

**MINUTES January 15, 2021**  
**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS**  
APPROVED

The meeting was called to order by R Salgado at 1:14 PM. N Peirce took the roll call and determined a quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

E Airhia  
R Cathey  
R Salgado  
K Tyner  
K Hebert

Via Zoom:

A Johns  
N Pierce  
L Fazio-Griffith

**Members Absent:**

J Mims  
C Guillotte  
K Steele

**Staff Present:**

J Doming  
R Lundin

**Guests Present:**

Via Zoom:  
N Wallace  
I Chauvin

**Agenda**

R Salgado asks to approve the agenda. N Pierce motions to accept. K Tyner seconds. All approved; no abstentions.

**Board Meeting Minutes**

R Salgado ask for a motion to approve the November Board Meeting minutes. E Airhia motions to approve the November minutes. N Pierce seconds. All approved; no abstentions.

**Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Report- K Steele, N Pierce, R Salgado, K Tyner, J Doming**

N Pierce presents the Disciplinary Affairs Committee Report:

**Unofficial Complaints Received since November 19, 2020:**

1. 20/21-60: Unreported Arrest/Fraudulent Billing\*

2. 20/21-61: No Supervision\*
3. 20/21-62: Not Licensed with the board
4. 20/21-67: Client Abandonment
5. 20/21-69: Unprofessional Conduct
6. 20/21-75: Unlawful Practice
7. 20/21-76: Unprofessional Conduct
8. 20/21-77: Unprofessional Conduct

**Official Complaints Received since November 20, 2020:**

1. 20/21-59: Not Licensed with Board
2. 20/21-63: Unprofessional Conduct
3. 20/21-64: Unethical/Unprofessional Conduct
4. 20/21-65: Not Licensed with the board
5. 20/21-66: Dual Relationship/Unprofessional Conduct
6. 20/21-68: Unethical/Unprofessional Conduct\*
7. 20/21-70: Not Licensed with Board
8. 20/21-71: Mandated failure to report
9. 20/21-72: Unprofessional Conduct
10. 20/21-73: Unethical Conduct/Abuse
11. 20/21-74: Unethical Conduct/Custody Evaluation
12. 20/21-78: Unprofessional Conduct
13. 20/21-79: Unprofessional Conduct

**Cases to Open:**

1. 20/21-60: Unreported Arrest/Fraudulent Billing\*
2. 20/21-61: No Supervision
3. 20/21-63: Unprofessional Conduct
4. 20/21-64: Unethical/Unprofessional Conduct
5. 20/21-65: Not Licensed with the board
6. 20/21-66: Dual Relationship/Unprofessional Conduct
7. 20/21-67: Client Abandonment
8. 20/21-68: Unethical/Unprofessional Conduct\*
9. 20/21-70: Not Licensed with Board
10. 20/21-71: Mandated failure to report
11. 20/21-72: Unprofessional Conduct
12. 20/21-73: Unethical Conduct/Abuse
13. 20/21-74: Unethical Conduct/Custody Evaluation
14. 20/21-78: Unprofessional Conduct
15. 20/21-79: Unprofessional Conduct

**Complaints to Dismiss:**

1. 20/21-59: Not Licensed with Board
2. 20/21-62: Not Licensed with Board
3. 20/21-65: Not Licensed with Board
4. 20/21-67: Client Abandonment
5. 20/21-69: Unprofessional Conduct
6. 20/21-75: Not Licensed with the Board
7. 20/21-76: Unethical Conduct/Custody Evaluation
8. 20/21-77: Unprofessional Conduct

**Complaints to Close:**

1. 20/21-4: Unethical Conduct/Sexual Harassment

- 2. 20/21-17: Unethical Conduct/Sexual Harassment
- 3. 20/21-43: Unethical/Unprofessional Conduct
- 4. 20/21-50: Unethical/Unprofessional Conduct/Practice outside of scope
- 5. 20/21-57: Unethical/Unprofessional Conduct

**TOTAL OPEN CASES TO DATE: 55**

License Reinstatements:  
Case #18/19-27 LPC # 4192

N Pierce motions to approve reinstatement LPC #4192. K Tyner seconds. All in favor; no opposed; no abstentions.

