

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

**January 14, 2011**

**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:**

**Dale Blumen**

**Noelle Harris**

**James Pinel**

**Joseph Costa**

**Elizabeth Johnson**

**Board members not in attendance:**

**Ronald Mancini**

**Terrence Giblin**

**Staff members in attendance:**

**Charles Alexandre**

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**The minutes of the meetings held on September 10, 2010 were presented. On motion of James Pinel, seconded by Joseph Costa, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.**

### **Business**

**There were no Announcements.**

**Code of Ethics: Board members will be provided with internet links to the Codes of Ethics for the NBCC, ACA, AMHCA, NASW, and AAMFT for review and discussion at the next meeting.**

**The Discussion regarding Distance Therapy was deferred to the next meeting.**

**The Board did discuss proposing new language to replace the current core curriculum required for licensure. Discussion of the required regulatory changes was deferred until the next meeting.**

### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

**On motion of James Pinel, 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 10:30 am.**

### **Return to Open Session**

**The Open Session was called back to order at 11:30 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 Board voted unanimously on the following:**

**Case # 2010-04-MHC No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern**

**No applications for licensure were reviewed.**

### **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 11:45 am.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Charles Alexandre**

# Chief, Health Professions Regulation