

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 104
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Friday, January 09, 2015
10:00 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joseph Costa, Public Member
Terrance Giblin, MFT, MHC, Board Chairperson
Noelle Harris, MHC
Ronald Mancini, MHC
James Pinel, MHC

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Dale Blumen, MFT
Elizabeth Johnson, MFT

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Karl Beauregard, Legal Counsel
Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager
Donna Valletta, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Judith Drew, Salve Regina University
Detective Courtney Elliot, RI State Police
David Nardolillo
Mari Nardolillo Dias

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists was held on Friday, January 9, 2015, at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM on a motion by Terrance Giblin and seconded by James Pinel. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the October 17, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Noelle Harris and seconded by Terrance Giblin to accept the Open Session minutes of October 17, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Presentation of the December 19, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

4. Motion was made by Terrance Giblin and seconded by Joseph Costa to accept the Open Session minutes of December 19, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried

5. Board Manager Report

- The 2015 Code of Ethics of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy was distributed to board members to review for adoption at a future meeting.

6. Old Business

- Status of 2012 proposed statutory amendments
 - i. Donna Valletta explained to the Board that there is a committee to review proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations. The committee prioritizes proposed changes based on direction of Dr. Fine. Donna suggested that Arlene Hartwell invite Bill Dundulis and Rosemary Sheets to a future meeting to discuss the processes for amendments to rules and regulations and to the statute.
 - ii. A response to the letter sent to the Director of Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals in November, 2012, was not received.
 - iii. Ronald Mancini stated that the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) has approved value options for 2020. The board decided to review their 2012 proposed changes and update them to coincide with the 2020 CACREP guidelines. Tabled for next meeting.
- Mari Nardolillo Dias' application for licensure as a Mental Health Counselor was reviewed by the board. The board declined to license Ms. Nardolillo Dias as her supervisors were not approved supervisors as required by RI General Laws, Title 5, Chapter 5-63.2-9.

7. New Business

- Election of Chairperson and Secretary
 - i. James Pinel nominated Terrance Giblin to be Board Chairperson for 2015. The board voted unanimously in favor.
 - ii. Noelle Harris nominated Ronald Mancini as Board Secretary. The board voted unanimously in favor.

8. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Noelle Harris and seconded by Ronald Mancini to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:50 AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to

Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

9. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Terrance Giblin and seconded by Joseph Costa at 11:21 AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

10. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and approved 16 and denied 0 applications; and proposed action on 4 cases.

11. Adjournment

The next Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists meeting will be held May 29, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Terrance Giblin and seconded by Joseph Costa to adjourn at 11:53 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Arlene Hartwell
Board Manager
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