K Tyner motions to accept the report by the Committee on Disciplinary Affairs. L Fazio-Griffith seconds. All in favor; no opposed; no abstentions.

No public comments

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

J Doming informs the Board that K Blum is not present and that LCA is currently looking to fill her role. Explains that letter regarding diagnosing SMI was drafted and sent to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) approximately 4 weeks ago along with legislative act requesting that action be taken. No response has been received at this time.

No questions or comments

E Airhia motions to accept report from Committee on Legislative Affairs. R Cathey seconds. All in favor; no opposed.

No questions. No comments.  
E Airhia motions to approve. All in favor.

**Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal Report- LPC:** J Mims, L Fazio-Griffith

Report presented by L Fazio-Griffith:

<b>Total Number of LPC Applications Reviewed:</b>				
<b>December 2020 &amp; January 2021</b>				
<b>Application</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Expedited</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>LPC Application for Licensure</b>	12	10	16	<b>38</b>
<i>32 APPROVED; 6 DENIED</i>				
<b>LPC Endorsement Application</b>	6	8	3	<b>17</b>
<i>16 APPROVED; 1 DENIED</i>				

<b>PLPC Application (Section 1, 2, 3)</b>	6	24	15	<b>45</b>
<i>42 APPROVED; 3 DENIED</i>				
<b>PLPC Application: Section 1 Only</b>	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
<i>0 APPROVED; 1 DENIED</i>				
<b>PLPC Application: Section 1 and 2 Only</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>NA</i>				
<b>PLPC Application: Section 2 Only</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>NA</i>				
<b>PLPC Application: Section 2 and 3 Only</b>	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<i>1 APPROVED; 0 DENIED</i>				
<b>PLPC Application: Section 3 Only</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>NA</i>				
<b>LPC Supervisor Application</b>	9	4	5	<b>18</b>
<i>17 APPROVED; 1 DENIED</i>				
<b>Appraisal Privilege</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>NA</i>				
<b>PLPC: Change/Add Supervisor</b>	4	1	0	<b>5</b>
<i>5 APPROVED</i>				
<b>PLPC Practice Setting Updates</b>	55	56	0	<b>111</b>
<i>111 APPROVED</i>				
<b>Total LPC Applications Reviewed</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>206</b>
<i>Expedited: Totals from Approvals from 11/14/2020-1/08/2021</i>				

L Fazio-Griffith- Presents case regarding A Schwartzburg requesting accommodation due to physical disability. J Doming explains that we have received letters from individuals at the Disability Rights of Louisiana.

L Fazio-Griffith motions to offer 2 additional years as a reasonable accommodation and may reassess if needed. K Tyner seconds. All in favor; no opposed.

---K Hebert leaves meeting---

L Fazio- Griffith informs Board that applicants have been answering no on background check questions when they do have a previous criminal background. Licensure Committee will be updating policy moving forward and looking at applications to change wording to ensure it is clear.

No public comments/questions

R Cathey presents LMFT report:

<b>Total Number of LMFT Applications Reviewed:</b>
<b>December 2020 &amp; January 2021</b>

Application	Dec.	Jan.	Expedited	Total
<b>LMFT Application for Licensure</b>	1	0	0	1
<i>1 APPROVED; 0 DENIED</i>				
<b>LMFT Endorsement Application</b>	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
<b>PLMFT Application (Section 1, 2, 3)</b>	0	1	0	1
<i>1 APPROVED; 0 DENIED</i>				
<b>PLMFT Application: Section 1 Only</b>	0	1	0	1
<i>1 APPROVED; 0 DENIED</i>				
<b>PLMFT Application: Section 2 and 3 Only</b>	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
<b>PLMFT: Change/Add Supervisor</b>	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
<b>PLMFT Practice Setting Updates</b>	2	0	0	2
<i>2 APPROVED</i>				
<b>LMFT Supervisor</b>	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
<b>LMFT Supervisor Candidate</b>	0	0	0	0
<i>2 APPROVED</i>				
<b>Total LMFT Applications Reviewed</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>Expedited: Totals from Approvals from 11/14/2020-1/08/2021</i>				

K Tyner motions to accept report from Committee on Licensure/ Supervision/ Appraisal Report LMFT. R Cathey seconds. All in favor; no opposed.

