

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

January 4, 2013

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 10:20 am.

Board members in attendance:

Dale Blumen

Joseph Costa

Noelle Harris

Elizabeth Johnson

Ronald Mancini

James Pinel

Board members not in attendance:

Terrence Giblin

Staff members in attendance:

Rosemary Sheets

Thomas Corrigan

Others Present:

The minutes of the meeting held on November 9, 2012 were presented. On motion of James Pinel, seconded by Noelle Harris, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

Business

The Board was informed that a synopsis of the proposed amendments to the statute drafted by board attorney Thomas Corrigan were reviewed by the Director of Health and forwarded to Craig Stenning at the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH). The approval from BHDDH is necessary before we can submit the bill to the legislature. We have not yet received approval to submit the bill.

All board members signed a document supporting the proposed amendments in the hope that it will move forward in this legislative session.

Application Review

The board reviewed the Mental Health Counselor application of Danette Bray and approved the applicant to sit for the NBCC examination.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Dale Blumen, 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 10:30 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 11:10 am.

On motion of James Pinel, 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.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of James Pinel, seconded by Dale Blumen, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open

Session of the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Sheets

Board Administrator, Health Professions Regulation