

**OREGON BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
MINUTES OF October 15, 2007**

Members present: Marlin Schultz, Chair Julia Smith
Linda White Ryan Melton
Elizabeth Wosley George

Excused: Loretta Slepikas

In attendance: Connie Brown and Martha Steen, Board staff
Bob Sorenson, Investigator
Kelly Gabliks, AAG
Rachel Nolin, DAS, Budget & Management
Kilian Kuntz, Lifeworks

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists was called or order by Chair, Marlin Schultz at 8:45 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room of the Morrow Crane Building, 3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, Oregon.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

The agenda for the current board meeting was approved. Staff was asked to finalize minutes from previous meetings and to bring to next meeting or have a teleconference for approval. Board Chair read letter of resignation of Julia Cooley, Administrator.

PUBLIC SESSION – SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Kilian Kuntz asked the Board to consider his vast experience as a counselor to give him equal footing with others who already meet the Board’s supervisor criteria. Currently he holds a license for two years, not the three years license policy that the Board put in place at the August Strategic Planning meeting. The Board thanked him for attending and will get back to him after the Board meeting today.

BREAK at 10:42am

PUBLIC SESSION reconvened at 10:55am.

Introduction of Rachel Nolin, DAS, Budget * Management Division. She is the Board’s Assistant Fiscal Analyst.

PUBLIC SESSION – SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Board considered Emily Root’s letter dated October 4, 2007 appealing the denial of her pre-plan hours submitted on Form #2. The Board is keeping with its rule, OAR 833-020-0015(a), which provides that the applicant for registered intern method must seek acceptance of post-degree supervised work experience completed in Oregon after June 30, 2002. Ms. Root’s request was denied.

The Board reviewed the packet that goes out to newly registered interns and their supervisors. Marlin Schultz handed out flyers from AASCB regarding clinical supervision and supervisor requirements. Working lunch followed with discussion of supervisor training and qualifications. The

Board talked of changing rules to reflect a minimum of five years full-time with 20 hours per week clinical experience (look at Alabama language); retaining the 30 hour supervision training for supervisors.; requiring CEU's for supervisors; having an approved supervisor certification; recommendation letters for a supervisor; and supervisor handing out a philosophy statement. Marlin Schultz will work out and give the Board a proposal. Kelly Gabliks offered to red-line the proposal in current rules to show how it will work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Schultz convened the Board in Executive Session pursuant to discuss complaints and investigations under ORS 192.660(1)(f),(h) and (k) at 12:18pm.

BREAK 1:00PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened in Executive Session at 1:05pm to continue its discussion of employment issues.

BREAK 2:35PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened at 2:45pm to continue to discuss employment and compliance issues.

PUBLIC SESSION: SPECIAL ISSUES / PETITIONS / QUESTIONS

The Board reconvened in public session at 4:17 p.m. Bob Sorensen, investigator, was asked by the administrator to present Cindy Brodner's case to the Board. She received an email from the HR department at the City of Portland. She is being denied payment for her services because the HR department cited rules/laws saying that professional counselors do not have the same independent authority to diagnose conditions as do psychologists or clinical social workers. Ms. Brodner wanted something in writing from the Board addressing this issue. Kelly Gabliks, AAG, said she would draft a letter for the Board.

Linda White was excused at 4:33pm.

The Board then took the following actions:

Resolved: Case #2005-018 – Ryan Melton moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to dismiss for lack of basis for investigation. Julia Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2006-023 – Ryan Melton moved and Elizabeth Wosley-George seconded the motion to dismiss because complainant no longer wants to pursue the matter. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2006-43 – Ryan Melton moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction (unlicensed), but issue a letter of concern regarding possible future action. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-011 – Ryan Melton moved and Elizabeth Wosley-George seconded the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction (unlicensed). The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-013 – Ryan Melton moved and Julia Smith seconded the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction (unlicensed). The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-029 – Ryan Melton moved and Elizabeth Wosley-George seconded the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction (unlicensed).

The Board also voted to send Kilian Kuntz an email in response to his request as to what amount of professional experience is required to serve as a supervisor. The Board noted that it had interpreted its rule, OAR 833-020-0050(4)(b), during its August meeting to require a supervisor to have completed three years of post-graduate supervised clinical experience as a licensed professional counselor or other mental health professional. Although this interpretation will not affect any previously approved supervisory applications, all future applicants must satisfy this requirement. The Board determined Mr. Kuntz's current supervisory agreement is valid, but any future plans will need to meet these stated requirements.

ADJOURNMENT 5:10PM