No public comments/questions

**Committee on Rules:** J Mims, L Fazio-Griffith, E Johns, R Cathey, R Salgado

L Fazio-Griffith- Final rules were published December 20<sup>th</sup> regarding teletherapy and LMFT endorsement exam.

Emergency rules were 120 days for teletherapy. If still in health emergency, will extend emergency rules for an additional 120 days.

Public comments:

Nicholas Wallace – Letter sent with his concerns to the board office in regard to the Notice of intent on changes in teletherapy guidelines. He is a nationally certified telehealth provider and created extensive training in teletherapy. He expressed that Practitioners need training in teletherapy, and 3 hours is not enough and the board does not need to deregulate training. 3 hours is not sufficient in specialty area. National move towards regulation. Literature supports 9 hours.

R Salgado- Graduates are now receiving this training within their graduate program. Large percentage of licensees that have already completed required 9-hour training.

L Fazio Griffith- Teletherapy training is not in CACREP's current standards. Graduates are required to complete training before conducting any teletherapy during practicum/internship.

J Doming- NBCC has been drafting teletherapy regulations for years but has not officially published anything.

Ida Chauvin- Also has concern with new teletherapy training requirement. Feels that there is no way that everything that needs to be covered for best practices can be in a 3-hour training. Not all graduate programs have incorporated teletherapy.

R Salgado- thank you for voicing concerns.

L Fazio-Griffith motions to approve Committee on Rules report. E Airhia seconds. All in favor; no opposed.

No further public comments/questions

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

Presented by E Airhia- All cases are moving along and participates are still being monitored. Committee has concerns with individual in program due to substance abuse and participate using alternative substance.

E Airhia motions to approve Committee Professional Assistance Program report. L Fazio-Griffith seconds. All in favor; no opposed.

**Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report:** R Cathey, C Guillotte, K Tyner, K Steele

Presented by R Cathey. MFTAC received and reviewed correspondence for requesting graduate internship hours to be accepted towards licensure. Also reviewed correspondence from licensee who lapsed due to technical difficulties as well as correspondence from licensee who lapsed over 4 years ago requesting reinstatement. R Salgado participated in MFTAC meeting. LAMFT has a new President, Dr. Theresa Thomas. MFTAC had a discussion what the Board does vs. LAMFT in re: areas that they could possibly collaborate more on.

MFTAC will be working on rule revisions as well as continued work their supervisor training/handbook/exam.

No questions/comments.

K Tyner motions to accept MFTAC report. N Pierce seconds. All in favor; no opposed.

**Executive Director Report: J Doming**

Presented by J Doming:

LMFT Renewals; All discipline and PAP work; State Reports; Finalized teletherapy and endorsement rule; Website updates; Processed Practice Setting Applications; Staff support; taxes and W-2s; Financials, Reconciliations and Deposits.

No questions or comments.

E Airhia motions to accept. R Cathey seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

**Financial Report:**

Presented by J Doming:

November and December 2020 Financial Reports

Request to renew Lamar contract for licensure advertising billboards

N Pierce motions to allow J Doming to negotiate and sign contract. K Tyner seconds.

No comments/questions.

**New Business:**

Presentation of 2021 Board Committees

No discussion on committee assignments.

R Cathey motions to approve committee assignments. K Tyner seconds. All in favor;

No opposed.

Virtual LAMFT Conference (TBD). K Tyner will be following up about when Board Update will be scheduled at conference.

Next Board Meeting Date/Time: March 19, 2021 at 12:30pm

**Close of Business**

E Airhia motions to adjourn. N Pierce seconds. All approved; no abstentions.

Adjourn meeting at 2:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Jamie S. Doming, Executive Director