

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS LICENSURE

Minutes December 17, 2007 Board Meeting

Members Present: Theodore Chaffee, Reid Stevens, Cynthia Woodard, Thomas Earley (arrived at 9:40 a.m.), Cheryl Davis (arrived at 10:15 a.m.), Scott Hutcherson, and David Bellville.

Others Present: Judith Peters, AAG; Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; Merica Tripp, Research and Planning Associate, and Colleen Eugley, Board Clerk.

Members Absent: Karen St. Clair.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Theodore Chaffee, Chairperson, at 9:18 a.m.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of November 26, 2007 Minutes

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

Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused – David Bellville)

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Complaint Presentations

2007-COU-3535

A complaint was filed by a client against a Registered Counselor alleging that the licensee practiced outside of their scope of practice, violated confidentiality and terminated services inappropriately.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, a motion was made by Reid Stevens to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance to stay in the licensee's file for ten years. Cynthia Woodard seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor (2 recused – Thomas Earley and David Bellville)

2007-COU-3946

A complaint was filed by a client against a LCPC. The client claims that the LCPC represented herself as a psychologist and also made references suggesting a possible future social relationship.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, the board voted to offer the licensee a consent agreement with the following terms: admission to the violation of misrepresenting credentials and failure to provide a disclosure statement, \$250.00 fine, a formal reprimand and supervision for a year by a board approved supervisor with supervision to occur 1.5 hours per month and quarterly reports to be filed with the board.

Vote: 5 in favor (2 recused – Cheryl Davis and David Bellville)

2007-COU-3991

A complaint was filed against a conditional LCPC by a former employer alleging that the licensee left the agency without proper notice to clients.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, a motion was made by Cheryl Davis to offer a consent agreement with the following terms: admission to the violation, a formal reprimand and a \$500 fine. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Woodard.

Vote: 5 in favor (2 recused - David Bellville and Reid Stevens)

2007-COU-3705

A complaint was filed against a LCPC alleging that the counselor was not providing services to the minor clients during sessions. There was also an allegation that there was a breach of confidentiality involving a DHHS caseworker.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, a motion was made by Scott Hutcherson to offer the licensee a consent agreement with the following terms: admission to the violation, a formal reprimand and a \$xxx.00 fine. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Davis.

Vote: 5 in favor (2 recused - Reid Stevens and David Bellville)

B. Complaint Items

2007-COU-2782

A motion was made by Scott Hutcherson to table the complaint item and request additional information regarding employment and clinical supervision. The motion was seconded by Thomas Earley.

Vote: 7 in favor

2005-COU-147

A motion was made by Thomas Earley to respond to the licensee that the terms of the consent agreement will not be changed. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Woodard.

Vote: 7 in favor

C. Administrator's Report

Penny Vaillancourt reported that the rules committee should be meeting again sometime in January.

D. Miscellaneous

1. Applications

LCPC-Conditional

Seth Scott – Approved

Erika Smith – Approved

Ann Marie Morgan – Approved

LCPC

Jeremy Lotz – Approved

Bodhi Simpson – Approved

John Herrick – Approved

LMFT

Dahlia Mann - Approved

A motion was made by Cheryl Davis to accept the approved applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Thomas Earley.

Vote: 7 in favor

LCPC-Conditional
Elliot Benjamin – Denied

Licensed Pastoral Counselor
John Blair - Denied

A motion was made by Cheryl Davis to accept the denied applications as presented. Scott Hutcherson seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 in favor

2. Supervisor Approvals
Camilla Adams - Denied
Amity Olmstead - Approved

IV. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley,
Board Clerk