

BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 8, 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
Elizabeth Johnson
Terrence Giblin
James Pinel

Board members not in attendance:

Ronald Mancini
Joseph Costa

Staff members in attendance:

Charles Alexandre
Rosemary Sheets

The minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2011 were presented. On motion of Noelle Harris, seconded by Dale Blumen, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

Business

There were no Announcements.

Education requirements for licensure as a Mental Health Counselor. The Board was presented a comparison of the current RI MHC/MFT regulations and the Washington Administrative Code Chapter 246-809 WAC. The board will review the comparison tables and continue discussion at the next meeting.

RIC, Salve Regina College, Roger Williams University and URI will be invited to the next board meeting to discuss the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) education standards and the current RI educational program requirements.

The Board briefly discussed changing the title of the mental health counselor to bring it in line with the title used in other states. No decision was made at this time.

No applications for licensure were reviewed.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Elizabeth Johnson, 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 10:10 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 11:05 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 of the meeting inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed. The Board voted unanimously on the following:

Case # 2011-02-MFT No Unprofessional Conduct

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 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Alexandre
Chief, Health Professions Regulation