

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

November 14, 2008

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists 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

James Pinel

Dale Blumen

Joseph Costa

Noelle Harris

Board members not in attendance:

Ronald Mancini

John Roche

Staff members in attendance:

Charles Alexandre

The minutes of the Open Meeting held on September 12, 2008, were presented. On motion of Dale Blumen, seconded by Terrence Giblin, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

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

Amanda Barnes

Renee M. Desaulniers

Michele Gallagher

Sara Mulvaney

Elizabeth Raky

Claude Verdier

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

Teresa Carreiro

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following marriage and family therapists for licensure by examination:

Andrew D. Ellison (pending completion of work experience and

supervised hours)

Melinda Vespia (pending completion of supervised hours)

Christi L. Wilson (pending completion of supervised hours)

Business

None

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by James Pinel, 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 11:30 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 11:30 am.

On motion of Dale Blumen, 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. The following final action was unanimously voted on in Executive Session:

2008-01-MCH Recommend revocation of license

2008-02-MCH No unprofessional conduct

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Dale Blumen, seconded by Noelle Harris, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 11:40m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Alexandre

Chief, Health Professions Regulation