

**Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners
July 15th, 2022
Board Meeting
LPC Board Office, Baton Rouge, LA
APPROVED**

The meeting was called to order by R Salgado at 12:00 PM. N Pierce took the roll call and determined a quorum was present.

Members Present:

R Salgado
L Fazio-Griffith
N Pierce
J Mims
K Hebert
K Tyner
F Nash
C Guillotte
E Airhia

Members Absent:

E Johns
A Hays

Staff Present:

J Doming
R Lundin

Guests Present:

J Raines
T Devillier
S Morris
M Reynaud

Agenda

J Mims motions to accept the agenda. C Guillotte seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

LPC Licensure Hearings for Applicants Scheduled to Appear

Pranathi Maramraj. J Raines provided Board with proof that applicant was notified.
Applicant not present.
<<see court reporter minutes>>

LPC Licensure Hearings for Applicants not Scheduled to Appear

J Raines- Applicants were informed by letter for opportunity of formal hearing and if they did not choose a formal hearing then it will go as informal hearing and will be done by default.

Board Members Recused: J Mims, R Salgado, L Fazio-Griffith

Christy Jordan case presented by J Raines. E Airhia motions to accept the Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law for Christy Jordan. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Valerie LeMott case presented by J Raines. N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law for Valerie LeMott. C Guillotte seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Gary Frazier case presented by J Raines. E Airhia motions to accept the F Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law for Gary Frazier. F Nash seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Vickie McDonald case presented by J Raines. C Guillotte motions to accept the F Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law for Vickie McDonald. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Monica Miceli case presented by J Raines. F Nash motions to accept the F Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law for Monica Miceli. N Pierce seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Claudette Rogers case presented by J Raines. E Airhia motions to accept the F Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law for Claudette Rogers. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Anthony Bundy case presented by J Raines. C Guillotte motions to accept the F Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law for Anthony Bundy. F Nash seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

LMFT Licensure Hearing for applicants not Scheduled to Appear

Board Members Recused: K Tyner, C Guillotte, F Nash

Victoria Stadler case presented by J Raines. J Mims motions to accept the F Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law for Victoria Stadler. N Pierce seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

No Public Comments.

Recess

R Salgado motions to recess at 12:37PM

R Salgado motions to reconvene at 12:46PM

Board Meeting Minutes

E Airhia motions to accept the May Board Meeting minutes. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Report: K Tyner, N Pierce, R Salgado, J Doming, J Raines

Presented by R Salgado

Unofficial Complaints Received since May 20, 2022:

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| 1. | 21/22-144 | Fraudulent Billing Practices |
| 2. | 21/22-146 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 3. | 21/22-154 | Unethical Conduct |
| 4. | 21/22-155 | Unethical Conduct |
| 5. | 22/23-1 | Unethical Conduct |
| 6. | 22/23-3 | Telehealth Out of State |
| 7. | 22/23-5 | Unlicensed Counselor |

Official Complaints Received since May 20, 2022:

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| 1. | 21/22-143 | Threatening Behavior |
| 2. | 21/22-145 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 3. | 21/22-147 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 4. | 21/22-148 | Violated Rules |
| 5. | 21/22-149 | Unethical Behavior |
| 6. | 21/22-150 | Unethical Behavior |
| 7. | 21/22-151 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 8. | 21/22-152 | False Application/Unreported Arrest* |
| 9. | 21/22-153 | False Application/Unreported Arrest* |
| 10. | 22/23-2 | Unlicensed Counselor |
| 11. | 22/23-4 | Confidentiality |

Cases to Open:

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| 1. | 21/22-143 | Threatening Behavior |
| 2. | 21/22-145 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 3. | 21/22-146 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 4. | 21/22-149 | Unethical Behavior |
| 5. | 21/22-152 | False Application/Unreported Arrest* |
| 6. | 21/22-153 | False Application/Unreported Arrest* |
| 7. | 21/22-154 | Unethical Conduct |
| 8. | 21/22-155 | Unethical Conduct |

Cases to Close:

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| 1. | 21/22-50 | Failure to Report Abuse |
| 2. | 21/22-60 | Unreported Arrest* |
| 3. | 21/22-100 | Unethical Conduct |
| 4. | 21/22-121 | Unprofessional Conduct |
| 5. | 21/22-128 | Unprofessional/Unethical Behavior |
| 6. | 21/22-135 | Unprofessional Behavior/Confidentiality |

Complaints to Dismiss:

