

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

July 12, 2013

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists was called to order at 10:00 am on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, 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.

Board Members in attendance: Board Members not in attendance:

Terrence Giblin, Chair Ronald Mancini

Joseph Costa

Noelle Harris Staff members in attendance:

James Pinel J. Michel Martineau

Elizabeth Johnson

Dale Blumen. Others Present:

The Minutes of the open session held on May 6, 2013 were presented.

Chair, Terrence Giblin makes a motion to address a clerical error,

seconded by Dale Blumen, it was unanimously passed. Chair Terrence Giblin makes a motion to pass the amended Minutes, seconded by Dale Blumen, it passed unanimously. The Minutes of the executive session held on May 6, 2013 were presented. On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by Dale Blumen, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes.

Members review a communication from Dr. Brabeck and other faculty at Rhode Island College pertaining to a Draft proposal of the board which proposes amendments to RIGL Chapter 5-63.2 MHC/MFT (For clarification, at this time this proposal remains an in-house Draft document).

Members indicate there may be the need to consider additional proposed amendments to Social Work Law, specifically sections 5-63.2-9 (4), and 5-63.2-10 (4) as they address United States Department of Education (USDE).

Members review and discuss proposed amendments; they note the merits of raising the requirements to require 60 semester hours, but voice disagreement with language addressing a proposed tier system for licensing. Board members express caution in advancing the proposed

Draft and determine at this time they will discontinue seeking these proposed changes and bring the matter back to the board for further review. Chair Terrence Giblin directs the administrator to make this known to Dr. Brabeck and BHDDH Director Stenning.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Dale Blumen, seconded by Terrence Giblin, 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 10:35 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 10:37 am. On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by Dale Blumen, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Closed Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by Noelle Harris, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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