

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

MAY 6, 2005

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

Anita Redlich

Ronald Campopiano

Joseph Costa

John Roche

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

Gregory Madoian

Upon a review of the minutes of the meeting held February 25, 2005, Ronald Mancini entered a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Terrance Giblin seconded the motion, with unanimous agreement from remaining members.

Upon a motion entered by Dale Blumen, seconded by Joseph Costa 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 Complaints MHC/MFT#3-2004, MHC/MFT#4-2004 and MHC#1-2005. Complaints allege violation of the licensing law and rules and regulations. Subjects of complaint have been notified of the right to have discussions held in Open Session.

The Board was given an update on the status of pending legislation. The legislation is facing some opposition due to the proposal to reduce application and renewal fees.

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Upon completion of business in Executive Session, Ronald Campopiano entered a motion to return to Open Session in accordance with Section 42-46-4 of the Open Meetings Law to report

its vote. Anita Redlich seconded the motion, with unanimous agreement from remaining members.

Re: Complaint MHC/MFT #4-2004, by unanimous vote, the Board dismissed the complaint, with no finding of unprofessional conduct.

Re: Complaint MHC/MFT#1-2005, the Board by unanimous vote, proposed a one-year probation with conditions.

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following mental health counselor applications for licensure by examination, some pending certain documents/credentials:

Cynthia Bearse (pending supervisor's resume)

Patricia Bouchard Janis Douglas (pending tax form) Catherine Grimm

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following mental health counselor applications for licensure by endorsement, some pending certain documents/credentials:

Rachel Busch (pending supervisor's resume)

Carol Crosby (pending official supervised practice forms from Massachusetts)

James Dillon (pending tax form) Patricia Young

An application for mental health counselor filed by Cari Cuesta was reviewed. Ms. Cuesta's application needs additional information on

supervisors of her supervised practice hours.

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following marriage and family therapist application for licensure, pending successful completion of the national certification exam:

Paulette Chamberas

Board members reviewed a request and exhibits from eHarmony.com to determine if “self-help” services it plans to offer online constitute the practice of marriage and family therapy. The Board determined the services as described do not constitute the practice of marriage and family therapy.

Barbara Morse asked the board if she may perform her supervised practice hours in a wellness center. Ms. Morse stated she will have appropriate supervision as required by regulation. The Board approved her request.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2005 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

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