

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

**March 11, 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**

**Joseph Costa**

**Elizabeth Johnson**

**Board members not in attendance:**

**Ronald Mancini**

**Terrence Giblin**

**James Pinel**

**Staff members in attendance:**

**Charles Alexandre**

**Rosemary Sheets**

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**The minutes of the meeting held on January 14, 2011 were presented. On motion of Elizabeth Johnson, seconded by Joseph Costa, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.**

### **Business**

**There were no Announcements.**

**Code of Ethics for Mental Health Counselors: The Board reviewed the Codes of Ethics from the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) and the American Counseling Association (ACA). After discussion and deliberation the Board reaffirmed its earlier decision to adopt the Code of Ethics from the NBCC.**

**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**