

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

December 15, 2006

Open Meeting Minutes

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

John Roche

Dale Blumen

Joseph Costa

Board Members not in attendance:

James Pinel

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

The minutes of the meeting held August 18, 2006 were presented. On motion by John Roche, seconded by Terrence Giblin, 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:

- Kristine Carey - Anna Cichucki - Paul Collins**
- Susan Montaquila**

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following mental health counselor applications for licensure by endorsement:

- Susan Kaubert (pending NBCC results)**
- Art Erskine**

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The Board reviewed a request for a waiver of one course in the core

curriculum from a CAGS student, Linda O'Malley. Ms. O'Malley requested a waiver of a Human Growth and Development and Social and Cultural Foundations course (three credits). Ms. O'Malley taught two courses in Human Behavior, Diversity and Oppression at Rhode Island College during the spring semesters of 2002 through 2005. On a motion by Terrence Giblin, seconded by Ronald Mancini, the Board voted unanimously to waive the one course requirement.

The Board received a request from Salve Regina University to informally review coursework it is developing for a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS). The University acknowledged the Board has no jurisdiction or authority to credential educational programs, however, it asked for some indication if the program, as outlined, was likely to be within licensing guidelines per the rules and regulations. The CAGS model submitted had a concentration in Rehabilitation Counseling, which is not licensed under Rhode Island law. Therefore, the Board did not review the coursework.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On a motion by Ronald Mancini, seconded by Dale Blumen, 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#4-2006 and MHC#5-2006.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order. On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by Dale Blumen, 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 #4-2006 dismissed with a finding of no unprofessional conduct.

Adjournment

On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by John Roche, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

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