



NEWSLETTER

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The Board office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

2012 office closures for state mandated furlough days and holidays are:

February 20, 2012
March 23, 2012
May 25, 2012
May 28, 2012
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BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS



Ryan Melton, LPC, OBLPCT Board Chair

This is the first in a series of informational articles introducing you to the members of the Board. Ryan Melton, LPC is currently the Board Chair. Ryan graduated from Pacific University in 2000 with a Masters in Counseling Psychology. He joined the Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network's early psychosis identification and treatment program in 2001. Currently Ryan is the clinical director of The Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA) an Oregon initiative to disseminate early psychosis intervention statewide. Ryan provides clinical and technical assistance to early psychosis intervention sites nationwide. For more Information about EAST or EASA please visit: www.eastcommunity.org

Ryan is a doctoral candidate at Oregon State University with his dissertation focus

on outcomes using the EASA model. Ryan is an instructor at Chemeketa Community College, Portland State, Oregon State and George Fox University.

Ryan was awarded the Mental Health Award of Excellence (2010) by the Oregon's Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and in 2011 Ryan received the Emerging Leader Award by the Association for Counselor Educators and Supervisors.

What motivated you to join the Board? "I wish I could respond to this question with "I was motivated to move the profession forward and/or advocate for the field of counseling"... but I applied to be a member of the Board because a former member of the Board asked me to apply. He thought my personality would be a good fit. I trusted him and decided to

apply without knowing all that was involved. As it turns out this happenstance move has motivated me to strongly advocate for the profession, not only at an individual counselor level but at a system change level. Although it is essential that the Board support our professions by establishing rules and policies that move the profession forward, however the primary role of the Board is to protect consumers."

Where do you see the profession in ten years? "My hope for the profession is that it will continue to gain the respect it rightly deserves and for the public to have a clearer understanding of what counselors and therapists do. What I hope this looks like in 10 years (if not sooner) is a consistent definition of practice and titles across Oregon and the Country."

LICENSING TIDBITS

If you have been selected for continuing education audit, please submit your materials immediately. That way if the continuing education is not accepted, you have a chance to complete a

course. Renewing early gives the Board a chance to notify you of any omissions or shortfalls that can be corrected before a late fee is charged.

Fingerprint/criminal background check are good for 5 years.

You may claim up to 10 hours of clinical supervision as continuing education every 2 years.

Direct Client Contact Hours and Supervision

The registered intern six-month supervisor evaluation and hours report is the official document that sets forth the number of direct client contact hours and supervision that an intern receives during each six-month reporting period.

In order to receive full credit for his or her direct client contact hours each reporting period, an intern must receive the appropriate level of supervision. The supervision

requirement is a two tiered system:

(1) if an intern has ***less than 46*** direct client contact hours in any given month, the intern needs two hours of supervision; one hour of the supervision must be individual supervision, while the other hour of supervision may be individual or group supervision.

(2) If an intern has ***46 or more*** direct client contact hours in any given month, the intern needs three

hours of supervision, one and a half hours must be individual supervision, while the other one and a half hours may be individual or group supervision.

An intern may always have more supervision than required, however, if they have less, the hours accrued during that given month will not count towards licensure.

If you have questions, please contact Lonnie Knotts at (503) 378-5499 ext. 1 or lonnie.p.knotts@state.or.us

The Board and the 21st Century

The Board recently placed several fillable forms on the website. We hope that you will find the forms easier to use. Please let us know if you encounter difficulties with the fillable forms.

If you need to download Adobe Reader so that you can use the fillable forms, you will find that you can download it from

the Board's website. Please scroll down to the bottom of the website and on the left side you will find a link to download Adobe Reader.

The Oregon Legislature in 2009 created the Oregon Transparency Website. The website makes it easier for citizens to find information about how

their state government works and to find needed information. The address for the website is: www.oregon.gov/transparency.

We are continually trying to improve the Board's website, www.oregon.gov/OBLPCT. Please let us know what information would be helpful for you.

Licensing Tidbits (continued)

Name changes must to be submitted prior to renewal. If not, a \$5 fee is charged to re-print the license with the new name. To make a name change, submit a copy of a document showing the name change, such as a marriage certificate or drivers license.

The Board periodically sends out training information to members of OBLPCT's listserv. In order to subscribe to the list serve use the following link: <http://listsmart.osl.state.or.us/mailman/listinfo/oblpc>. If you have training information that you would like disseminated please forward to the

board's email address at lpct.board@state.or.us.

We will post training info provided by Oregon colleges and universities, Oregon associations with a mental health focus, and Oregon LPCs, LMFTs, or Registered Interns.

Licensees

1,886 Oregon LPCs
512 Oregon LMFTs
(as of January 18, 2012)

Registered Interns

796 Registered Interns
(as of January 18, 2012)

Number of Complaints Received

28 — 2008
38 — 2009
59 — 2010
63 — 2011

2012 Board Meetings

February 10, 2012
April 13, 2012
June 8, 2012
August 10, 2012
October 12, 2012
December 14, 2012

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