

**TENNESSEE BOARD FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND  
CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS MINUTES**

**DATE:** December 2, 2016  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards Conference Center  
Iris Room, 665 Mainstream Drive  
Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Susan Hammonds-White, Ed.D. LPC, President  
Howard Nelson, Ph.D., LPC, LPCT  
Kimberly Speakman, LPC  
Bradley Bull, Ph.D., LMFT  
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director  
Vanessa Hayes, Board Administrator  
Todd Pinckley, Advisory Attorney

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order and a roll call vote was conducted and a quorum was present.

**Licensure Denial Appeal**

Judge Rachel Waterhouse introduced herself as the Judge presiding over this licensure denial appeal: Mr. Dukens Eliacin vs. The Department of Health, docket # 17.39-138875A. The advisory attorney for the Board is Mr. Todd Pinckley. The petitioner Mr. Dukens Eliacin was represented by Mr. Garrett Asher. Judge Waterhouse stated that she will make rulings regarding the order of proceedings and questions of law, but will not participate in the finding of facts or the ultimate decision of the Board. The board was provided with the notice of hearing documents.

This case came before the Board as a licensure denial appeal based on the fact that Mr. Eliacin was denied a license due to the fact he entered into a consent order March 1, 2013 in which his temporary license was revoked. Conditions of the consent order were that he would not apply for licensure again until two (2) years after the consent order and that he would personally appear before the board to answer any questions. After the two (2) year time period was up, Mr. Eliacin sent in a new application to be licensed as a marital and family therapist, however, at the June 5, 2016 meeting, the board rejected the application, thus bringing this before the board as a licensure denial appeal.

Opening statements were made by Todd Pinckley, advisory attorney for the board, and Mr. Garrett Asher, representing Mr. Eliacin. Mr. Eliacin answered questions from Mr. Pinckley, Mr. Asher and the board.

After much deliberation the Board moved to accept the proposed order granting him the opportunity to take the exam and granting licensure pending the conditions set forth in the order. The conditions are, first to pass the AAMFT examination. Mr. Eliacin must also contact the Tennessee Colleague Assistance Foundation (TCAF) and if they are willing to take him, he must work with TCAF for a minimum of three (3) years with quarterly reports sent to the Board consultant. If for any reason he is not able to work with TCAF then the Board is requesting he receive bi-weekly ongoing therapy and maintain bi-weekly supervision of twelve hundred (1200) clinical contact hours and quarterly reports sent to the Board Consultant. Ms. Speakman made a motion to accept with the conditions as read, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Upon review of the September 2, 2016 minutes, Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hammonds-White, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor. The motion carried.

### **Financial Report**

Ms. Noranda French reviewed the Financial Report stating there were travel expenditures of \$8,480.33; Communications expenditures of \$4,219.36, Professional Services and dues expenditures of \$5,525.81, training of State Employees expenditures of \$1,590.00, State Professional Services expenditures of 4,817.17, leaving the total allocated expenditures at \$122,557.41 and total direct expenditures of \$247,678.90. The board fee revenue was \$253,404.00; ending the current year in the black with a net of \$5,725.10 and a cumulative carryover of \$715,748.10.

### **Office of General Counsel Report**

For rule changes Mr. Pinckley and Ms. Wilkins are collaborating and reviewing the statute change for the Clinical Pastoral Therapists and working on new rules to address the new statute. Mr. Pinckley stated that he is working with a committee on the Telehealth rules as well. Mr. Pinckley stated as of November 29, 2016, the Office of General Counsel has two (2) open cases. One was resolved this morning. The other is Mr. Michael Smith and his case can be resolved with a consent order. The Consent Order is for violating boundaries with a dual relationship with a patient. There was no evidence of a sexual boundaries violation. Mr. Smith has agreed to one (1) year probation. Within the probation he has agreed to complete the thirty (30) hour Fundamentals of Supervision course offered by the AAMFT. Dr. Bull made a motion to accept, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **Office of Investigations Report**

Ms. Dorroh stated there are a total of 21 complaint cases. The last review was done in August. Another review is scheduled for December 21, 2016. There are fifteen (15) open complaints against LPC's, four (4) open complaints against LMFT's, and two (2) complaints against CPT's

## **Administrative Report**

Ms. Hayes reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are two thousand five (2005) Licensed Professional Counselors, of those, one thousand seven hundred twenty-nine (1729) have the Mental Health Service Provider designation and two hundred ninety-nine (299) are approved supervisors. There are currently one hundred forty-four (144) temporary LPC/MHSP licenses. Ms. Hayes said there are twenty-five (25) Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists. There are five hundred sixty eight (568) Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and one hundred fifteen (115) temporary MFT licensees. Ms. Hayes stated that of the 212 LPC's who renewed their licenses since the September 1, 2016, 67% renewed on-line. Ms. Hayes stated that of the (56) LMFT's who renewed their licenses since September 2016, 63% renewed on-line.

Ms. Hayes stated that the next Board meeting is March 3, 2017.