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| 1. 21/22-87 | Sexual Misconduct |
| 2. 21/22-88 | Sexual Misconduct |
| 3. 21/22-89 | Unprofessional/Unethical Behavior |
| 4. 21/22-109 | Unprofessional Conduct/Confidentiality |
| 5. 21/22-144 | Fraudulent Billing Practices |
| 6. 21/22-147 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 7. 21/22-150 | Unethical Behavior |

TOTAL OPEN CASES TO DATE: 89

J Raines presents Consent Agreement 20/21-159, LPC 6783. J Mims motions to accept Consent Agreement N Pierce seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

E Airhia motions to accept the Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Report. N Pierce seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

N Pierce motions to accept the reinstatement LPC 2617. L Fazio-Griffith seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

Committee on Legislative Affairs Report: C Guillotte, J Mims, E Airhia, K Hebert

Presented by C Guillotte. Governor approved compact legislation. Discussion on reimbursement for Medicaid.

J Doming-Option for the board to join the Department of Justice.

J Raines- does provide more protection for Board Members. Will be able to provide more feedback to the Board prior to members voting next year.

E Airhia- Look at what other Boards are doing and have people from DOJ come to speak to Board to provide information on what they are doing.

J Raines- determines if actions Board is taking is anti-competitive in nature.

J Raines- DOJ would look at discipline to determine if anti-competitive.

J Doming- NPDB states that the Board should not be sending cease and desist unless they had opportunity to present the case to Board.

Discussion on when the Board may or may not take action for someone providing counseling services.

J Raines- Christian counselors must be providing services within a church. May not provide services outside of a church setting.

J Doming- Submit background check prior to application to determine if they could apply.

J Raines- Intent is that individual can know prior to submitting application or completing coursework.

J Mims- foresee superboard in the future. Discussion on what the Board Staff and members need.

E Airhia mentions SB213- changing the level of professionals doing CPST/PSR.

Pushed to April to allow LDH to train all the providers. All providers lacking staff. A lot of clients aspiring to be treated but do not have the staff. A lot of mental health MHR will be going down and private practice will be booming.

J Mims- concern with those in school settings and whether they are actually providing mental health counseling.

R Salgado reiterates that PLPCs may have difficulty finding practice settings.

The public is being impacted because new Medicaid clients are not able to find anyone for services.

C Guillotte motions to approve the Committee on Legislative Affairs Report. F Nash seconds.

Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal Report- LPC: L Fazio-Griffith, J Mims, A Johns, R Salgado

The LPC Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal Report presented by L Fazio-Griffith.

Total Number of LPC Applications Reviewed:				
June & July 2022				
Application	June	July	Expedited	Total
LPC Application for Licensure	17	11	15	43
<i>41 Approved; 2 Intent to Deny</i>				
LPC Endorsement Application	0	3	2	5
<i>4 Approved; 1 Intent to Deny</i>				
PLPC Application (Section 1, 2, 3)	15	30	49	94
<i>80 Approved; 2 Incomplete; 12 Intent to Deny</i>				
PLPC Application: Section 1 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLPC Application: Section 1 and 2 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLPC Application: Section 2 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLPC Application: Section 2 and 3 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLPC Application: Section 3 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
LPC Supervisor Application	8	18	5	31
<i>27 Approved; 4 Intent to Deny</i>				
Appraisal Privilege	1	0	0	1
<i>1 Approved</i>				
PLPC: Change/Add Supervisor	4	12	0	16
<i>16 Approved</i>				
PLPC Practice Setting Updates	0	54	0	54

<i>54 Approved</i>				
PLPC Audited Renewal Approvals				0
PLPC Standard Renewal Approvals				0
LPC Audited Renewal Approvals				266
LPC Standard Renewal Approvals				1142
Telehealth Approvals				85
Total LPC Applications Reviewed	45	128	71	1737
<i>Expedited: Totals from Approvals from 5/19/2022-7/13/2022</i>				

Discussion on the updated edition of the DSM and those who do not have the most up to date course, be able to complete a training rather than an additional graduate level course.

R Salgado states that there has been discussion on graduate programs and timeframe in which a graduate student may have completed abnormal course and completing graduate practicum/internship and graduation. Licensure Committee has been discussing timeframe in which someone in graduate program may not have received TR.

J Mims states that there has to be a way to ensure that people have current edition. Board needs to have an effective date. People are already inquiring if the board is moving to TR and when.

