

**Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists
Minutes of October 12, 2012 Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:34 a.m. and adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Members Present:	Linda Gray, LPC, Vice-Chair Elizabeth Hartshorn, LPC Lee Anne Wichmann, LMFT	Julia Smith, LPC, Faculty Bradley "Scott" Christie, LMFT 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 Karen Van Acker, LPC
Members Absent:	Ryan Melton, LPC	Ahjane Billingsley, Public Member

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Linda Gray called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. in the second floor large conference room of the Morrow Crane Building, 3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, Oregon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Suzan Turley moved and Julia Smith seconded a motion to approve the minutes as submitted for the August 22, 2012 board meeting. The motion passed 5-0 with one abstaining.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Opal Bontrager, the accountant assigned to the Board from the Department of Administrative Services, presented the financial report. Ms. Eklund explained that the Attorney General legal fees are over budget due to an appeal and legal issue recently heard by the Oregon Supreme Court. The costs in the Supreme Court case are in excess of \$25,000. The Board of Nursing has offered to help with the costs of the Supreme Court case, as the case affects all Health Licensing Boards.

REMOTE SUPERVISION

The Board reviewed and discussed the Rules for supervision of registered interns. The Rules state that at least 25 percent of supervision must be in person and up to 75 percent of supervision may be completed using electronic means. Scott Christie, who sat on the committee that revised the current Rules regarding supervision, explained the reasoning behind the committee's decisions regarding the 25/75 supervision Rule. Mr. Christie discussed the importance of the personal interaction between the supervisor and supervisee, including review of paperwork and videotapes counseling sessions. The Board requested Staff to compile information regarding the Rules and requirements of other states regarding remote counseling, supervision and supervision across state lines. The Board will revisit this issue at another time.

CUSTOMER SURVEY RESULTS

Every year every licensee and registered intern receives the customer survey by email. The survey is a Board performance measure and forwarded to the governor's office and legislature as part of the budget process. Ms. Eklund explained the results of the survey to the Board. The Board discussed the positive and negative responses received.

Board members want to ensure that the Board's mission statement is on the Board's homepage. Members would also like to create a learning center on the Board's website.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Crystal Clark requests that the Board grant a waiver allowing for acceptance of electronic supervision even though it may exceed the 75 percent limit. Lee Anne Wichmann moved and Scott Christie seconded a motion to deny Ms. Clark's request for a waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharon Dobra requests that the Board waive the supervision for seven weeks, while she is out of the country. Julia Smith moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded a motion to deny Ms. Dobra's request for a waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

Natalie Warner requests that the Board allow her to receive more than 75 percent electronic supervision during a given month. Suzan Turley moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded a motion to deny Ms. Warner's request for a waiver. The motion passed 5-1.

BREAK: 10:00 a.m.

RECONVENED: 10:25 a.m.

Catherine Segan Elliott requests that the Board reconsider her application for licensure. Julie Smith moved and Suzan Turley seconded the motion to deny Ms. Elliott's request for reconsideration. The motion passed unanimously.

Irma Llanes requests that the Board grant her a license without having to acquire additional supervised direct client contact hours. Elizabeth Hartshorn moved and Scott Christie seconded a motion to deny Ms. Llanes' request for licensure and giving Ms. Llanes' 30 days to reapply as a registered intern to avoid potential compliance violations. The motion passed unanimously.

Marita Tiller request that the board accept 383 unreported direct client contact hours. Suzan Turley moved and Julia Smith seconded a motion to deny Ms. Tiller's request to accept additional direct client contact hours. The motion passed unanimously.

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The Board discussed the proposed administration rules. Ms. Karen Van Acker, a member of the workgroup that developed OAR 833-020-0401 spoke to the Board and clarified the workgroup's intent.

Lee Anne Wichmann moved and Scott Christie seconded a motion to amend OAR 833-010-0001, adopt OAR 833-020-0401, and amend OAR 833-100-0051, as proposed. The motion passed unanimously. (See attached Rules)

Suzan Turley moved and Elizabeth Hartshorn seconded a motion to amend OAR 833-020-0051, 833-020-0081, 833-030-0041 and 833-040-0041 as proposed. The motion passed unanimously. (See attached rules)

BREAK: 11:42 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in executive session at 11:59 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 1:12 p.m.

1:12 p.m. Board Member Elizabeth Hartshorn left Board Meeting.

COMPLIANCE ISSUES

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

Resolved Case #2011-012 Scott Christie moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously. 5-0

Case #2011-054 Suzan Turley moved and Julia Smith seconded a motion to issue a notice of intent to impose discipline. The motion passed unanimously. 5-0

Resolved Case #2012-017 Julia Smith moved and Suzan Turley seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously. 5-0

Resolved Case #2012-019 Lee Anne Wichmann moved and Scott Christie seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint and to issue a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously. 5-0

Case #2012-028 Julia Smith moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded a motion to issue a notice of intent to impose discipline. The motion passed unanimously. 5-0

Resolved Case #2012-039 Lee Anne Wichmann moved and Suzan Turley seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint and to issue a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously. 5-0

1:17 p.m. Board Member Elizabeth Hartshorn returned to Board Meeting.

Case #2012-012 Elizabeth Hartshorn moved and Suzan Turley seconded a notice of intent to impose discipline in the form of supervision and ethics training. The motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Staff requested extensions for the investigations of the following cases due to heavy workload. **2012-020, 2012-021, 2012-022, 2012-023, 2012-024, 2012-026, 2012-029, 2012-030, 2012-031, 2012-032, 2012-033, 2012-034** and **2012-035**. Suzan Turley moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to grant extensions for investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY COMMUNICATION TRAINING

The Board, staff and members of the public in attendance participated in a cultural competency training session provided by Dr. John Lenssen. The training was provided to the Board and Board staff to help improve their communication with diverse populations.

PUBLIC INPUT (2:55 p.m.)

LICENSE PORTABILITY

Ms. Eklund reported on the results of the license portability workgroup. The workgroup looked at other states requirements for experience and examination. Ms. Eklund summarized the proposed changes to the rules that the workgroup proposed.

Suzan Turley moved and Elizabeth Hartshorn seconded a motion to amend OAR 833-020-0051, OAR 833-020-0081, OAR 833-030-0041 and OAR 833-040-0041 as proposed. The motion passed unanimously. (See attached Rules)

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Linda Gray adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.