

**West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling  
Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2012**

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a board meeting on October 19, 2012 at Marshall University Graduate College. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Deb Frost, Chair  
Dr. Christine Schimmel, Secretary  
Dr. Lori Ellison  
Dr. Marilyn Cassis  
Bob Mays  
Beth Wright-Bragg

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jean Ann Johnson, Executive Director  
Roxanne Clay, Program Coordinator

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED:**

A quorum was established.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from June 1, 2012 were reviewed. Motion made to accept. M/S/P (Bragg/Cassis)

Minutes from August 21, 2012 were reviewed. Motion made to accept. M/S/P (Bragg/Cassis)

**TRAVEL FORMS:**

Travel forms were distributed, signed and returned.

**CREDENTIALING:**

The credentialing committee recommended the following persons for licensure: (M/S/P): (Mays/Cassis)

Tracie L. Corder  
Jonathan P. Pishner  
Sandra Ellen Bailey  
Megan R. Ferda  
Donald E. Worth  
Charlotte A. Fuchs  
Aaron C. Medina  
Cecelia A. Marchisio  
James C. Kowalski

**ALPS PRESENTATION:**

The credentialing committee continues to provide ALPS training across the state. The next training will be Nov. 2 at the WVCA Conference in Flatwoods. There will be one at WVU on December 13, 2012. This presentation explains and outlines the supervision process for ALPS in WV.

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUPERVISION:**

Marilyn has been in contact with a professional in Utah who is willing to come to WV and train MFTs to become approved supervisors. However, she would require at least 4 persons to make this feasible. At this time, WV does not have 4 folks who are licensed MFTs who we would believe would want the training.

**P-CARD REPORT:**

P-card reports from Roxanne Clay were reviewed for May, June, July, August and September 2012. Jean Ann Johnson had no P-card activity for the month of May. P-Card report was approved for Jean Ann Johnson for the months of June, July, August and September 2012. P-card activity was reviewed and a motion was made to accept P-card activity. M/S/P (Schimmel/Frost)

**DRUG & ALCOHOL COUNSELOR QUESTIONS:**

The President of WVAADC, Susie Mullens, has sent to the board, a request for support of a Sunrise Application to PERD in order to form a new board that would oversee the licensure of Drug & Alcohol counselors. The Board discussed this request. The ED will provide Ms. Mullens with the dates of our upcoming meetings so that she may plan to attend a future meeting.

**EXAMINATION REVIEW:**

Chris Schimmel reported that counselors who want to seek employment for the Department of Defense now have to take and pass the NCMHCE in order work for the DOD. Chris asked the Board to consider accepting the NCMHCE for licensure in WV. A discussion was held. A motion was made to allow this exam as a qualifying exam for WV licensure. M/S/P (Cassis/Frost)

**PSYCHOLOGY  
LEGISLATION:**

The WV Psychology Association has filed petition to restrict the practice of psychology to Ph.D. level psychologist only. The board reviewed portions of the proposed bill. The Board instructed the ED to watch the progression of the bill and keep the Board informed.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Financial reports were reviewed. The current balance is \$69,101.64 as of October 16, 2012.

**ENTER EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

Entered executive session – 11:49AM

01-13: Complaint launched a DHHR report. DHHR found no indication of the LPC forging prescriptions. The Board's investigative committee found no merit in the complaint against the LPC. A motion to dismiss the complaint was made. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not the complainant should be reported to the appropriate board for the mishandling of client cases on the part of the complainant. The ED will inquire about this to the AG representative.

04-12: LPC demonstrates problematic behavior involving boundary issues, development of an informed consent and recognition of his scope of practice. The Board recommends suspension of the license (with a stay) for a time period of three years. During this time the LPC must practice under the supervision of an ALPS approved by the Board. In addition the LPC must complete a Board approved course in Legal and Ethical issues. Additionally, the LPC will devote a significant amount of time in supervision developing a more well-defined informed consent and clarifying his scope of practice. The LPC will be required to refrain from entering or maintaining any relationship with any client or former client that could even remotely be considered as a dual relationship or mutually beneficial. The Board felt very strongly that any future boundary issue or complaint of the same nature would result in immediate revocation of the LPC's license.

05-12: The LPC was accused of holding sessions in their car with a Medicaid client. Of more concern is the LPC violated confidentiality of clients by talking about clients out in the open of the LPC's agency. The Board recommends that the case be dismissed; however, the dismissal will include a letter of reprimand which will include recommendations for continuing education and reading that would be helpful to the LPC in order to avoid further complaints.

**EXIT EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

Motion to exit executive session. M/S/P (Schimmel/Frost)

01-13: Motion to dismiss M/S/P (Frost/Mays) (Wright-Bragg abstained from the vote)

04-12: Motion to enact consent agreement and license suspension M/S/P (Frost/Cassis)

05-12: Motion to dismiss with letter of reprimand. M/S/P (Mays/Wright-Bragg)

**BOARD MEMBER  
APPOINTMENT:**

ED called the Governor's office this past week to inquire about Board appointments. There is currently no movement towards appointing our new member.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17PM  
M/S/P (Schimmel/Frost)

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Christine Schimmel, Secretary