

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

**May 8, 2009**

**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**

**Ronald Mancini**

**Elizabeth Johnson**

**Board members not in attendance:**

**None**

**Staff members in attendance:**

**Charles Alexandre**

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**The minutes of the Open Meeting held on March 13, 2009, were presented. On motion of Dalen Blumen, seconded by Terrence Giblin, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.**

### **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 10:15 am.**

### **Return to Open Session**

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

**2008-02-MCH Supervisor approved. Relief from Probation denied.**

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

**Gerard Corneau**

**Alexis Heitman**

**Emanuel Matos**

**Shelagh Stone (pending receipt of final transcript)**

**Susan MacDonald (pending receipt of final transcript)**

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

**Jason Laurie (pending receipt of transcript)**

### **Business**

**The Board welcomed new member Elizabeth Johnson, vice John Roche whose term expired. Ms. Johnson fills a marriage and family therapist position on the Board.**

**The Board responded to an inquiry from a potential applicant to clarify the requirement to complete the practicum during the masters program.**

### **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 11:35 am.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Charles Alexandre**

**Chief, Health Professions Regulation**