

**OREGON BOARD OF LICENSED
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 8:35 a.m.
By Teleconference**

Members participating: Bradley Scott Christie, LMFT, Chair
Tony Lai, LPC
Tina Anctil, LPC/Faculty Member
Lindsay McGrath, LMFT
Don Thomson, LPC

Staff participating: Becky Eklund, Executive Director
Lonnie Knotts, Board Staff
Janelle Houston, Board Staff
Kelly Gabliks, Legal Counsel

Members Absent: Doug Querin, LPC
Suzan Turley, Public Member

Chair Christie called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

LEGISLATIVE CONCEPT 641

Becky Eklund, Doug Querin and Lindsay McGrath recently met with CJ Strauss and Steve Rodgers from COPACT to talk about protecting the titles “Marriage and Family Therapist” and “Professional Counselor”. Strauss and Rodgers supported the proposal and suggested to expand the title protection to the following:

- Marriage counselor
- Marriage therapist
- Family counselor
- Family therapist
- Couples counselor
- Couples therapist

The titles could be used only if the counselor or therapist were licensed. The proposal would not restrict the use of the titles “counselor” and “therapist”. Rodgers and Strauss wanted to talk with other COPACT members before offering full support of the legislative concept. Since that meeting, Rodgers indicated that COPACT supports the proposal.

The Board discussed the proposed concept and the consequences of submitting a bill for approval. The Board expressed interest in keeping the “relating to” clause of the bill with a narrow focus and to have the bill include an emergency clause.

Don Thomson moved and Tony Lai seconded a motion to move Legislative Concept 641 forward. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Eklund will work closely with the Board's legal counsel to draft suggested language, which would be forwarded to the Department of Administrative Services for Governor's approval. If the Governor approves the concept, the concept will go to Legislative Counsel to write the bill. and have the legislative counsel draft the language.

2015-17 BIENNIUM AGENCY REQUEST BUDGET

Ms. Eklund explained the budget process to the Board and the revenue projections. The Board discussed the proposed Agency Request Budget. Ms. Eklund was given direction by the Department of Administrative Services to submit the budget as if the staff of the Board of Psychological Examiners and the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists were integrated.

The Board directed staff to prepare more information and data regarding the budget as it pertains to the coordination of boards. The information would be considered at the Board's August 1, 2014 meeting. The data should include increased licensing fee options.

Lindsay McGrath moved and Tina Anctil seconded a motion to move the 2015-17 Biennium Agency Request Budget forward. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Christie adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.