

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

DATE: September 4, 2015
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Center
Poplar 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
Stephen Caldwell, M.Div., Citizen Member

BOARD MEMBER

ABSENT: Bradley Bull, Ph.D., LMFT

STAFF PRESENT:

Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
James Hill, Board Administrator
Mark Waters, Deputy General Counsel
Todd Pinckley, Advisory Attorney

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

A roll call vote was conducted and a quorum was present.

Minutes

Upon review of the June 5, 2015 minutes, Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel

Mr. Waters, Deputy General Counsel, introduced the Board's new advisory attorney Mr. Todd Pinckley who is a 2013 graduate of the University of Memphis Law School.

Mr. Pinckley stated there are four (4) cases in OGC against LPC's.

Mr. Pinckley said the fee change rules are being reviewed by the Attorney General's Office, who requested a few minor changes, and should be completed soon.

Office of Investigations

Ms. Dorroh stated there are thirteen (13) complaints against LPC's, four (4) complaints against LMFT's and one (1) complaint against a CPC.

Ms. Dorroh said Investigations has a new complaint coordinator who will be working with the Board.

Ms. Dorroh said they are currently monitoring one (1) practitioner.

Agreed Citations

Continuing Education

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Allison Coke-Weatherly, L.P.C.** for failure to obtain twenty (20) hours of continuing education for 2013/2014.

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to accept the Agreed Citation. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Amy Skinner, L.P.C.** for failure to obtain twenty (20) hours of continuing education for 2013/2014.

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to accept the Agreed Citation. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Demarcus Davis, L.P.C.** for failure to obtain ten (10) hours of continuing education for 2013/2014.

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to accept the Agreed Citation. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Evan Sexton, L.P.C.** for failure to obtain twenty (20) hours of continuing education for 2013/2014.

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to accept the Agreed Citation. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Fern Sutton, L.P.C.** for failure to obtain one and three-fourth (1.34) hours of continuing education for 2013/2014.

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to accept the Agreed Citation. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Jennifer Holliman, L.P.C.** for failure to obtain three (3) hours of continuing education for 2013/2014.

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to accept the Agreed Citation. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Kelly Myers, L.P.C.** for failure to obtain two (2) hours of continuing education for 2013/2014.

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to accept the Agreed Citation. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Michelle Jester, L.M.F.T.** for failure to obtain eleven (11) hours of continuing education for 2013/2014.

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to accept the Agreed Citation. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Terry Pruitt, L.P.C.** for failure to obtain ten (10) hours of continuing education for 2013/2014.

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to accept the Agreed Citation. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Laura Tucker-Huggins, L.P.C.** for failure to obtain three (3) hours of continuing education for 2013/2014.

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to accept the Agreed Citation. The motion carried.

Lapsed License

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **James Anderson, L.M.F.T.** for failure to working on an expired license for five (5) months.

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to accept the Agreed Citation. The motion carried.

Administrative Report

Mr. Hill said as of September 2, 2015 there are one thousand eight-hundred and seventeen (1817) Licensed Professional Counselors, four hundred and ninety-three (493) Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, twenty-eight (28) Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists, seven (7) Certified Marital and Family Therapists and twenty-four (24) Certified Professional Counselors.

Mr. Hill stated that from June 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015 three (3) CPC's, one (1) CMFT, four (4) LCPT's, two hundred twenty-one (221) LPC's and fifty (50) LMFT's renewed licenses.

Mr. Hill said fifty-five percent (55%) of LPC's and fifty-six percent (56%) of LMFT renewed online.

Mr. Hill said the next scheduled Board meeting is December 4, 2015 and the following dates have been scheduled for 2016:

March 4, 2016

June 3, 2016

September 2, 2016

December 2, 2016

Mr. Hill reminded the Board members to sign their travel claims for today's meeting.

File Review

The Board reviewed the L.P.C. application file for **Savak Millis**, a Licensed Professional Counselor in Maryland.

Ms. Millis attended the meeting and stated her supervisor was not required to be licensed for five (5) years as required in Tennessee.

