

**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

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