

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

AUGUST 18, 2006

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:

Ronald Mancini

Terrance Giblin

James Pinel

John Roche

Board Members not in attendance:

Dale Blumen

Joseph Costa

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

The minutes of the meeting held June 16, 2006 were presented. On motion by Terrence Giblin, seconded by John Roche, it was unanimously voted to accept the Open Session minutes as presented.

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following mental health counselor applications for licensure pending successful completion of the national examination:

- Emily Allen - Susanna Angelillo - Nancy Ferreira**
- Eric Gaboriault - Barbara Mey - Jeffrey Parent**
- Pamela Warner DeMontoya - Heather Woodard**

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

- Wendy Phillips**

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A request was received regarding the accreditation status/acceptability for licensure requirement of Capella University's on-line mental health counseling program. This administrator confirmed Capella University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, which is a regional equivalent body to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, therefore, meets the requirements of Section 3.1.2 of the licensing rules and regulations. Further, the mental health program with the University is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), an arm of the American Counseling Association (ACA). On a motion by Terrence Giblin, seconded by Ronald Mancini, the Board voted its recognition, in accordance with the regulations, of the accredited Capella University, including its online mental health counseling program.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On a motion by Ronald Mancini, seconded by James Pinel, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. Complaints addressed: MHC#3-2006, MHC#4-2006 and an unlicensed applicant.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order. On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by James Pinel, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed. Final actions: Complaint #3-2006 dismissed with a finding of no unprofessional conduct; Complaint #4-2006 dismissed with a finding of no unprofessional conduct and applicant licensed.

Adjournment

On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by John Roche, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

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