F Nash- if individuals bought DSM-TR will receive ICD codes update each year in October. ICD coding updates.

C Guillotte- billing codes are not regulated by Board. Whether or not someone is able to bill properly is upon the individual.

J Mims- each insurance company has their own way to bill and codes. HIPAA is one of the drivers for why we use these codes.

C Guillotte motions to accept the LPC Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal Report. E Airhia seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Committee on Licensure/Supervision- LMFT: C Guillotte, A Hays, K Tyner, F Nash
LMFT Committee on Licensure/Supervision report presented by C Guillotte.

Total Number of LMFT Applications Reviewed:				
June & July 2022				
Application	June	July	Expedited	Total
LMFT Application for Licensure	0	2	1	3
<i>3 Approved</i>				
LMFT Endorsement Application	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLMFT Application (Section 1, 2, 3)	1	1	1	3
<i>3 Approved</i>				
PLMFT Application: Section 1 Only	0	0	0	0

NA				
PLMFT Application: Section 2 and 3 Only	0	0	0	0
NA				
PLMFT: Change/Add Supervisor	0	0	0	0
NA				
PLMFT Practice Setting Updates	0	3	0	3
<i>3 Approved</i>				
LMFT Supervisor	0	1	0	1
<i>1 Approved</i>				
LMFT Supervisor Candidate	0	0	0	0
NA				
PLMFT Audited Renewal Approvals				0
PLMFT Standard Renewal Approvals				0
LMFT Audited Renewal Approvals				1
LMFT Standard Renewal Approvals				0
Total LMFT Applications Reviewed	1	7	2	11
<i>Expedited: Totals from Approvals from 5/19/2022-7/13/2022</i>				

No questions. No public comments

E Airhia motions to accept the LMFT Committee on Licensure/Supervision report. C Guillotte seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report: C Guillotte, K Tyner, F Nash, A Hays

Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report presented by K Tyner.

Reminder that LAMFT has decided to break from the National association. Out on their own as a professional organization. Association has made recent advancements. In the next few weeks, they will online membership option.

C Guillotte explains that national organization wanted to take all membership fees. Would not have any lobbying or state conference. Money would just be sent to national level.

K Tyner confirmed that LAMFT does now have a lobbyist. LCA conference is coming up and MFTAC will be presenting supervision workshop. One of the things LAMFT hopes to work on is MFT compact license.

K Tyner motions to accept the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report. J Mims seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Committee on Professional Assistance Program Report: E Airhia, L Fazio-Griffith

Committee on Professional Assistance Program Report presented by E Airhia. Currently have five active cases. Of the five, four of them are very compliant.

No questions/comments.

E Airhia motions to accept the Committee on Professional Assistance Program Report. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Committee on Budget Report: N Pierce, R Salgado, J Doming

Review and Approval of May 2022 Financial Report

J Doming states that Board must have ADA compliance requirements for building and website which will be approximately \$15,000. There will be in training to determine if anything needs to be done to the building but will be moving forward with ADA compliance.

N Pierce motions to accept the Committee on Budget report. C Guillotte seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Executive Director Report: J Doming

Presented by J Doming.

Committee meetings (Discipline and Licensure Committee); Fingerprint tracking on spreadsheets and database, correspondence, calls, emails regarding receipt of fingerprints, reviewing Rap Sheets and proper disposal and storage of records; Legislation re: counseling compact and meetings with other EDs re: bills that will affect administrative procedures; Licensee Correspondence via email and phone calls Submitted 5 State Reports; Board email processing and follow up with staff; Staff training and support
Board Meeting Preparation and documentation; Licensure hearing preparation
Financials and Deposits; Discipline and PAP Work; Notification Letters and reviewing Response Letters; Correspondence w/Jim Raines; Reviewed Multiple Cases; Correspondence with PAP participants and Assurance Monitoring

No questions or comments.

J Mims motions to accept the Executive Director report. E Airhia. Seconds.

J Mims motions to move into executive session for the Annual Evaluation of Executive Director. K Tyner seconds.

R Salgado motions to raise the Executive Director's salary by 10% and add another full-time staff member. All approve.

Old Business

Pictures and Biography for website.

New Business

Counseling compact commission nominee discussion. J Doming offers to represent Louisiana as the commissioner. F Nash offers himself as the alternate if J Doming is unavailable. All approve.

Farewell to Dr. Jacqueline Mims; appointment expires September 15, 2022.

NBCC conference August 3rd-5th, 2022.

