

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS LICENSURE

Minutes January 22, 2007 Board Meeting

Members Present: Cynthia Woodard, Scott Hutcherson, Karen St. Clair, David Bellville, and Thomas Earley.

Others Present: Judy Peters, AAG; Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; and Colleen Eugley, Board Clerk.

Members Absent: Cheryl Davis, Reid Stevens and Theodore Chaffee.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Karen St. Clair, Acting Chairperson, at 9:33 a.m.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of December 18, 2006 Minutes

A motion was made by Scott Hutcherson to accept the minutes. Cynthia Woodard seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained - Thomas Earley)

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. License Denial Hearings

Maureen Gantz – 9:30 a.m.

The hearing began at 10:10 a.m.

The hearing closed at 10:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Cynthia Woodard and seconded by Scott Hutcherson to uphold the denial on all grounds.

Vote: 5 in favor

Shirley Barlow – 10:30 a.m.

The hearing began at 10:40 a.m.

The hearing closed at 11:56 a.m.

A motion was made by Scott Hutcherson and seconded by Cynthia Woodard to uphold the denial on points #1 through #4, and grant the appeal on point #5.

Vote: 5 in favor

B. Complaint Items

COU-147 – Shwartz

The licensee submitted correspondence requesting guidance and clarification regarding the terms of probation as well as employment advice. After discussion among the board, Scott Hutcherson made a motion to request that the Complaint Office send a letter to the licensee reiterating the terms of the decision and order, and to further explain the board's role in employment matters. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Woodard.

Vote: 5 in favor

C. Correspondence

Jane Bakerman - Ms. Bakerman sent a letter to the board seeking clarification regarding telephone counseling when counselor and client are in two different states. After discussion of the issues involved, the board requested Penny Vaillancourt to respond. The response will include clarification of the board's statute regarding counseling services and counseling settings.

D. Miscellaneous

1. Supervisor Approvals

Melissa Rosenberg – Approved
Kelly Preston – Approved
Alisia – Approved

2. Request for Inactive Status

Diana James – Approved
Christina Solak-Goodwin – Approved
Diane Dunton – Approved
Robert Demers - Approved

3. Applications

Renewals

Charles Maclin – Pended
Sr. Gilla Dube - Denied

LCPC

Shelley Walker Rosen - Approved

LCPC-Cond.

Lizabeth Harrington – Denied

Deborah Jo Landry - Denied

Registered Counselor

Susan Nickerson - Approved

A motion was made by Karen St. Clair to accept the applications as presented. Cynthia Woodard seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator's Report

Penny Vaillancourt shared with the board Anne Head, Acting Commissioner and OLR Director's response to the board's concerns regarding the handling of Polly Moutevelis-Burgess request for re-appointment. She also provided a report on the current number of licensees and a financial update. She reminded the board that the 123rd Legislative Session has begun, and will keep the board informed of legislative proposals that may affect the board. She also reported that the Rules Committee will be meeting later in the month.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley,
Board Clerk