

**West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2012**

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a telephone board meeting on August 21, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 2:02PM.

Board Members

Present:

Dr. Christine Schimmel
Dr. Marilyn Cassis
Beth Wright-Bragg
Bob Mays
Dr. Lori Ellison

Others Present:

Jean Ann Johnson, Executive Director
Roxanne Clay, Program Coordinator

Quorum Established:

A quorum was established.

Credentialing:

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

Wanda L. Riffe-Reciprocity from Ohio
Sarah L. Casseday-Reciprocity from Ohio
Ruth Goldbloom-Reciprocity from Maryland
Kimberly A. Yingling
Kristin Johnson-Gibeaut
Michael Runner
Valerie Stansberry
Kathleen Bell-Reciprocity from Maryland
Shannon Cipoletti-pending receipt of corrected SVA
Pamela Hines Blue-pending receipt of corrected SVA
Kathleen McFadden Myers – reciprocity from MD,
pending confirmation of transferred credits accepted by
Loyala University

New ALPS:

Jennifer Graham

New Applicant:

The board addressed an issue with an applicant who possesses a degree in Social Work. The credentialing

committee initially recommended to this applicant that he pursue licensure with the Social Work Board. The applicant requested that the full board discuss the application. The full board is in agreement that this applicant does not have the degree required under rule to qualify for counseling licensure. A motion was made to refer this applicant to the Board of Social Work as the Board stands by its original decision (M/S/P: Cassis/Wright-Bragg)

Provisional Licensee:

A current Marriage and Family PL is requesting an extension on their PL until the time that she can complete required course work in Marriage and Family coursework. The original PL was issued April 2012. The original deadline was December 31, 2012. This provided the applicant two full university semesters to complete the necessary course. A motion was made to direct the Executive Director to grant an extension until June 30, 2013 with a very clear explanation that at that time, the PL will expire and the applicant will need to reapply (M/S/P: Cassis/Mays)

Additionally, this PL is currently representing themselves as a fully credentialed Marriage and Family Therapist in WV. This is a misrepresentation of his/her credentials in WV (AAMFT Therapist Locator Directory). A motion was made to send a cease and desist. Jean Ann Johnson read a letter crafted by the AG's office. (M/S/P: Mays/Wright-Bragg)

Moreover, this same applicant is currently listing multi-degrees on his/her disclosure statement. Academic degrees that do not meet the requirements for licensure are not formal professional education as defined in Series 8 and shall not be listed on the disclosure statement. A motion was made to send the applicant a request to correct the disclosure statement (M/S/P: Wright-Bragg/Cassis)

Denied Applicant:

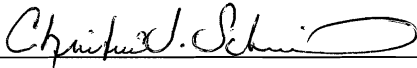
An applicant was issued a denial letter on her LPC application. The Applicant was given 30 day notice if he/she desired a hearing. The applicant requested a meeting with the Board. The Board was advised by the AG's office that this applicant follow formal procedures which at this point would consist of a formal hearing. The Board will be on alert that we may need to set a hearing date in the near future. It has been brought to the Board's attention that this applicant is currently working for a "for-

profit" agency. This is a violation of the WV law. A motion was made to send this denied applicant a cease and desist order. Additionally, this motion includes sending a similar order to other persons working as "therapists" who are unlicensed in that same office. (M/S/P: Cassis/Wright-Bragg)

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52PM
(M/S/P: Schimmel/Cassis)

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Christine Schimmel, LPC, Secretary