

DIVISION OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND LICENSING
BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 104
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Friday, February 9, 2018
10:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dale Blumen, MFT, Chair
Joseph Costa, Public Member
Terrance Giblin, MFT, MHC
Noelle Harris, MHC, Secretary
Elizabeth Johnson, MFT
James Pinel, MHC
Amy Moreira, MHC

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michel Martineau
Julia Lorkiewicz, RIDOH Intern

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Judith Drew, Salve Regina University

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists was held on Friday, February 9, 2018 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 10:06 AM on a motion by Terrence Giblin and seconded by James Pinel. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the October 13, 2017 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Noelle Harris and seconded by Joseph Costa to accept the Open Session minutes of October 13, 2017. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

- a. Announcements & Introductions
New Board Member Amy Moreira, MHC was introduced.

4. New Business

- a. Inquiry from Jared Wildberger, a grad student at Townson University.

Dale Blumen and other Board Members direct Michel Martineau to advise Jared that his request for contact information of “counselors in your state which work with substance abuse disorders...” may be achieved by accessing the RIDOH website and compiling a list of public information regarding licensed individuals who choose to share their contact information, including email addresses.

At 10:25 AM, a moment of contemplation is observed in honor of former Board Member Ronald Mancini who recently passed away.

5. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Elizabeth Johnson and seconded by Joseph Costa to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:27 a.m. 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. 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.

6. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by James Pinel and seconded by Noelle Harris at 11:40 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.

7. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session.

The Board proposed action on 1 case.

8. Adjournment

The next Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists meeting will be held June 15, 2018 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Amy Moreira and seconded by Noelle Harris to adjourn at 11:42 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Michel Martineau
Board Manager
Center for Professional Boards and Licensing