

**OREGON BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
MINUTES of April 11, 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
Kelly Gabliks, AAG
Lora Carson, DAS/SCS
Craig Stoelk, investigator
Mindy Tucker, investigator
Travis Waits
Karen Ellis

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists was called to order by Chair, Marlin Schultz at 8:40 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 agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Julia Smith asked for the wording to be changed on future Public Notices from "hearing impaired" to "those who are deaf".

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

Connie Brown gave a report on the number of license renewals not yet received. As of April 10, 2008, there were still 371 licensees that had not renewed. The Board asked Connie to send a questionnaire to those getting reminder emails and letters to find out the reason why the licensees chose not to renew.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (including working lunch)

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:00 a.m. to discuss complaints and investigations under ORS 192.660(2)(k). Craig Stoelk and Mindy Tucker were introduced as investigators to the Board.

BREAK 10:12 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened in Executive Session at 10:20 a.m. The Board incorrectly went into Public session at 11:00 a.m. and moved back into Executive Session at 11:03 a.m.

BREAK 12:07 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened in Executive Session at 12:20 p.m.
Board member, Ryan Melton, joined the Board Meeting at 2:05 p.m.

BREAK 2:12 p.m. The investigators, Craig Stoelk and Mindy Tucker, were excused.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 2:20 p.m.

The Board took the following actions:

Resolved: Case #2008-010 – Loretta Slepikas moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2006-040 – Julia Smith moved and Loretta Slepikas seconded the motion to dismiss because there was no basis for the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2006-041 – Loretta Slepikas moved and Linda White seconded the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-012 – Ryan Melton moved and Elizabeth Wosley-George seconded the motion to dismiss because there was no basis for the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-016 – Linda White moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to dismiss with a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-017 – Elizabeth Wosley-George moved and Loretta Slepikas seconded the motion to dismiss because there was no basis for the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-026 – Ryan Melton moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-027 – Julia Smith moved and Elizabeth Wosley-George seconded the motion to dismiss because there was no basis for the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-031 – Loretta Slepikas moved and Ryan Melton seconded the motion to dismiss because there was no basis for the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-033 – Elizabeth Wosley-George moved and Loretta Slepikas seconded the motion to issue a notice of intent to impose discipline. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-035 – 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 #2007-036 – Loretta Slepikas moved and Linda White seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-038 – Ryan Melton moved and Linda White seconded the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-040 – Linda White moved and Elizabeth Wosley-George seconded the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-042 – Elizabeth Wosley-George moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-045 – Julia Smith moved and Loretta Slepikas seconded the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Considerations

1. Karen Ellis, reciprocity applicant, asked the Board to accept her practicum shortfall of hours. The Board will have documentation in her application file to show she met the standards according to ORS 675.715(2)(d). The Board clarified that it does not need to do a degree review for those applicants that graduated from a CACREP, CORE, or COAMFTE degree program.
2. Travis Waits, applicant for LPC and LMFT, would like the Board to communicate clearly with applicants and respond in a timely manner.
3. Amanda Orton, reciprocity applicant, had concerns regarding Board requirements and what is on the website, particularly OAR 833-020-0060(9) about the state competency exam. The Board will form a task force to address her concerns. The Board asked Staff to follow up with Orton.

Staff will review current law and rules to find contradictions regarding accumulating hours etc. and send a report electronically to Board Members. Staff will pull together a committee group from members of the coalition, stakeholders, and Board Members (Ryan) to review rules for rulemaking.

4. Maria Austin, registered intern, asked the Board to reconsider denial of her internship hours. Loretta Slepikas moved and Linda White seconded the motion to uphold the denial of internship hours for the months of May 2007-October 2007. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Robert Bridgeford, registered intern, asked the Board to review his information including the letter from Karen Tamminga. Julia Smith moved and Elizabeth Wosley-George seconded the motion to uphold the denial of the internship hours for the month of July 2007. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Chris Calarco, registered intern, asked the Board to reconsider denial of her internship hours. Loretta Slepikas moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to reverse the denial after reviewing the supervisor's letter with supervision and dates. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Karen Fancher, registered intern, appealed denial of her internship hours from July 2007 through December 2007. Elizabeth Wosley-George moved and Loretta Slepikas seconded the motion to accept the appeal and the hours. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Rebecca Nice, registered intern, asked the Board to reconsider denial of her internship hours from August 1, 2007 to February 2, 2008. Loretta moved and Linda White seconded the motion to uphold denial of her internship hours. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Clista Prella-Tworak, registered intern, appealed denial of her internship hours from July 2007 through December 2007. Loretta Slepikas moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to accept the appeal and the hours. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Stacy Riser, registered intern, asked the Board to reconsider denial of her internship hours. Loretta Slepikas moved and Linda White seconded the motion to uphold the denial of hours for the month of July 2007 to January 2008. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Fawna Roberts, applicant, denied supervisor not licensed for 3 years, letter of appeal from supervisor asking for Board to re-consider. Upheld denial
12. Ezra Kilfoil, registered intern, sent a timeline of events in connection to his internship. Linda White moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to uphold the denial of internship hours for the months of March 2007 to August 2007. The motion passed unanimously.
13. Travis Cave wrote an email to the Board asking if the Praxis II would meet the examination requirement for licensure. The Board decided that it does not meet the requirement.
14. Ruthann Duncan asked the Board for an exception to the supervisor requirements. The Board denied her request.

Becky Eklund gave the Executive Director's report. Grant Moyle and others are close to resuming the ability to accept renewal payments by credit cards online. State Auditors have begun a "change of administrator" review of Board records. The directors of health related licensing boards have begun to meet monthly. The Governor's Policy Advisor on health issues described legislative plans to introduce legislation that would affect the licensing boards. The Board established a listserv through the Oregon State Library so that people interested in receiving occasional information about Board activities can subscribe. The new database allows staff to send email messages to all licensees and interns as a group. The first group message was sent to interns this week to remind them of due dates for intern reports. Becky and Martha are scheduled to give several presentations to graduating students on how to register as interns with the Board. The Department of Administrative Services has proposed to reclassify the positions from Executive Officer to Principal Executive Manager C, effective April 1, 2008, so that automated salary calculations for the 2009-11 biennium will be accurate for the budget development process.

The Board discussed having a strategic planning meeting. Some items for possible discussion: re-create degree reviews, supervision, website, legislation, Practice Act, make up of the Board, and recruiting new members.

ADJOURNMENT **5:43 p.m.**

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