

**Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists  
Minutes of June 7, 2013 Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. and adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

**Members Present:** Scott Christie, LMFT Chair      Ahjane Billingsley, Vice Chair, Public Member  
Julia Smith, LPC, Faculty      Lee Anne Wichmann, LMFT  
Doug Querin, LPC      Tony Lai, LPC  
Lynne Nesbit, LPC      Suzan Turley, Public Member

**Others Present:** Becky Eklund, Executive Director  
Brian Johnson, Board Staff  
Lonnie Knotts, Board Staff  
Kelly Gabliks, AAG  
Opal Bontrager, DAS/SCS

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Scott Christie called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the second floor large conference room of the Morrow Crane Building, 3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, Oregon.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Opal Bontrager, the accountant assigned to the Board from the Department of Administrative Services, presented the financial report.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Suzan Turley moved and Julia Smith seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended and the April 26, 2013 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**PDS WAIVERS**

The Board reviewed the form that staff created for requesting a waiver of a professional disclosure statement. The Board suggested changes to the form and requested a new draft for the next Board meeting.

**LATE INTERN REPORTS**

Staff asked Board members for clarification of decision about late intern reports made during the April 2013 meeting. The Board agreed that Ms. Eklund could approve intern reports submitted after the due date and up to one month after the due date. A penalty of one-month worth of hours (averaged for the six month period), would be deducted for the late submission.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Ms. Eklund updated the Board on legislation currently before the Oregon legislature. The Board's budget had passed and was awaiting signature by the governor.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The Board reviewed the changes made to the distance supervision rules at the last Board meeting. Tony Lai moved and Suzan Turley seconded a motion to approved OAR 833-050-0081 as written for public review. The motion passed unanimously.

**BREAK: 9:52 a.m.**

**RECONVENED: 10:11 a.m.**

### **IMPAIRED PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM**

Ms. Eklund reviewed the history of the impaired professional program. The Board does not have an impaired professional program as the Board opted out of the program created by the Oregon Health Authority. The cost of the impaired professional program was prohibitive and not cost effective. The Board discussed the lack of an impaired professional program, what options the Board has and what direction the Board should take. Ms. Eklund will check with the Oregon Health Authority to see if there have been any changes to the program and the current cost and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

### **RECIPROCITY WITH TENNESSEE**

Ms. Eklund summarized the differences between the licensing rules of Oregon and Tennessee. Ms. Eklund sent a letter to the Tennessee Board expressing the Oregon Board's willingness to discuss reciprocity. To date, the Tennessee Board has not responded. The Board would like Ms. Eklund to pursue the possibility of reciprocity with other states.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board convened in executive session at 10:40 a.m. to discuss complaints and investigations through authority provided in ORS 192.660(2) (h) and (k).

**BREAK: 11:46 a.m.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board reconvened in executive session at 12:05 a.m. to discuss complaints and investigations through authority provided in ORS 192.660(2) (h) and (k).

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened in public session at 1:22 p.m.

**BREAK: 1:54 p.m.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board reconvened in executive session at 12:05 a.m. to discuss complaints and investigations through authority provided in ORS 192.660(2) (h) and (k).

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened in public session at 2:49 p.m.

### **COMPLIANCE ISSUES**

The Board took the following actions on license applications and compliance cases:

**Case #2011-054** Ahjane Billingsley moved and Suzan Turley seconded a motion to rescind the notice of intent to impose discipline. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolved Case #2012-044** Julie Smith moved and Doug Querin seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

**Case #2012-049** Lynn Nesbit moved and Doug Querin seconded a motion to withdraw the order for emergency suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

**Case #2012-055** Tony Lai moved and Suzan Turley seconded a motion to issue a notice of intent to impose discipline. The motion passed unanimously 6-0. Doug Querin recused himself.

**Case #2012-061** Ahjane Billingsley moved and Julia Smith seconded a motion to issue a notice of intent to impose discipline. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolved Case #2012-064** Suzan Turley moved and Tony Lai seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolved Case #2013-004** Suzan Turley moved and Tony Lai seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

**Case #2013-022** Ahjane Billingsley moved and Suzan Turley seconded a motion to issue a notice of intent to impose a civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously.

**Case #2013-038** Julia Smith moved and Suzan Turley seconded a motion to issue a notice of intent to impose discipline. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff requested extensions for the investigations of the following cases due to heavy workload. **2013-001, 2013-002, 2013-003, 2013-005, 2013-006, 2013-007, 2013-008, 2013-011, 2013-012, 2013-014, 2013-015, 2013-016, 2013-017, 2013-018, 2013-019, 2013-020, 2013-021, and 2013-026.** Doug Querin moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to grant extensions for investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **CORDINATION OF BOARDS**

Sarah Miller, Deputy Chief Operations Officer for the State of Oregon, joined the meeting by phone. She spoke to the Board regarding an alternative management model for the Board of Counselors and Therapists in conjunction with the Board of Psychologist Examiners. Lynne Nesbit moved and Julia Smith seconded a motion to move forward with the proposal to join the administrative staff of the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists and the Board of Psychologist Examiners. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Robine Bots, LMFT intern, requested that the Board grant an exception allowing Ms. Bots' direct client contact hours for September 2009 through February 2010 and March 2010 through August 2010. The Board previously denied Ms. Bot' hours, as she submitted her reports after the deadline. Suzan Turley moved and Tony Lai seconded a motion to deny Ms. Bots' request for an exception. The motion passed unanimously.

Steven Fogelman, LPC, requested that the Board allow him to provide supervision of registered interns. Mr. Fogelman was disciplined in 2000 for advertising that he was licensed prior to receiving his license. Tony Lai move and Lynne Nesbit seconded a motion allowing Mr. Fogelman to provide supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Scott Christie adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.