

**OREGON BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
MINUTES of June 27, 2008**

Members present: Marlin Schultz, Chair Ryan Melton
Julia Smith Loretta Slepikas
Elizabeth Wosley George Linda White

In attendance: Becky Eklund, Executive Director
Connie Brown and Martha Steen, Board staff
Brad Rice, Board intern
Kelly Gabliks, AAG
Lora Carson, DAS/SCS
Craig Stoelk, investigator
Lori Lindley, AAG
Margaret Taylor, AAG assistant
Gena Minnix
Doug Querin
Pat Fording
Tammy Varco
Meredith McFadden
Che Walker
Marcus Berglund
Bryan Nilsen

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists was called to order by Chair, Marlin Schultz at 8:32 a.m. in the Second Floor Large Conference Room of the Morrow Crane Building, 3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, Oregon.

PUBLIC SESSION

Board Chair, Marlin Schultz convened the Board in Public Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(3).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

The agenda for the current board meeting was approved.

Loretta Slepikas moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to approve the April 11, 2008 Board meeting minutes.

Lora Carson from the DAS Accounting office presented the Board's budget report.

Connie Brown presented the 2008 License Renewal report. The Board offered 1,973 renewals, 1,890 renewed, 83 licenses expired. There is currently 194 CE Waivers (24 new waivers during renewal, 11 new medical waivers).

Becky Eklund presented feedback on the proposed administrative rules. Most responses dealt with the change to supervision rules for LPCs.

Special Consideration:

Gena Minnix asked the Board for special consideration regarding the requirement to be licensed for three years before being allowed to be a supervisor. Further discussion on this issue will be done at the Board's August strategic planning meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (including working lunch)

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:31 a.m. to discuss complaints and investigations under ORS 192.660(2)(k).

BREAK 11:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened in Executive Session at 11:08 a.m.

BREAK 12:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened in Executive Session at 12:15 p.m.

BREAK 2:17 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 2:27 p.m.

Special Considerations:

1. Mandy Hull, registered intern, asked the Board to reconsider denial of her internship hours from 2/07 – 8/07. Elizabeth Wosley-George moved and Loretta Slepikas seconded the motion to accept the appeal due to Ms. Hull having to go on maternity leave earlier than expected. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Karla Malcolm, asked the Board for suggestions on how to reach her goal of being licensed and would like approval to have an internet practice. The Board plans to discuss internet counseling at the strategic planning meeting in August and will give her options.
3. Che Walker, registered intern, asked the Board to reconsider denial of his internship hours from 8/07 – 2/08. Julia Smith moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to accept the appeal. Following further discussion a roll call motion was taken of the Board members. Julia Smith, Ryan Melton, Loretta Slepikas, and Elizabeth Wosley-George voted no. Motion failed with a Board quorum and appeal denied.
4. Elsie Garland, registered intern, asked the Board to reconsider denial of her internship hours 10/07 – 4/08. Loretta Slepikas moved and Linda White seconded the motion to deny the appeal. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Robert Piehl asked that the Board consider proportional denial of hours for late intern reports rather than all or nothing. The Board will discuss at their planning meeting in August.
6. Antonia Mueller, LPC, asked the Board for special consideration regarding the requirement to be licensed for three years before being allowed to be a supervisor. Further discussion on this issue will be done at the Board's August strategic planning meeting.
7. Cassandra Tyson, applicant, appealed to the Board to backdate her registration to the date of her first application received by the Board on 10-26-07. No fee was sent in at that time. Linda White moved and Loretta Smith seconded the motion to use the date the third application was received by the Board with the application fee. Any hours accrued prior to that date will not count. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Tammy Varco, asked the Board that she be approved to complete only the 209.5 hours that was agreed upon with the former Executive Director. The Board moved into **Executive Session** at 3:31 p.m. for legal advice. The Board moved back into **Public Session** at 3:38 p.m. Elizabeth Wosley-George moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to accept the initial conditions as stipulated by the former Executive Director in a letter dated 7-22-06 and grant Ms. Varco the opportunity to finish hours as outlined in her letter dated June 24, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Meredith McFadden, appealed to the Board regarding her expired internship renewal and denial of hours after expiration. Loretta Slepikas moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to deny the appeal. Ms. McFadden will need to reapply as a registered intern. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Patricia Fording, appealed to the Board to reinstate her LPC license due to problems with her husband's medical condition and not having time to locate the CEU's required to report. Loretta Slepikas moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion that due to extenuating circumstances, and the fact that Ms. Fording did turn her renewal and fee in on time, that Ms. Fording be allowed to renew her license. The motion passed unanimously.

Loretta Slepikas was excused at 4:20 p.m.

Marcus Berglund and Bryan Nilsen, members of the Oregon Coalition, gave a presentation on the Practice Act and scope of practice for LPCs and LMFTs.

Special Consideration:

Josie Juhasz, LPC, appealed to the Board to be grandfathered in as a supervisor for Rebecca (McCowan) Brown. Julia Smith moved and Linda White seconded the motion to deny the appeal. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened in Executive Session at 5:17 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 5:47 p.m.

The June 2, 2006 Board meeting minutes erroneously indicated that Case 2004-006 was dismissed. Elizabeth Wosley-George moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to amend the June 2, 2006 Board meeting minutes to remove the paragraph referring to Case # 2004-006. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took the following actions:

Resolved: Case #2005-008 – Julia Smith moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to issue a notice of intent to pursue revocation of license. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2005-041 – Elizabeth Wosley-Georg moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to approve settlement agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2006-029 – Julia Smith moved and Linda White seconded the motion to issue a letter of reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-009 – Julia Smith moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to dismiss because there was no basis for the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-014 – (A) Julia Smith moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to issue a letter of reprimand and direct licensee to change his PDS to more accurately reflect his practice;. (B) Julia Smith moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to issue a letter of concern. The motions passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-021 – Julia Smith moved and Linda White seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-022 – Julia Smith moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to issue a notice of intent to impose discipline. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-023 – Julia Smith moved and Elizabeth Wosley-George seconded the motion to issue a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-037 – Julia Smith moved and Linda White seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-041 – Julia Smith moved and Elizabeth Wosley-George seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-043 – Julia Smith moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-033 – Julia Smith moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint with a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2008-003 – Julia Smith moved and Elizabeth Wosley-George seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2006-038 – Julia Smith moved and Linda White seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-044 – Julia Smith moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Becky Eklund distributed her Executive Director's report for members to review. She asked for and received Budget approval to submit policy packages to fund a half time investigator position, a half time administrative position, and a fee increase.

Staff still has not decided on a place to hold the Strategic Planning meeting in August.

ADJOURNMENT 6:08 p.m.

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