

**Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists
Minutes of June 3, 2011 Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m. and adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Members Present:	Ryan Melton, LPC, Chair	LeeAnne Wichmann, LMFT
	Linda Gray, LPC, Vice Chair	Elizabeth Hartshorn, LPC
	Julia Smith, LPC	Nila Epstein, LMFT
	Suzan Turley, Public Member	
Others Present:	Becky Eklund, Executive Dir.	Kelly Gabliks, AAG
	Brian Johnson, Board Staff	Opal Bontrager, DAS/SCS
	Lonnie Knotts, Board Staff	Pam King, George Fox University
	Anita Griffin, George Fox University	

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ryan Melton called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. in the second floor conference room of the Oregon Board of Optometry, 1900 Hines Street, SE, Salem, Oregon.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

Julia Smith moved and Nila Epstein seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2011 Board meeting with a clarification about board member training offered by CLEAR. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICIES

Ms. Eklund presented the final continuing education policies discussed at the April 8, 2011 Board meeting. The board adopted the policies with two additional changes:

- 1) Eliminate the policy that did not allow CE credit for watching a video and discussing it with their supervisor. The continuing education could be considered part of the allowed supervision credit.
- 2) Combine 3 separate policies that focus on the need for continuing education to focus on training designed for mental health professionals.

Ms. Eklund provided members with graduate degree standards policies. The Board requested staff to remove policies now covered by administrative rules, and to submit the remaining policies to the Board for review.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Eklund updated the status of legislation related to LPCs and LMFTs under consideration by the Oregon legislature.

The Board's 2011-13 budget has been approved by the full Ways and Means Committee. The Committee recommended the full-time investigator position, but did not authorize the half-time administrative position. The committee also ratified the "fee increase" to cover the cost of criminal background checks. The recommended budget still needs approval by the full House and Senate.

Ms. Eklund expressed the need to develop definition for the phrase in law: “assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental, emotional and behavioral disorders”.. The Board decided that a work group should be formed to draft rules and present them to the Board for review and action. The committee should consist of at least two board members (Ryan Melton and Linda Gray volunteered to be on the committee); a college representative; an association representative; a non-licensed therapist; a consumer (non-licensee), and other interested parties.

BREAK 9:45 a.m.

RECOVERED 10:03 a.m.

INCREASING CONSUMER PROTECTION

Ms. Eklund presented a process develop ways to increase consumer protection. Ms. Eklund proposed that the Board convene divergent groups and individuals to gather all points of view and that the Board hire a facilitator to help design a process and facilitate discussions. The group should include at least the three Oregon associations (ORCA, OAMFT and OMHCA), state and private universities, play therapists, art therapists, dance therapists, and Hakomi therapists. The Board supported Ms. Eklund’s proposal.

Ms. Eklund told the Board that Senator Monnes Anderson invited the Board to present information about a non-licensee registry to the Senate Health Care Committee. An informational hearing of the Senate Health Care Committee is set for September and again in November or December. Senator Monnes Anderson suggested that the board coordinate a group to provide the pros and cons of a registry. Several board members prefer to direct people towards licensure rather than creating a non-licensee registry. Ryan Melton volunteered to speak on behalf of the Board to the committee. Mr. Melton wants to ensure that the Board is fully behind the statements made to the committee. The presentation should have the Board’s position along with the pros and cons from the associations and from non-licensees. As part of the presentation, the Board will include information about the plan to increase consumer protection. (NOTE: The Board has no authority over alternative providers or those exempt from licensure. The Board has no plans to change legislation that establishes the Board’s authority and sets requirements for licensure.)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Catherine Segan Elliott – Ms. Elliott requests that the Board accept her degree from Ryokan College, an unaccredited college, as meeting Oregon’s educational requirements. Julia Smith moved and LeeAnne Wichmann seconded the motion to deny Ms. Elliott’s appeal. The motion passed unanimously. The Board would also like Ms. Eklund to conduct a degree review of Ms. Elliott’s graduate level course work and relay the results.

MULTNOMAH UNIVERSITY

Dr. Elizabeth List and Casey Laden presented information about Multnomah University’s graduate counseling program. Dr. List is a clinical psychologist and director of the Master’s in Counseling program at Multnomah University. Ms. Laden is the program’s field experience coordinator. Multnomah University requested approval counseling program. Dr. List delivered their request to the Board for consideration. Multnomah University is regionally accredited and is not seeking CACREP accreditation at this time. The Counseling program started in fall, 2009. Multnomah is a cohort, adult learning model. Dr. List and Ms. Laden explained the program’s requirements and internships. Ryan Melton and Julia Smith will review the material and contact Multnomah University if further information is required. Mr. Melton and Dr. Smith will develop a recommendation for the Board upon completion of their review.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Karla McCafferty, Executive Director of Options for Southern Oregon, requested a waiver of the national competency examination. After discussion of the request, Julia Smith moved and Suzan Turley seconded the motion to deny the request for waiver of the Board's rule requiring passage of national competency examination within ten years of date of application. The motion passed unanimously.

BREAK 11:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in executive session through authority provided in ORS 192.660(2)(k) at 11:55 a.m. to discuss complaints and investigations.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public session at 2 p.m. to accommodate Ms. Carol Jane Spence's request to join the meeting by phone.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Carol Jane Spence joined the meeting by phone to explain the circumstances and answer questions about her request that the Board to reinstate her expired license. After discussion, Julia Smith moved and LeeAnne Wichmann seconded the motion to require Ms. Spence to pay a late fee and directed the staff to reinstate her license. The motion passed unanimously.

BREAK 2:27 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened in executive session at 2:35p.m. to discuss complaints and investigations through authority provided in ORS 192.660(2)(k).

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public session at 3:02 p.m.

COMPLIANCE ISSUES

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

Resolved: Case #2010-018 – Elizabeth Hartshorn moved and Suzanne Turley seconded the motion to issue a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2010-048 – Linda Gray moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to issue a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2010-058 – LeeAnne Wichman moved and Linda Gray seconded the motion to issue a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2011-003 – Nila Epstein moved and Elizabeth Hartshorn seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2011-004 – Suzan Turley moved and Linda Gray seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2011-013 – LeeAnne Wichmann moved and Nila Epstein seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2010-023 – Elizabeth Hartshorn moved and Suzan Turley seconded the motion to accept the settlement agreement with an amendment to include a time limit on completion of the discipline..

Staff requested an extension for the investigations in cases #2010 -053, #2011-008, #2011-008, #2011-010, #2011-011, #2011-014, #2011-015, #2011-016, #2011-017, #2011-019, and #2011-021 because of caseload. Julia Smith moved and Linda Gray seconded the motion to grant extensions for investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temporary administrative rules to allow applicants and licensees to submit a signed verification, in lieu of a fingerprints, were submitted to the Secretary of State. The temporary rules took effect immediately and will expire on November 10, 2011. Permanent rule process must be completed before expiration of the temporary rules.

Draft administrative rules for counselor educators have been forwarded to Kelly Gabliks, AAG, for review and comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ryan Melton adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.