved for licensure
11. A.S.	Pending
12. S.S.	Pending
13. C.W.	Pending

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT CHANGES:

Name	Board Decision
1. Braswell Amy	Contract changes approved
2. Brown, Sarah	Contract changes approved
3. Burr, Janet	Contract changes approved
4. R.D.	Schedule Applicant Interview
5. Gilliam, Quincy	Contract changes approved
6. Hudnall, Sabrina	Contract changes approved
7. Knight, Amanda	Contract changes approved
8. Quiles, Kevin	Contract changes approved
9. Sanders, Ronterius	Contract changes approved
10. Sharpe, Sha-de	Contract changes approved
11. Simpson, Bridget	Contract changes approved
12. Smoak, Teresa	Contract changes approved
13. Wendell, Johanna	Contract changes approved
14. White, Terri	Contract changes approved

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REACTIVATION:

Name	Board Decision
1. Barnes, Mary	Approved

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

Name	Board Decision
1. N.C.	Pending
2. N.G.	Pending
3. V.G.	Pending
4. S. H-T.	Pending
5. J.J.	Approved to sit
6. T.P.	Approved to sit

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

Name	Board Decision
1. Blank, Susan	Approved for licensure
2. C.C.	Pending
3. S.D.	Pending
4. Granger, Deanna	Approved for licensure
5. Hayes, Alexandria	Approved for licensure
6. L.J.	Pending
7. R.J-M.	Pending
8. Key, Jennifer	Approved for licensure
9. A.K.	Pending
10. Larson, Heather	Approved for licensure
11. Miller, Mikah	Approved for licensure
12. Smith, Ashley	Approved for licensure
13. Sylvester, Corwynn	Approved for licensure
14. N.W.	Pending

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY ENDORSEMENT:

Name	Board Decision
1. Barber, Dentavius	Approved for licensure
2. Dash, Margie	Approved for licensure
3. A.D.	Pending
4. Pyronneau, Nilda	Approved for licensure
5. Sexton, Lynnette	Approved for licensure
6. Strickland, Kathryn	Approved for licensure
7. White, Brian	Approved for licensure
8. White, Keyonita	Approved for licensure

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATEMENT/REACTIVATION:

Name	Board Decision
1. D.A.	Pending

Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Williams 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:

Name	Board Decision
1. A.D.	Pending
2. C.D.	Approved to sit for exam
3. S.F.	Approved to sit for exam
4. J.G.	Approved to sit for exam
5. J.H.	Approved to sit for exam
6. E.J.	Approved to sit for exam
7. L.K.	Approved to sit for exam
8. L.M.	Approved to sit for exam
9. L.M.	Approved to sit for exam
10. G.M.	Approved to sit for exam
11. S.M.	Approved to sit for exam
12. I.P.	Approved to sit for exam
13. C.P.	Approved to sit for exam
14. A.T.	Approved to sit for exam
15. C.W.	Pending
16. R.W.	Approved to sit for exam

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

Name	Board Decision
1. A.C-M.	Pending Addn. Info.
2. Dewitt, Renee	Approved for licensure
3. Dougherty, Colleen	Approved for licensure
4. Fitzpatrick, Stephanie	Approved for licensure
5. Forbes, Khaalida	Approved for licensure
6. Gibson, Lauren	Approved for licensure
7. E.M-L.	Pending Addn. Info.
8. Monroe, Carter	Approved for licensure
9. Nichols, Jane	Approved for licensure
10. L.R.	Pending Addn. Info.

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY REACTIVATION

Name	Board Decision
1. Dyess, Dawn	Approved for Reactivation

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

Name	Board Decision
1. E.A.	Approved for exam
2. C.B.	Approved for exam
3. N.B.	Approved for exam
4. E.B.	Approved for exam
5. R.D.	Approved for exam
6. C.D.	Approved for exam
7. H.H.	Pending - New App/Fee
8. R.J.	Approved for exam

9. K.J.	Approved for exam
10. S.K.	Approved for exam
11. D.M.	Approved for exam
12. L.N.	Approved for exam
13. J.P.	Approved for exam
14. S.P.	Approved for exam
15. T.R.	Approved for exam
16. S.O.	Approved for exam
17. K.S.	Approved for exam
18. J.T.	Approved for exam
19. C.W.	Approved for exam

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

Name	Board Decision
1. Carrington, Laura	Approved for licensure
2. Franco, Elvira	Approved for licensure
3. Humes, Marriquet	Approved for licensure
4. Mize, Tiffany	Approved for licensure
5. Otalora, Tatiana	Approved for licensure
6. Sandler, Lisa	Approved for licensure
7. Thomas, Paula	Approved for licensure

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:

Name	Board Decision
1. G.F.	Approved - Pending the passing of exam
2. R.H.	Pending further review
3. F.W.	Approved - Pending the passing of exam

Professional Practices Committee Report:

Complaint Cases - Close:

- COMP140064

Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. King seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Professional Practices Committee report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Written status and activity report presented for Board review.

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

Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed and notarized Voluntary Surrender of D.W.C. presented to the Board by the Assistant Attorney General. None opposed, motion carried.

In addition, Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted for the Executive Director to sign the Voluntary Surrender order for the Chair by express permission upon receipt of the original document from the Attorney General's office. None opposed, Motion carried.

Mr. King motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted the initial decision stands with regard to request for reconsideration of the denial of the reinstatement application of D.G. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Misc. Board Discussion Items:

Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

- April 11, 2014

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's scheduled meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Minutes recorded, reviewed and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

Tommy Black

Tommy Black, LPC, Chair



Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: June 13, 2014