

Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists

Minutes of April 3, 2009

Members Present: Ryan Melton, LPC, Chair Lee Anne Wichmann, LMFT
Linda White, LPC, Vice Chair Julia Smith, LPC

Members Excused: Loretta Slepikas, Public Member; Elizabeth Wosley-George, LPC; Art Tolentino, LMFT

In attendance:

Becky Eklund, Executive Director	Janine Allen, Corban College
Connie Brown, Board Staff	Donna Ford
Martha Steen, Board Staff	Ann T. Clark
Kelly Gabliks, AAG	Scott Christie
Dan Kelly, Contract Investigator	Lynne Coon
Barbara Corkean, George Fox	Stacy England
Pat Myers, Corban College	Cathie Berry, George Fox

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists was called to order by Chair Ryan Melton pursuant to ORS 192.660(3) at 8:39 a.m. in the Second Floor Large Conference Room of the Morrow Crane Building, 3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, Oregon. There was an introduction of Board Members and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

Julia Smith proposed changing the June 12, 2009 Board meeting. Board Chair, Ryan Melton, suggested that she send an email to Board members with proposed dates.

Linda White moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2009 telephone meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Lora Carson was unable to attend to present the financial report, but sent the report to Becky Eklund who presented it.

TRACS ACCREDITING BODY

The Board considered Tatiana Bowers' appeal to have her school, Southern California Seminary, approved by the Board. The Seminary is accredited by TRACS, which is not a Board-approved accrediting body. Dr. T. Paul Boatner from TRACS is interested in providing more information about TRACS and is planning to attend the June 12 meeting. Members expressed interest in learning more about TRACS.

WALDEN UNIVERSITY

The Board considered Stephen Kliewer's appeal to have his degree from Walden University approved because Walden was in the process of being CACREP approved when he graduated. The Board granted his appeal based on a CACREP policy that states: "Students in

a program seeking accreditation shall be considered graduates of a CACREP program if they receive their degree within one (1) year prior to when accreditation is conferred, and if the program can validate that the student completed the CACREP program requirements". The Walden University program in mental health counseling is approved by the Board.

CORBAN COLLEGE

Janine Allen and Pat Myers presented their planned graduate counseling program for Board approval. Board members had several questions for Corban. Allen and Myers will provide written information about the following prior to the June 12 Board meeting.

- 1) Appropriateness of providing psychopathology class online
- 2) Internship sites
- 3) Licensed faculty
- 4) CACREP accreditation plans

The Board asked staff to contact absent Board members to see if they have additional questions for Corban. The Board will vote on Corban's request at the June Board meeting.

BREAK 9:55 a.m.

INTERNET COUNSELING

Ann Clark, LPC, Lynne Coon, registered intern, Scott Christie, LMFT, and Donna Ford, LPC presented information about internet counseling and asked the Board to establish guidelines on how to deal with this practice. The Administrative Rules Work Group, headed by Linda White, will work with Clark, Coon, Christie, and Ford to develop guidelines and rules for presentation to the Board.

WORK GROUP UPDATES

Administrative Work Group – Linda White presented her report. The work group is halfway through the rules regarding registered interns.

Board-Approved Graduate Program Review – Becky Eklund reported that Elizabeth Wosley-George has a draft letter to send out to the ten Board-Approved schools to invite people to participate in the work group.

Supervisor Registry – Becky Eklund reported that Art Tolentino has some background information from a previous work group and he contacted licensees through the Coalition's website to find out who is interested in helping develop a registry.

Board Chair, Ryan Melton, would like all work groups to report their progress at each Board meeting.

BREAK 11:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (including working lunch)

The Board convened in Executive Session at 11:06 a.m. to discuss complaints and investigations under ORS 192.660(2)(k).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened in Executive Session.

Executive session closed at 1:45 p.m.

BREAK 1:45 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 1:50 p.m.

Board Chair, Ryan Melton, reminded Board members that they need to attend all Board meetings unless they are ill.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Stacy Riser – Ms. Riser appealed to the Board to accept her late six-month evaluation report. Ryan Melton recused himself. The Board upheld their decision to deny the report.
2. Jeffery Kempel – Mr. Kempel appealed to the Board to accept his six-month evaluation report. The hours for July, October, and January were denied due to inadequate supervision. The Board upheld their decision to deny the hours for those months.
3. Sherry Beckmann – Ms. Beckmann appealed to the Board to accept her late six-month evaluation reports over the past two years. The Board upheld their decision to deny her reports and issue a letter of concern to her supervisor.

COMPLIANCE

The Board took the following actions on compliance cases:

Resolved: Case #2006-037 – Julia Smith moved and Linda White seconded the motion to accept the settlement agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-048 – Julia Smith moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded the motion to accept the settlement agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2008-002 – Linda White moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to accept the settlement agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-028 – Linda White moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint due to lack of jurisdiction. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2009-003 – Julia Smith moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded the motion to dismiss with a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2008-028 – Linda White moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded the motion to proceed with revocation of the license. The motion passed unanimously.

Case #2006-018 – Lee Anne Wichmann recused herself. The remaining 3 members recommended closing the case and issuing a letter of concern to the licensee. The Board did not have a quorum to vote on the case. It will be voted on during a telephone meeting at a later date.

Julia Smith moved and Linda White seconded the motion to request a 30-day extension on the following compliance cases due to workload issues and lack of investigators:

#2006-049; #2008-005; #2008-013; #2008-014; #2008-025; #2008-026; #2009-001;
and #2009-002. The motion passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Becky Eklund provided a handout and summarized the status of proposed legislation related to Board activities.

LAW AND RULES EXAMINATION

Staff will email the current law and rules examination to Board members for revision.

ADJOURNMENT 3:25 p. m.

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