

**MINUTES**

**UTAH  
Professional Counselor Licensing Board  
MEETING**

**February 9, 2012**

**Room 464 - 4<sup>th</sup> floor – 9:00 A.M.  
Heber M. Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 9:09 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:41 A.M.

**Bureau Manager:**

Richard J. Oborn

**Board Secretary:**

Lee Avery

**Board Members Present:**

Jason H. King, Ph.D., Chairperson  
Ruth A. Baxter  
Jerri Sena

**Board Members Absent:**

Dee Zarkos  
Rodger Bischoff

**Guests:**

Paul Gore, U of U  
Sarah DeHaan, UMHCA  
Kate Hubbard, Argosy University  
Kari Yuri, Argosy University  
Holly Cannon, Argosy University  
Randy Buckner, University of Phoenix  
Nichole Williams, Argosy University  
Greg Bulloch., Argosy University  
Joshua Marans  
H. Gray Otis, UMHCA  
Diane Jackson, UMHCA

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**MINUTES:**

The Board reviewed the minutes dated December 7, 2011. Ms. Sena motioned to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Ms. Baxter. The motion carried unanimously.

**Compliance Report:**

#1. Gregory Hood is in compliance with his stipulation. He submitted his employer's response to the Board's concern regarding Mr. Hood renting office

space from him. His supervisor confirmed that Mr. Hood's renting office space from him would not affect his supervision. The Board reviewed Mr. Hood's probation plan.

#2. John Washington is in compliance with his stipulation. He submitted his supervisor and therapy reports.

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

Gregory Hood, probation interview

Mr. Hood met with the Board. Mr. Hood's interview was conducted telephonically. Mr. King conducted the interview. Mr. Hood stated that things are going well. He has four clients. He has a good, supportive relationship with Dr. Ferro and feels he will learn a lot from Dr. Ferro. The Board advised Mr. Hood the Division received the letter from Dr. Ferro explaining how Mr. Hood pays Dr. Ferro supervisory fees and rents office space from him. Mr. Hood and Dr. Ferro noted that they do not feel this will be a conflict of interest. The Board encouraged Mr. Hood to go beyond a verbal agreement and spell out how things will be handled if Mr. Hood becomes unable to meet both financial obligations with Dr. Ferro. The Board noted that the more concrete, transparent and clear the written agreement is with Dr. Ferro, the better. The Board encouraged Mr. Hood to define these boundaries in writing.. The Board encouraged Mr. Hood to address the following topics in his agreement with Dr. Ferro:

1. What are the consequences if the office rent and/or supervision fees are not paid on time? Are late fees imposed?
2. How long may fees go unpaid?
3. Plan to set up a repayment plan if payments are not made on time;
4. Expectations in the supervisory relationships, such as Dr. Ferro reviews client records and provides feedback to Mr. Hood and reports to the Board.

The Board stated that taking these steps make it easier for Mr. Hood to work with Dr. Ferro. Clients will benefit as well. Mr. Oborn will send Mr. Hood a new supervisor form. Mr. Hood stated the Texas Board gave him 90 days to complete a 20 page paper. He has

not completed this yet. The Board encouraged Mr. Hood to reflect on the need to not procrastinate. He may want to consider focusing on self-care. Ms. Sena motioned to approve his probation plan, seconded by Ms. Baxter. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved a phone interview with Mr. Hood on June 19, 2012 as long as he is in compliance with his stipulation. **Mr. Hood is in compliance with his stipulation.**

John Washington, probation interview

Mr. Washington met with the Board for his probation interview. Ms. Sena conducted the interview. Mr. Washington stated that he is working 15 to 20 hours a week. He does 4 groups a week, substance abuse and domestic violence. Mr. Washington stated he teaches Prime for Life classes once a month. His groups are mostly for men and there are usually 4-8 who attend. Mr. Washington stated he is planning to take the NCE exam in a few months. Mr. Washington stated he attends a 12 step support group. Mr. Oborn gave Mr. Washington a supervisor form. The Board asked to see Mr. Washington on June 19, 2012. **Mr. Washington is in compliance with his stipulation.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Update regarding legislation under consideration by Utah legislature that impacts practice of professional counseling
  - a. HB 294 and its clarification regarding mental health therapist's authority to practice of biofeedback
  - b. Amendments to substance abuse counselor scope of practice and license categories
  - c. Other potential legislation

a. Mr. Oborn advised the Board that HB 294 is being considered by the Utah Legislature. The purpose of this bill is to clarify a mental health therapist's authority to practice neuro and biofeedback as long as they have adequate education and training.

