

**Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists
Minutes of December 14, 2012 Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. and adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Members Present: Ryan Melton, LPC, Chair
Julia Smith, LPC, Faculty
Bradley "Scott" Christie, LMFT
Ahjane Billingsley, Public Member

Linda Gray, LPC, Vice-Chair
Elizabeth Hartshorn, LPC
Lee Anne Wichmann, LMFT

Others Present: Becky Eklund, Executive Director
Brian Johnson, Board Staff
Lonnie Knotts, Board Staff
CJ Strauss, LPC, ORCA
Mary Aguilera, Corban University
Matt Morscheck, LPC, ORCA, OCDA

Kelly Gabliks, AAG
Opal Bontrager, DAS/SCS
Karen Van Acker, LPC, ORCA
Roy Huggins, LPC, ORCA
Darcy Nyone, Registered Intern

Members Absent: Suzan Turley, Public Member

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ryan Melton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the second floor large conference room of the Morrow Crane Building, 3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, Oregon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Christie moved and Linda Gray seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Julia Smith moved and Ahjane Billingsley seconded a motion to approve the minutes as submitted for the October 12, 2012 board meeting and December 5, 2012 special board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Opal Bontrager, the accountant assigned to the Board from the Department of Administrative Services, presented the financial report. Ms. Eklund summarized the Governor's proposed budget as it pertains to the Board.

REMOTE SUPERVISION

Board Member Scott Christie presented the remote supervision workgroup's recommendation. The workgroup consisted of Mr. Christie, director Eklund, Michael Oyster, LPC; Mary Hammond, LPC; and Mary Aguilera, LPC. Mr. Christie emphasized the importance of the supervisor-supervisee relationship and the ethics involved in supervision. The workgroup recommended that during the first 3 months of an internship, at least 25% of supervision must be in person each month. After the first 3 months there would be no monthly supervision tracking of in person-electronic requirement. After the first three months of supervision, the in-person supervision requirement must equal at least 25 percent of the supervision throughout the entire internship. The workgroup felt the recommendations would alleviate the distance and weather problems that may occur between supervisors and supervisees. The Board discussed the recommendations from the workgroup. Scott Christie moved and Linda Gray seconded a motion to approve the new supervision rules as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Registered Intern Darcy Nyone requested that the Board grant an exception allowing Ms. Nyone's direct client contact hours for the period of April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011. Ms. Nyone's hours had been denied because her report was submitted after the deadline. Ms. Nyone's appeal included several alternatives to denying hours for late report submission. Julia Smith moved and Elizabeth Hartshorn seconded a motion to grant Ms. Nyone's exception and allowing the direct client contact hours for the period of April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011. The motion passed 5-2. The Board expressed interest in revisiting the policy of denying intern clinical hours for late report submission and suggested that a work group review the policy and develop recommendations for the Board's consideration.

Iva Wicks requested an exception to the rules to allow her reapplication for licensure without meeting the education, experience and examination requirements. Administrative rules allow former licensees to apply for re-licensure within two years and not be required to submit all application documents and meet the requirements in place at the time. Ms. Wicks is applying for re-licensure past the two year window. Linda Gray moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded a motion to deny Ms. Wick's request for a waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

BREAK: 9:40 a.m.

RECONVENED: 9:45 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed and approved the 2013 Board meeting dates: February 8, April 19, June 14, August 9, October 11 and December 13.

Ms. Eklund explained that an interagency agreement has been signed hiring Ms. Eklund as the interim director of the Board of Psychologist Examiners. The Psychologist Examiners Board will reimburse OBLPCT for the time she spends there as interim director. The interagency agreement covers November 16, 2012 through February 15, 2013.

Ms. Eklund reviewed with the Board a letter received from CACREP and AMHCA regarding TRICARE reimbursement. Ms. Eklund told the Board that staff has been fielding inquiries from licensees and interns regarding the letter. Ms. Eklund contacted CACREP, NBCC, ACA and other counseling associations, inquiring as to their understanding of the agreement between CACREP and TRICARE. Ms. Eklund has contacted Larry Connor regarding the letter. Mr. Conner will be drafting a letter that will answer some of the questions and concerns that licensees and interns may have. Staff is assuring our licensees and interns that currently there are no changes to the testing requirements for the Oregon Board licensure.

Ms. Eklund and the Board discussed the possibility of obtaining iPADS for all board members and staff. The Board directed staff to check on the feasibility.

MATT MORSCHECK, LPC

Mr. Morscheck presented information about the Oregon Career Development Association's mission, goals and training.

Mr. Morscheck talked about the efforts of merging ORCA and OMHCA into one organization. He relayed that there is currently a workgroup from both organizations working together to merge the organizations.

ORCA is currently supporting legislation to allow treatment of 14 year olds and older without parental consent. ORCA has just hired a lobbyist to help further ORCA's legislative agenda.

BREAK: 10:40 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in executive session at 10:52 a.m. to discuss complaints and investigations through authority provided in ORS 192.660(2) (h) and (k).

BREAK: 11:55 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened in executive session at 12:10 p.m. to discuss complaints and investigations through authority provided in ORS 192.660(2) (h) and (k).

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public session at 2:20 p.m.

COMPLIANCE ISSUES

The Board took the following actions on license applications and compliance cases:

Case #2010-051 Julia Smith moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded a motion to approve the settlement proposal and issue final order. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Case #2011-029 Ahjane Billingsley moved and Elizabeth Hartshorn seconded a motion to withdraw the notice. Julia Smith recused herself. The motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Case #2011-039 Linda Gray moved and Elizabeth Hartshorn seconded a motion to approve the settlement proposal and issue final order. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Resolved Case #2011-042 Lee Anne Wichmann moved and Ahjane Billingsley seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Case #2011-063 Julia Smith moved and Scott Christie seconded a motion to approve the settlement proposal and issue final order. Linda Gray recused herself. The motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Case #2012-007 Lee Anne Wichmann moved and Ahjane Billingsley seconded a motion to approve settlement proposal and issue final order. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Case #2012-015 Linda Gray moved and Elizabeth Hartshorn seconded a motion to approve the settlement proposal and issue final order. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Resolved Case #2012-021 Elizabeth Hartshorn moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of concern. Scott Christie recused himself. The motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Resolved Case #2012-023 Julia Smith moved and Scott Christie seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Resolved Case #2012-030 Linda Gray moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Resolved Case #2012-031 Ahjane Billingsley moved and Linda Gray seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Resolved Case #2012-032 Scott Christie moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded a motion to issue a Letter of Reprimand. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Resolved Case #2012-040 Elizabeth Hartshorn moved and Linda Gray seconded a motion to issue a Letter of Reprimand. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Resolved Case #2012-041 Julia Smith moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint. Ryan Melton recused himself. The motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Resolved Case #2012-045 Lee Anne Wichmann moved and Linda Gray seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Resolved Case #2012-050 Scott Christie moved and Julia Smith seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint. Lee Anne Wichmann recused herself. The motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Resolved Case #2012-051 Ahjane Billingsley moved and Elizabeth Hartshorn seconded a motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Staff requested extensions for the investigations of the following cases due to heavy workload. **2012-020, 2012-022, 2012-024, 2012-026, 2012-029, 2012-033, 2012-034, 2012-035, 2012-036, 2012-037, 2012-042 and 2012-043.** Lee Anne Wichmann moved and Ahjane Billingsley seconded the motion to grant extensions for investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board directed Staff to place all notices to impose discipline on the Board's website.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ryan Melton adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.