

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

**November 13, 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**

**James Pinel**

**Joseph Costa**

**Board members not in attendance:**

**Ronald Mancini**

**Elizabeth Johnson**

**Staff members in attendance:**

**Charles Alexandre**

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**Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on September 11, 2009 was deferred until the next scheduled meeting.**

### **Business**

**There were no Announcements.**

**Dr. Thomas Sabbagh, Dean of Graduate Studies and Dr. Dimity Peter, Rehabilitation Counseling Program Director at Salve Regina University joined the Board for a discussion about the program curriculum and program graduates sitting for the NCMHCE examination for licensure as a mental health counselor. Dr. Peter will submit syllabi for all courses required within the core curriculum as stipulated in the Rules and Regulations for Licensing Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists prior to the next scheduled meeting.**

### **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 11:05 am.**

### **Return to Open Session**

**The Open Session was called back to order at 11:20 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:**

#### **2009-02-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:**

**Maura Hughes**

**Deborah Haug**

**Janet Fraatz**

**Brandi Gifford**

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

**Jessica Roche**

**The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following**

**marriage and family therapist applications pending successful completion of the national examination:**

**Katherine Grijalva**

**Jennifer Wilkinson-Shepherd**

**Clare Sartori (pending remaining supervised practice hours)**

### **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**