

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS
AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

OCTOBER 1, 2004

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Open Session of the Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists was called to order at 10:00 am on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Dale Blumen

Terrance Giblin

Ronald Mancini

Joseph Costa

Board members not in attendance:

Ronald Campopiano

Anita Redlich

John Roche

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

Gregory Madoian

Upon a review of the minutes of the meeting held , 2004, Terrance Giblin entered a motion to accept the minutes as presented and to keep the Executive Minutes sealed. Ronald Mancini seconded the motion, with unanimous agreement from remaining members.

Members approved a request from a licensee to apply 13 CE credits earned in April 2004 to the 2006 license renewal cycle. Licensee was exempt from CE requirement in July, 2004, as this was the first renewal following initial licensure.

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The board reviewed a request regarding the requirement of 100 hours direct supervision. The Board agreed when a counselor receives

instructions from a physician regarding the goals/treatment of a client, during a client's medical visit, said time is considered as supervision.

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following mental health counselor applications for licensure pending successful completion of the national certification exam and/or other credentials:

Nancy Almagno (verification of out-of-state supervisor)

Anne Boutin Gammon (verification of out-of-state supervisor)

Kim Czemerer Catherine Gorman (verification of out-of-state supervisor)

Lisa Jarbeau Michaela Keough Jill Lanni

Joan McCarthy (remainder of supervised practice)

Rosemary Milburn (official transcript)

Virginia Newcomb (remainder of supervised practice)

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved a marriage and family therapist application for licensure pending successful completion of the national certification exam and other credentials for Margaret Knerr (official transcript, birth certificate, reference letters, photo)

The board approved an application for licensure by endorsement as a marriage and family therapist for Shelby Morgan pending receipt of her original statement of supervised practice.

Board members requested the legislation to revise the practice act that was submitted last session, but failed to pass, be submitted again this session (2005).

Upon a motion entered by Ronald Mancini, seconded by Terrance Giblin with unanimous agreement from remaining members, the Board entered Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) to address Complaint MHC/MFT#3-2004. Complaint alleges violation of the licensing law and rules and regulations. Subject of complaint has been notified of the right to have discussions held in Open Session.

Upon completion of business in Executive Session, Ronald Mancini entered a motion to return to Open Session in accordance with Section 42-46-4 of the Open Meetings Law to report its vote and to keep the Executive Minutes sealed. Dale Blumen seconded the motion, with unanimous agreement from remaining members.

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Salve Regina University requested the Board review a new course curriculum, to determine if it would meet the licensing requirements for a mental health counselor. The program is a Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling. Upon its review, the Board determined the course curriculum, as presented, is lacking a clinical orientation necessary to meet the educational licensing requirements.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next meeting is scheduled to be held December 3, 2004 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

Health Professional Regulation