

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

**March 23, 2007**

**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**

**Terrence Giblin**

**John Roche**

**Dale Blumen**

**Joseph Costa**

**Board Members not in attendance:**

**James Pinel**

**Staff members in attendance:**

**Donna Dickerman**

**Elizabeth Shelov**

**The minutes of the meeting held December 15, 2006 were presented. On motion by Dale Blumen, 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:**

- Cynthia Almoncy (pending final transcript, spring, 2007)**
- Maria Fletcher - Catherine Fowler (pending completion of 2 courses)**
- Holly Nichols (pending completion of supervised practice)**
- Kelly Ryan - Janice Schwartz**
- Amber Fuller**

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

- Art Erskine**

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**The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following marriage and family therapist application for licensure by**

**endorsement:**

- **Timothy Ridge**

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

- **Amy Michaels**

**On a motion entered by Dale Blumen, seconded by Terrence Giblin, the Board unanimously voted to continue its use of the current version of the Codes of Ethics of the professional certification boards of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) for mental health counselors and the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists for marriage and family therapists, which it had previously adopted.**

**Elizabeth Shelov, of Health Services Regulation, assisted the Board in beginning to review and revise the licensing rules and regulations.**

#### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

**On a motion by Ronald Mancini, seconded by John Roche, 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#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 #5-2006 was dismissed with a finding of no unprofessional conduct.**

**Adjournment**

**On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by Ronald Mancini, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Donna Dickerman**

**Board Administrator**

**Health Professionals Regulation**