

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS LICENSURE

Minutes June 25, 2007 Board Meeting

Members Present: Theodore Chaffee, Reid Stevens, Cynthia Woodard, Scott Hutcherson, Karen St. Clair, Thomas Earley, David Bellville, and Cheryl Davis.

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

Members Absent: None.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ted Chaffee, Chairperson, at 8:50 a.m.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of April 23, 2007 Minutes

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

Vote: 7 in favor

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Complaint Presentations – 1:00 p.m.

2006-COU-2856

A complaint was filed against a LCPC alleging that the individual obtained a license by fraud by misrepresented credentials to the board.

After a review and discussion of the issues involved, a motion was made by Reid Stevens and seconded by Cheryl Davis to dismiss the complaint based on lack of evidence. The motion included a letter of guidance to be placed in the licensee's file for ten years regarding the distinction between workshops and academic credit as it relates to continuing education. The licensee is to provide full disclosure to the board regarding continuing education activities including the length, content, credentials, date, hours, and identify the nature of any relationship with the providing institution.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – David Bellville)

B. Complaint Items

COU-147 - Shwartz

Cynthia Woodard made a motion to deny the licensee's request to lift the board imposed sanctions. Karen St. Clair seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Cheryl Davis)

David Bellville made a motion to notify the State of Indiana of the licensee's current licensing status. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Woodard.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Cheryl Davis)

C. Miscellaneous

1. Supervisor Approvals

Jill Willer - Approved

Jessica Whitten (2) – 1 Approved; 1 Denied

Jayne Weisberg - Approved

Deborah Dodge - Approved

Meredith Robitaille - Approved

Thomas Babbitt - Approved

John Barnhart – Approved

2. Inactive Status

Amy Dennard - Approved

3. Correspondence

Dawn Levasseur

A motion was made by Cynthia Woodard and seconded by David Bellville to respond to the licensee regarding her request for a board review of a practice question. Judy Peters, AAG, will draft the letter for the board chair's signature which will contain the board's interpretation of dual relationships as it relates to the situation described.

Vote: 7 in favor

4. Applications

LCPC-Conditional

Beata Wiktor

A motion was made by David Bellville to uphold the preliminary denial and ask for additional accreditation information from Union Institute. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Davis.

Vote: 8 in favor

Bennett Holbrook

A motion was made by Cheryl Davis to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Woodard.

Vote: 7 in favor

LCPC

Kathy Castonguay - Approved
Barbara Fox – Approved
Katie Gillen – Approved
Kelly Preston – Approved
Troy Franklin – Approved
Julie Hopkins - Approved

LCPC-Conditional

Deirdre Coltrera - Approved
Kristine Dach – Approved
Catherine Morris – Approved
Anna Peterson – Denied
Stacey Tibbetts – Approved
Lori Tomberlin – Approved
Meloney Richmond – Denied
Martha Hernandez – Approved
Kristin Fortier - Approved

LCPC-Other Jurisdiction

Cheryl Nelson - Approved

LPC

Wayne Duplessis - Approved

LPC-Conditional

Amy Cherkassky - Denied

LMFT

Kerry Freeman - Denied
Diana James – Approved
Tricia Santi - Approved

A motion was made by Cheryl Davis and seconded by David Bellville to accept the approved applications as presented.

Vote: 5 in favor

A motion was made by Karen St. Clair and seconded by Cheryl Davis to accept the denied applications as presented.

Vote: 5 in favor

David Bellville made a motion to approve the inactive request as presented. Cheryl Davis seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator's Report

Penny Vaillancourt provided the board with financial and licensing updates.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley,
Board Clerk