Mr. Waters stated he found nothing in the rules that gave the Board the authority to waive that requirement.

The Board informed Ms. Millis that they regret not having the authority to waive the five (5) year requirement.

Mr. Hill said Ms. Millis was issued a temporary license to complete the required hours of supervision.

Dr. Hammonds-White stated the Board would like to have a reciprocity agreement with other states, including Maryland, but currently only have one with Kentucky.

Upon review of the application for **Susan Harper**, Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve Ms. Harper for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor with HSP designation. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application for **Pamela Nelson**, Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve Ms. Nelson for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor with HSP designation. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed

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

Markela C. Ballard
Neal L. Martin
Michelle R. Bates
Laura D. Belsito
Jessica L. Bewley
Gregory Bohner
Catherine L. Brown
Jody M. Buttram
Jessica J. Capretto
Daniell A. Carter
Ashley R. Chitwood
Robert Cox
Christie Elizabeth Deblanc
Jacob D. Dye
Derrick L. Edwards
Amanda C. Elkin
Jennifer S. Embry
Lanjericha Finch
Stacy R. Fye
Rose H. Gainey
Sherita Gatewood
Megan Gaylord
Sarah K. Girresch-Ward
Sarah Gowin
Zanthresa Lampley Hampton
Rosalynn D. Hare
Natasha H. Harris
Lacinda T. Hartman
Gregory Allen Hill
Mark D. Hodge

Taboya D. Holman
Sonja Maria McQuiston
Kevin W. Merideth
Kori L. Meyers
Toy L. Mitchell
Ann Marie Murphy
Jennifer R. Peters
Andrea G. Ramsey
Ashley E. Randolph
Amy F. Rewa
Stephani B. Shinbaum
Kristine B. Smith
Melanie R. Smith
Audra M. Sneed
Rosalind Spinks-Seay
Lauren M. Stevens
Elias Tamene
Kathryn Taylor
Krista C. Thronson
Daniel A. Vaughn
Nicole M. Waite
Mary Wilkerson
Kyle W. Williamson
Rhonda S. Wilson
Daniel A. Vaughn
Nicole M. Waite
Mary Wilkerson
Kyle W. Williamson
Rhonda S. Wilson

The motion carried.

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

Joni M. Batts
Alison Rae Baumer
Natalie W. Beatty
Justin Gregory Briggs
Amanda Brooks
Christina Confroy
Emily Eisenhart

Ashley Jacobs
Allison M. McDonald
Andrea Milligan
Nickole R. Moore
Wallace F. Parks
Christi Polk
Mychelle D. Richardson-Pinkerton

**Elizabeth Gearheart
John B. Hart
Bryan L. Holmes
Renee Ingham**

**Andrew Smith
Elizabeth A. Streight
Brandon Kyle Swaim
Tessa L. Tyson
Elizabeth R. Zagatta-Allison**

The motion carried.

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve the following temporarily Licensed Professional Counselors:

**Alexine Batts
Kristena Brand
James S. Bush
Teresa Dean Woods Countiss
Michelle Coyne
Elizabeth Jane Yancey Doody
Channing B. Fisher
Crystal Leann Fondren
Kimberly Hammonds
Mallory Haney
Tony L. Hatley**

**Andrea Dione Payne Jones
Kathy Ann Bankerd Loggins
Savak A. Millis
John F. Nichols
Tyler L. Orr
Jason A. Pawlik
Michael R. Racki
Robert Davis, Rickman, Jr.
Christen Thorpe
Sunny E. Wells
Wayne F. Wolcott**

The motion carried.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following temporarily Licensed Marital and Family Therapists:

**Melissa Greer Curry
Lacey Gartley
James Brian Gregory
Michael R. Hendricks**

**Kim K. Jensen
Cassanora C. Lampley
Anna L. Molteni
Mary B. Thompson**

The motion carried.

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

**Ethel E. Craig
Kimberly L. Dillihunt
Anna Edgeston
Leona G. Gulley, Ed.D.**

**William T. Lambert, Jr.
Azmat Moinuddin
Jennie Shea Raper
Joy R. Stout**

The motion carried.