Board meeting dates for 2017 have been scheduled for:

June 2, 2017  
September 8, 2017  
December 1, 2017

## **Newly Licensed**

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following newly Licensed Professional Counselors:

**Jordan L. Harpley  
Tammara Harris  
Tony L. Hatley  
James Hill  
Cindy J. Hornbaker  
Jessica E. Huddleston  
Jocelyn Ivy  
Gabriel M. Jenkins  
Stephanie P. Karlosky  
Travis D. Kobler  
Carolynn Kolesnikoff  
Tara L. Lamb  
Barbara J. Lanz  
Anne Loubier  
Liza P. N.L.N.  
Raquel C. Nichols**

**Jarrold Adams  
Channing N. Anderson  
Brandon T Antoskow  
Alexine Batts  
Jessi R. Berger  
Audrey M. Beringer  
Ruth B. Bevin  
Alyson R. Boyer  
April M. Brobston  
Cameron Carpenter  
Carrie Ann Cherep-Carr  
Anne Blankenship  
Spencer P. Conco  
Ginger C. Crowe  
Esther Dale  
Jill B. Depriest**

**Schaunelle D. Pagan  
Corinne N. Phillips  
Rosa A. Pittman  
Amy R. Poag  
Bailey M. Pyle  
Ericka N. Ralph  
Deborah Robinson  
Kalii S. Roller  
Shonteria S. Russell  
Erin L. Samuels  
Angela T. Scruggs  
Veronica N. Stewart  
Heather C. Thomasson  
Abbe' Utter  
Adam York**

**Elizabeth M. Devaughn  
Amanda G. Dooley  
Kathryn Elliott  
Maritza Erazo  
Eric A. Esters  
Hailey R. Etter  
Ashley L. French  
Christie D. Fultz  
Jessica H. Gann  
Victoria Himmat Kaur  
Janeen L. Ward  
Darrell T. Watson  
Katelyn D. West  
Samirah N. Williams**

The motion carried.

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following newly Licensed Marital and Family Therapists:

**Rebeca D. Anderson  
Kristina M. Byrd  
Norma C. Cox  
Kellie Currin  
Scarlet D. Davis  
Christopher P. Dennison  
Heather Dryden  
Karen C. Edwards  
Paula E. Hood  
Donald Lee Jackson, Jr.**

**Casey Lewis  
Laura S. Medlin  
Wesley Nichols  
Taryn J. Peterson  
Marsha Rand  
Aron Strong  
Keith C. Tenpenny  
Rebecca M. Trent  
Jennifer Van Boxel**

The motion carried.

Dr. Howard Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to approve the following newly licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapist:

**Ryan N. Fraser**

### **Temporary Licenses**

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Professional Counselors:

**Zachary N. Alexander  
Thomas W. Benedict**

**Alexander W. McCandless  
Catherine G. Rogers**

**Jennifer R. Castner  
Brian J. Clinton  
Cornelia M. Cortright  
Grace B. Dent  
Christine Finnegan  
Melanie B. Hasson  
Frances J. Jones  
Daniel G. Lavelle  
Jelisa P. Lewis**

**Marli D. Simpson  
John C. Slate  
Cassandra M. Steinberg  
Stanley R. Tucker III  
Charaya C. Upton  
Roger S. Utter  
Brittney S. Williams  
Whitney Wohlgemuth  
Wanda M. Woodward**

The motion carried.

Dr. Bradley Bull made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Marital and Family Therapists:

**Meaghan A. Birmingham  
Tanyell Cole  
Margaret A. Embody  
Bethany Gillem  
Douglas B. Johnson  
Jesse K. Lott  
Nathan McCarty  
Trillion Small  
Joseph J. McNulty  
Richard E. Sanders  
Laurenda L. Whisenhunt**

The motion carried.

### **Reinstatement Applications**

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following reinstated Licensed Professional Counselors:

**Helen S. Goff  
James W. Pruett  
Timothy C. Sewell  
Shera H. Theile**

The motion carried.

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following reinstated Licensed Marital and Family Therapists:

**Jennifer Black**

**James W. Pruett**

The motion carried.

**Correspondence**

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Cristin Patterson** asking if working as a school counselor would count towards client contact and clinical hours for licensure as a LPC. Dr. Hammonds-White stated that a school is not a clinical setting. The Board requests more clarification on how Unicoi County School System in Erwin, TN meets the requirements of a Clinical Setting set forth in the rules in section 0450-01.01 (11)(a-f).

**Discuss Other Board Business**

Ms. Laura Kreiselmaier the President elect from the Tennessee Association of Pastoral Therapists came to speak about the new law and supervision hours for CPT's

Ms. Robbie Huchins, the Legislative Chair Person for the Tennessee Association for Marital and Family Therapists, stated that they are still in the middle of finding where there needs to be more clarity in the rules and are not yet ready to prioritize. Ms. Wilkins asked if they were able to take out the Oral Examination wording in the rules.

**Adjourn**

With no other Board business to conduct, Ms. Speakman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Bull. The motion carried.