

**BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
MINUTES OF MEETING**

January 11, 2008

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Social Work was called to order on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established at 10:00 am.

Board members in attendance:

Terrence Giblin

Noelle Harris

Dale Blumen

Joseph Costa

Board members not in attendance:

James Pinel

John Roche

Ronald Mancini

Staff members in attendance:

Charles Alexandre

The minutes of the Open Meeting held on November 9, 2007 were presented. On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by Dale Blumen, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

Elizabeth Shelov met with the Board to complete the review of the rules and regulations. The revision will be posted and transmitted to interested parties for review and comments prior to scheduling a public hearing.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by Dale Blumen, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island Generals Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 10:35 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 10:45 am.

On motion of Noelle Harris, seconded by Joseph Costa, 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. No final actions were taken.

Business

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

Ann L. Harris

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

Danielle E. Maleska

Maureen D. O'Shea

The reviewed and approved the following application for licensure as a marriage and family therapist by endorsement:

Ruth Greenfield (pending review of eligibility by legal counsel)

Adjournment

On motion of Dale Blumen, seconded by Joseph Costa, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Alexandre

Chief, Health Professions Regulation