

## **MINUTES**

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors  
Special Called Board Meeting  
Teleconference  
April 29, 2015

### **Board Members Present:**

Dr. Walter Frazier, Chair  
Dr. Juawice McCormick, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Susan Carmichael, Secretary/Treasurer  
Dr. Diane Williams  
Dr. Glenn Waller

### **Others Present:**

Jeff Jernigan, Attorney General's office

### **Board Members Absent:**

None

## **I. Call to Order**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors ("Board"), held via teleconference, was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Dr. Walter Frazier, Chair ("Chair") on April 29, 2015. A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present. No members of the public are present.

## **II. Board Operations**

### **A. Financial Matters**

Upon motion by Waller, seconded by Williams, and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to submit a temporary emergency rule to go into effect and to increase the fees which called for \$200 biennial license renewal to match legislation.

### **B. Rules and Regulations**

#### **1. Education Requirement**

Discussion was held regarding changing the language surrounding CACREP standards as a requirement for licensure. Frazier encouraged continued discussion of this issue prior to finalizing the language.

## 2. Distance Counseling

Frazier discussed edits to the Rules and Regulations, specifically a change in the language related to distance counseling. Upon motion by Waller, seconded by Frazier, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to approve the distance counseling language as motioned, seconded, and tabled at the April 16, 2015, Board meeting.

**Rule 1.4.N: Distance Professional Services:** Counseling, consulting, and clinical supervision services provided by a professional in one location to a recipient of services in another location by means of electronic communication in either asynchronous methods including email and social network systems or synchronous methods such as telephone, chat, and video systems.”

### **Rule 4.3.A.3.: Board Qualified Supervisors**

“Individual and Group Supervision provided by a BQS with the LPC-S credential to Applicants who have completed the educational requirements for licensure may be provided by way of Distance Professional Services under the following criteria only:

- a. The LPC-S must hold a Distance Credentialed Counselor credential from the Center for Credentialing and Education. The credential must be on file with the LPC Board office prior to initiating supervision through distance means.
- b. Distance supervision sessions must be provided by means of synchronous video conferencing only. Supervision by telephone, email, chat, or other forms of communication must be reserved to only emergency communications.
- c. The Supervision Agreement submitted to the LPC Board must include information explaining the use and limits of distance supervision, specify the qualifications of the LPC-S to provide distance supervision, and establish procedures for managing the failure of the video communication system.”

### **Rule 7.5: Practice of Distance Professional Services**

Any person that provides counseling or supervision services through the means of Distance Professional Services must be licensed both in the location where services are provided by the professional as well as in the location of the recipient of the services. Distance Professional Services must be performed in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, the current American Counseling Association’s Code of Ethics, the current National Board for Certified Counselors Policy Regarding the Provision of Distance Professional Services, and Mississippi and Federal law.

**Rule 9.1.B.9.: Application Instructions**

Further changes were considered related to applicants from other states. Upon motion by McCormick, seconded by Williams, and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to require applicant to submit "Verification of Licensure in Other Jurisdiction" if applicant has ever been licensed in another State(s).

**III. Next Meeting**

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2015, 9:00 a.m. (or immediately following conclusion of hearing)

Robert E. Lee Building, 239 N Lamar St.; Suite 402, Jackson, MS

Special Called Board Meeting - For purpose administrative hearing.

Thursday, May 21, 2015, 1:00 p.m.

Robert E. Lee Building, 239 N Lamar St.; Conference Room C, 2nd Floor, Jackson, MS

**IV. Adjournment**

Upon motion by Williams, seconded by Waller, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

Approved this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2015.

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Chair

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Board Member