

THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, May 4, 2011

The Regulatory Committee of the Virginia Board of Counseling ("Board") convened at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2011 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Charles McAdams called the meeting to order.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mary Lou Argow
Donnie Conner, Ph. D
Michael Fletcher
Charlotte Markva
Charles McAdams, Ed.D.
Linda Seeman, Ph.D.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Catherine Chappell, Deputy Executive Director-
Licensing
Mimi Kline, LPC, Credentials Reviewer
Jennifer Lang, Administrative Assistant
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director -
Discipline
Laura Rothrock, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fletcher moved that the minutes from the February 17, 2011 Regulatory Committee meeting, be approved as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

REVIEW OF LPC REGULATIONS

The Committee performed a comprehensive review of the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling* (LPC) and proposed the following changes:

- Clarification that the residency is a post-"graduate" clinical experience rather than a post-"internship" experience.
- Clarification that "supervision" means the provision of guidance and instruction that is specific to the clinical services being performed.

- Require that applications for licensure contain documentation of all mental health or health profession licenses ever held in another jurisdiction.
- Revisions to licensure by endorsement language to clarify that the applicant must hold an LPC license in another jurisdiction.
- Definition of “clinical practice” to be added.
- Include essential coursework necessary to begin supervision as reflected in Guidance Document 115-6.
- Delete COAMFTE as an approval body for internships that would automatically qualify for 900 hours of experience towards residency.
- Impose a time limitation of four years for the residency.
- Clarify that the residency must focus on the provision of clinical counseling services.
- Restrict supervisors of residents to those only licensed by the Board of Counseling.
- Impose a time limitation of two years to pass the exam.
- Add local government agencies to the groups that can offer approved CE.
- Revise *Standards of Practice* to include the prohibition of “romantic relationships” in addition to the prohibition of “sexual relationships” and include “student” with supervisees in the category of prohibited relationships.
- Clarify that practice with a lapsed or expired license is prohibited.
- Clarify that commission of fraud or misrepresentation in the submission of supervisory forms is grounds for disciplinary action.

NEXT STEPS

The Committee agreed to proceed with Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for LPC and to continue working on revisions to the remaining Board of Counseling regulations. The Committee planned to begin comprehensive review the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy* at its next meeting, followed by *Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselor*.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Charles McAdams, Ed.D, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director