

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

September 9, 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 401, 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

Joseph Costa

Noelle Harris

Elizabeth Johnson

Terrence Giblin

Ronald Mancini

Board members not in attendance:

James Pinel

Staff members in attendance:

Charles Alexandre

Rosemary Sheets

Others Present:

Charles Boisvert

Monica Darcy

Nancy Gordon

Michele Mannion

Pracui Kene

Kalina Brabeck

Dimity Peter

In response to an invitation by the Board sent to RIC, Salve Regina University, URI and Roger Williams University, representatives from Rhode Island College and Salve Regina were present to discuss possible changes to the Mental Health Counselor current regulatory education requirements in relation to CACREP requirements. The dialogue included the advantages and disadvantages of a CACREP program and how it would impact current curricula, uniqueness of programs and potential financial impact. The discussion ended at 11:00 am at which time the representatives exited the meeting. Further discussion is planned.

The minutes of the meeting held on July 8, 2011 were presented. On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by Ronald Mancini, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

Business

There were no Announcements.

No applications for licensure were reviewed.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Ronald Mancini, seconded by Noelle Harris, 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 11:10 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 11:25 am.

On motion of Dale Blumen, seconded by Elizabeth Johnson, 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 # 2011-03-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 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Sheets

Board Administrator, Health Professions Regulation