b. Mr. Oborn stated he will keep the Board informed of progress of a possible bill that if filed and passed, would amend the substance abuse counselor scope of practice and license categories. Mr. Oborn will keep the Board advised of other potential legislation related to the practice of substance abuse counseling and/or mental health therapy.

c. Mr. Otis advised the Board that there is a proposal to change the title of the professional counselors. If adopted by the legislature, the new title will be "Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC).

2. Request for approval to supervise 10 APCs, Jason King

Mr. Oborn shared with the Board a letter he received from Mr. Jason King requesting permission to

supervise 10 supervisees. Mr. King stated that currently he has 5 supervisees. Mr. King stated that he does not receive financial compensation for his supervisor services. The Board reviewed the contract Mr. King has with his current supervisee. The Board reviewed Mr. King's education and training to include the following:

1. Doctor of Philosophy Candidate, Counselor Education and Supervision;
2. Master of Counseling, Mental Health Counseling;
3. Bachelor of Science, Human Development and Family Studies;
4. Licensed Professional Counselor, issued December 2004
5. Approved Clinical Supervisor, Center of Credentialing and Education;
6. National Certified Counselor, National Board for Certification Counselors
7. Behavioral Health Crisis Counselor;
8. Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavior Therapist; and
9. Functional Family Therapist.

The Board noted Mr. King's training in supervision and experience includes:

1. completing one semester credit course in Counselor Supervision during his masters level education;
2. completed a 3 credit semester course in counselor supervision during his doctoral education;
3. attended a 1 hour CE workshop on clinical supervision;
4. experience in supervising individually and with co-faculty over 80 counselor education practicum and internship in a CACREP mental health counseling program; and
5. during his 600 hour doctoral internship, he received supervision of his supervision.

The Board noted that the hours the supervisees would be working equals to 4 full time supervisees. The Board recommended to the Division that because of his education, supervision training, and experience, that Mr. King should be approved to supervise the

equivalent of 4 full time supervisees. The Board requested that Mr. King submit quarterly reports to the Board regarding his supervisory responsibilities.

3. Status of rule amendments approved by Board at last meeting

Mr. Oborn gave the Board a summary of the rule changes that were discussed and approved at the Board meeting on December 7, 2011.

4. Consideration of proposal to amend education requirement as established in Utah Admin. Code R156-60c-302a.

Mr. Oborn reviewed a proposal to amend the education requirement as established in Utah Admin. Code R156-60c-302a. Mr. Oborn stated that there is interest in aligning Utah's education requirement with education standards recommended by the AMHCA and CACREP. The Board discussed details regarding possible changes to the education requirement. Representatives from various schools and the Utah Mental Health Counselors Association participated in the discussion. Mr. Oborn will prepare a new version of the proposed changes for the Board and other interested parties to consider at the next meeting.

**Not on the agenda:**

The Board talked with Mr. Josh Marans. Mr. Oborn noted that Mr. Marans is one of the reasons why the proposal to amend education requirements is being considered. Mr. Oborn stated that his program did not require a practicum. For this reason, the Division denied his license application. The Board discussed various options for a rule change that would allow people to fulfill the education requirement despite missing the practicum requirement as long as they demonstrated completion of a sufficient number of hours of supervised experience. The Board will consider options for this rule change at the next meeting.

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

The next Board meeting is June 19, 2012

**2012 Board meetings have been scheduled:**

June 19, September 18, December 18

Motion to adjourn at 11:41 A.M.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

June 11, 2012  
Date Approved

(ss) Jason King, Ph.D  
Chairperson, Utah Professional Counselor Licensing  
Board

June 11, 2012  
Date Approved

(ss) Richard J. Oborn  
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &  
Professional Licensing