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

James O. Anderson
Robert E. Money

Emily Elizabeth Stone
Jennifer S. Valentine

The motion carried.

Correspondence

Dr. Hammonds-White stated that at the request of Dr. Bull, who was unable to attend today's meeting, the correspondence from **20/20** is being tabled until the December meeting along with the correspondence from **AASCB**.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Cassidy Nelson** requesting an extension of time to complete her supervised hours for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor/MHSP. Ms. Nelson said her temporary license has also expired because she began her supervision in 2010.

Dr. Peter Wilson, Administrator of the Counseling Program at Trevecca Nazarene University, stated his students often voice their concern regarding the length of the temporary license and supervision requirements.

Upon discussion Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the hours Ms. Nelson obtained under supervision from 2010 through 2012 and to give her an additional two (2) years to complete the three thousand (3,000) hours of direct clinical supervised experience. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Christy Call**, requesting to use a HIPPA compliant web-based program to do face-to-face supervision due to hardship of finances, location and transportation.

Upon discussion Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to allow Ms. Call to use the web based program. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Margaret Brittingham, M.Ed.**, stating she has completed her hours for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (not MHSP) and asking if she should submit her application now or wait until she completes her two (2) years in the Peace Corps out of the country.

Upon discussion the Board determined that Ms. Brittingham should not apply for licensure until she has completed her work with the Peace Corps. Dr. Hammonds-White stated she would contact Ms. Brittingham regarding the mental health service provider designation.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Megan Mitchell** requesting to use live video conferencing for her supervision hours due to hardship. Ms. Mitchell stated the company she works for has an LPC/MHSP willing to supervise her but is three (3) hours away.

Upon discussion the Board determined that she can use seventy-five (75) hours of video conferencing supervision but must obtain the other seventy-five (75) hours from someone within her agency that can offer supervision.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Sara Cawood** stating that her certification as an AAMFT supervisor will expire at the end of December 2015, due to her being unable to take the on-line course as she is not proficient with technology and is unable to travel. Ms. Cawood is requesting that the Board allow her to continue supervision of her current five (5) supervisees until they have completed the required supervision which should be complete no later than the end of 2016.

Diane Bradley, LMFT, stated this is a recent change with the AAMFT who is now providing the supervision course and it will be an issue for some licensees. Ms. Bradley said the supervision course will be taken at AAMFT meetings or electronically.

Upon discussion the Board tabled a response to Ms. Cawood's until the December 4, 2015 meeting in order to acquire more information from AAMFT.

Dr. Wilson suggested the Board contact Susan Leahy, who is in the process of working with the AAMFT to become an approved supervisor, to obtain additional information.

Discuss Other Board Business

Dr. Hammonds-White said she will be attending the AASCB Conference by the AASCB, as past president, January 7 – 9, 2015 and suggested sending Ms. Speakman and Ms. Wilkins to the conference.

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to send Ms. Speakman and Ms. Wilkins to the January 2016 Conference. The motion carried.

Dr. Hammonds-White said it has been the practice of the Board to support the AASCB Conference with a reception or breakout session in the amount of \$2,000 and asked if the Board would like to do that again.

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to support the conference in the amount of \$2,000.

Dr. Hammonds-White suggested that the Board's advisory attorney, Todd Pinckley, travel to the AASCB Conference.

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to include Mr. Pinckley in traveling to the conference. The motion carried.

Dr. Hammonds-White asked Ms. Wilkins to contact Mary Alice Olson, who is the Executive Director Representative from Louisiana, regarding the AAMFTTR Conference.

Dr. Hammonds-White stated that the Federal Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) is a national group that includes regulatory boards of all different kinds and has been very helpful to the AASCB with what goes on in the regulatory world. She asked other Board members to look at those conferences and consider attending.

Dr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to send one (1) Board member and one (1) staff member to attend the FARB conference in January 2016. The motion carried.

With no other Board business to conduct, Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. The motion carried.

Adopted by the Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapist, Clinical Pastoral Therapist on this the 4th day of December, 2015.