

MINUTES July 19, 2019
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
Approved

The meeting was called to order by J Mims at 12:31 PM. N Peirce took the roll call and determined a quorum was present.

Members Present:

E Airhia
R Cathey
J Cortez
C Guillotte
J Mims
D Mayeux
N Pierce
R Salgado
K Tyner

Members Absent:

K Steele
L Fazio-Griffith

Staff Present:

R Lundin
J Doming

Agenda

J Mims asks to approve the agenda. N Pierce asks to amend the agenda so the financials would reflect the end of the fiscal year review. All approved; no abstentions.

Board Meeting Minutes

J Mims asks for a motion to approve the May Board Meeting minutes. All approved; no abstentions.

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

N Pierce presents the Disciplinary Affairs Committee Report:

Unofficial Complaints Received since May 17, 2019:

1. 18/19-85: Unprofessional Conduct
2. 18/19-90: Failure to Cooperate*
3. 18/19-93: Sexual Misconduct
4. 18/19-97: Sexual Misconduct
5. 18/19-98: Unethical Conduct
6. 18/19-99: Unethical Conduct
7. 19/20-4: Failure to Cooperate*

Official Complaints Received since May 17, 2019:

1. 18/19-80: Fraud

2. 18/19-81: Unethical Conduct
3. 18/19-82: Client Records
4. 18/19-83: Client Records
5. 18/19-84: Unprofessional Conduct
6. 18/19-86: Child Custody Evaluation
7. 18/19-87: Child Custody Evaluation
8. 18/19-88: Fraudulent Billing
9. 18/19-89: Providing False Information
10. 18/19-91: Breached Confidentiality
11. 18/19-92: Providing False Information
12. 18/19-94: Unprofessional Conduct
13. 18/19-95: N/A
14. 18/19-96: Practicing without a License
15. 18/19-100: Providing False Information
16. 19/20-1: Inappropriate Relationship
17. 19/20-2: Unethical Conduct
18. 19/20-3: Providing False Information/Unethical Conduct

Cases to Open:

1. 18/19-80: Fraud
2. 18/19-81: Unethical Conduct
3. 18/19-82: Client Records
4. 18/19-83: Client Records
5. 18/19-84: Unprofessional Conduct
6. 18/19-85: Unprofessional Conduct
7. 18/19-86: Child Custody Evaluation
8. 18/19-87: Child Custody Evaluation
9. 18/19-88: Fraudulent Billing
10. 18/19-89: Providing False Information
11. 18/19-90: Failure to Cooperate*
12. 18/19-91: Breached Confidentiality
13. 18/19-92: Providing False Information
14. 18/19-93: Sexual Misconduct
15. 18/19-94: Unprofessional Conduct
16. 18/19-95: N/A
17. 18/19-96: Practicing without a License
18. 18/19-97: Sexual Misconduct
19. 18/19-98: Unethical Conduct
20. 18/19-99: Unethical Conduct
21. 18/19-100: Providing False Information
22. 19/20-1: Inappropriate Relationship

23. 19/20-2: Unethical Conduct
24. 19/20-4: Failure to Cooperate*

Cases to Close:

1. 17/18-38: Practicing without a License
2. 17/18-70: Documenting False Information* (*MFU closed case*)
3. 18/19-18: Unprofessional Conduct
4. 18/19-29: Medicaid Fraud
5. 18/19-32: Unlawful Practice*
6. 17/18-40: Unprofessional Conduct
7. 18/19-48: Practicing Outside of Scope
8. 18/19-57: Unprofessional Conduct
9. 18/19-60: Did not report
10. 18/19-63: CCE
11. 18/9-66: Unlawful Practice*
12. 18/19-67: Unprofessional Conduct
13. 18/19-68: Failure of Notification*
14. 18/19-69: Unprofessional Conduct
15. 18/19-80: Fraud

Complaints to Dismiss:

1. 18/19-74: Unprofessional Conduct
2. 18/19-81: Unethical Conduct
3. 19/20-3: Providing False Information/Unethical Conduct

TOTAL OPEN CASES TO DATE: 43

Pending Legal Action: 17/18-03

17/18-37
18/19-23
18/19-50*
18/19-53
18/19-77

Pending MFU: 16/17-34

17/18-26
17/18-27
17/18-30
18/19-18
18/19-29
18/19-70*
18/19-71*

J Mims asks for public comments. No comments.

J Mims motions to approve. All in favor; no abstentions.

Committee on Legislative Affairs Report

J. Doming presents the report: SB 171 vetoed by governor; Act 227 becoming a bill and will no longer require the licensure department to deny licensure applications due to student loan defaults.

Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal –LPC J Mims, J Cortez

J Mims presents the LPC licensure report. The data includes those practice settings and expedited applications approved each month by Board Staff:

Total Number of LPC Applications Reviewed:			
June & July 2019			
Application	June	July	Total
LPC Application for Licensure	38	17	55
53 APPROVED; 2 DENIED			
LPC Endorsement Application	6	5	11
8 APPROVED; 3 DENIED			
PLPC Application (Section 1, 2, 3)	71	25	96
92 APPROVED; 4 DENIED			
PLPC Application:Section 1 Only	0	2	2
0 APPROVED; 2 DENIED			
PLPC Application: Section 1 and 2 Only	0	0	0
NA			
PLPC Application: Section 2 Only	0	0	0
NA			
PLPC Application: Section 2 and 3 Only	0	0	0
NA			
PLPC Application: Section 3 Only	0	0	0
NA			

PLPC: Change/Add Supervisor	7	8	15
15 APPROVED			
LPC Supervisor Application	9	12	21
17 APPROVED; 4 DENIED			
Appraisal Privilege	0	0	0
NA			
Application for Expedited Processing	*72	*11	*83
*Numbers included in application totals			
PLPC Practice Setting Updates	18	35	53
Total LPC Folders Reviewed			
	149	204	253

J Mims asks for public comments. D Broussard spoke on behalf of himself via telephone at 1:00 p.m. in regard to not submitting the proper CEHs for renewal. Mr. Broussard is short 20 hours of synchronous CEHs.

D Mayeux motions to enter Executive Session to discuss the case; R Salgado seconds. All approve; no abstentions.

Board reconvenes with the public.

J Mims asks to approve the licensure report with no changes. All approve; no abstentions.

Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal –LMFT- C Guillotte, K Tyner, R Cathey, K Steele

C Guillotte presents the LMFT licensure report:

Total Number of LMFT Applications Reviewed			
June & July 2019			
Application	June	July	Total
LMFT Application for Licensure	0	0	0
NA			
LMFT Out-of State Applications for Licensure	0	2	2
2 APPROVED			

PLMFT Section 1,2,3	1	3	4
4 APPROVED			
PLMFT Section 1 Only	0	1	1
1 APPROVED			
PLMFT Section 2 and 3 Only	0	0	0
NA			
PLMFT Change/Add Practice Setting	1	0	1
1 APPROVED			
PLMFT Change/Add Supervisor	0	0	0
NA			
LMFT SC Application: Section 1	0	0	0
NA			
LMFT SC Application: Section 2	0	0	0
NA			
LMFT Supervisor Candidate	0	0	0
NA			
LMFT Supervisor	0	0	0
NA			
Application for Expedited Processing	0	2	2
*Numbers included in application totals			
Total LMFT Folders Reviewed	2	6	8

J Mims asks for public comments. No comments.

C Guillotte motions to approve the report. All approve.

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

Discussions on awareness and how to proceed as a committee with LAMFT and other COAMFTE/CACREP programs throughout the state. Committee is reviewing other state endorsement rules; looking to create a rubric for supervisor performance; will present at LCA conference about supervisor requirements.

K Tyner is looking into streamlining the board member nominations for MFTAC in order to eliminate delays.

R Cathey motions to accept the report. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Rules: J Mims, J Cortez, K Steele, D Mayeux, J Doming

J Mims proposes a position statement for teletherapy rules. Board discusses HIPAA compliant platforms and the need for licensee awareness.

J Mims asks for public comments. No public comments.

J Mims moves to accept the proposed statement:

When promulgating the recent rules related to teletherapy, it was not the intent of the Board to restrict HIPAA secure online therapy platforms that allow clients to directly communicate with their therapists via text, audio and video message. Accordingly, the Board accepts the usage of HIPAA secure platforms in which clients are able to communicate with therapists via text, video and audio message.

R Salgado seconds. All approve; no abstentions.

Recess at 1:56 p.m.

J Mims motions to reconvene at 2:13 p.m. All approve; no abstentions.

Committee on Professional Assistance Program (PAP): R Cathey, E Airhia, L Fazio-Griffith

R Cathey presents PAP report. No new closed/opened cases.

R Cathey motions to accept the PAP report. seconds. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Budget: J Doming, K Steele, N Pierce

J Doming presents the financial report for the end of the FY 18/19. The board ended the year with more net revenue than expected due to a decrease in spending on vendors and more efficiency internally. Licensure applications remain steady, with verification requests going up and expedited requests going down.

N Pierce motions to accept the financials; seconds. All approved; no abstentions.

Executive Director Report – J Doming

Discipline; Correspondence follow up and application issue resolution; Submitted multiple state reports; Website meetings; All financials and weekly deposits; Director meeting; Moved to new board office: 11410 Lake Sherwood Avenue North Suite A.

Personnel Report- K Steele, R Cathey, D Mayeux, J Doming

D Mayeux motions for an Executive Session to discuss the ED evaluation report; J Mims seconds. All approved; no abstentions.

Board reconvenes with the public.

D Mayeux motions to give the Executive Director a raise to \$71,500.

New Business – K Steele, J Doming

LCA Conference in New Orleans, LA begins Sept 28th, 2019

Next board meeting September 20, 2019 at 12:30pm

Closing

J Mims motions to adjourn. R Salgado seconds. All approved; no abstentions.

Adjourn meeting at 3:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Jamie S. Doming, Executive Director

