

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

March 12, 2010

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 9:00 pm.

Board members in attendance:

Joseph Costa

Dale Blumen

Noelle Harris

James Pinel

Elizabeth Johnson

Board members not in attendance:

Ronald Mancini

Terrence Giblin

Staff members in attendance:

Charles Alexandre

Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel

The minutes of the meetings held on January 8, 2010 were presented. On motion of Dale Blumen, seconded by Elizabeth Johnson, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

Business

There were no Announcements.

Mr. Madoian presented the mental health counselor application of Jane Johnson-Wall that had been initially denied for fewer credits than required. After deliberation and discussion, on motion of Dale Blumen, seconded by Joseph Costa, it was unanimously voted to grant the license by endorsement in that the mental health counselor or marriage and family therapist license may be granted by the Board if the original state of licensure has requirements substantially equivalent to those of Rhode Island.

The Board discussed the response submitted by Salve Regina University regarding the Rehabilitation Counseling Program. The Board will establish a task for to review the current criteria for licensure with respect to education for all applicants.

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

Susan Girfein

Nicholas Jackson

Margaret Koch

Kathleen Baker (pending receipt of supervised hours)

Katie Chilinski (pending receipt of final transcript)

Kenneth Patterson (pending receipt of CV from supervisor)

Noreen Shaffi (pending receipt of CV from supervisor)

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

Kathleen Ross (pending receipt of transcripts and verification of licensure examination)

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following marriage and family therapist applications for licensure pending successful completion of the national examination:

Sarah Dennewitz (pending receipt of supervised hours)

Kathryn Wolfe (pending receipt of supervised hours)

Elizabeth Norton (pending receipt of supervised 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 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Alexandre

Chief, Health Professions Regulation