

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

September 11, 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

Dale Blumen

Noelle Harris

Ronald Mancini

Elizabeth Johnson

Board members not in attendance:

James Pinel

Joseph Costa

Staff members in attendance:

Charles Alexandre

The minutes of the Open Meeting held on May 8, 2009, were presented. On motion of Dale 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 General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 10:05 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 10:30 am.

On motion of Dale Blumen, seconded by Noelle Harris, 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:

2009-01-MCH No Unprofessional Conduct

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

Damion F. Vania Richard P. Capece Kipp Lawrence

Leah Marie Huston Katya E. Vallon Keith R. Berube

M. Catherine Wharton Kate Sinei Francis Jo-Ann P. Andrews

Katherine Wingfield Lauren Kelly

Teresa M. Frias (pending receipt of documentation of supervised practice)

John P. Soldano (pending clarification of credentials)

Lauren G. Levesque (pending verification of # of practice hours)

Donna DeAscentis (pending receipt of documentation of supervised practice)

Gisela Murrell (pending receipt of documentation of supervised practice)

Jeanne M. Sherman (pending receipt of documentation of supervised practice)

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

Paula O'Brien

Russell Surveyer

Trisha Bakaitis-Glover

Irene Chmielinski (pending verification of supervised practice)

Jessica Roche (pending verification of out of state licensure)

Business

None

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 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Alexandre

Chief, Health Professions Regulation