

**DRAFT
BOARD OF COUNSELING
REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2006**

TIME & PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 1:08 P.M. on November 2, 2006 in Board Room 4 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230.

PRESIDING: Kevin S. Doyle, Ed.D., Chair

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:** Kevin Doyle, Ed.D.
Charles McAdams, Ed.D.
Linda Seeman, Ph.D.

**STAFF
PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Ben Foster, Deputy Executive Director
Diana Pollick, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS
PRESENT:** Mary Lou Argow
Arnold Woodruff

**PUBLIC
COMMENT:** Arnold Woodruff introduced himself as representing the Virginia Association of Marriage & Family Therapists. He stated that the Association is asking the Board to support two requests; 1) that at least 100 hours of the 200 required hours of supervision be by a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (MFT) bringing the standard into symmetry with that of LPC's and that such supervision be provided by individuals who are designated as approved supervisors by the AAMFT, and 2) that all applicants for MFT licensure be required to take the national MFT exam as those who hold the license should be able to demonstrate knowledge of the theories and techniques of the profession. Discussion followed. Dr. Doyle stated that the Regulatory Committee would present this to the full Board at their meeting on November 3, 2006.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA:**

Linda Seeman moved to approve the agenda. Charles McAdams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES:**

Linda Seeman moved to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2006 meeting. Charles McAdams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

**PETITION FOR
RULEMAKING:**

Ben Foster referenced documents received by the Board commenting on the request of the VA Association of Marriage & Family Therapists. Comments were accepted until November 4, 2006 resulting in 100 names in support of the action.

Dr. McAdams noted that the Petition for Rulemaking contained two petitions and that the letter from Mr. Woodruff contained three petitions, with the third one being that AAMFT would determine equivalency of supervisors. Evelyn Brown responded that the Petition for Rulemaking has already been published and that although the form submitted to the Registrar could have been more specific it would not change the original petition. Discussion followed regarding the subject of AAMFT approved supervisors. Elaine Yeatts stated that the Board had not restricted supervisors for other licenses. Kevin Doyle stated that the Board's position would be to support consistency across all licenses. Charles McAdams made a motion to accept the recommendation that at least one half, or 100 hours, of supervision be with a qualified supervisor as specified in 18 VAC 115-50-60-B & C and that a Board approved exam be required of anyone who wishes to become licensed as a MFT, including endorsement applicants. Linda Seeman seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Kevin Doyle stated that if the Board adopts this a NOIRA will be posted.

SUPERVISION,
ENDORSEMENT
& PORTABILITY:

Ben Foster reported that the NOIRA had been reviewed and that there was no public comment. Proposed regulations must now be developed within 180 days after the NOIRA becomes final and the Board needs to be ready to accept the proposed regulations at the February 9, 2007 meeting. Discussion followed. It was determined that an additional meeting of the Regulatory Committee would be necessary to develop and/or finalize the regulatory language. Ben Foster will develop an "excerpt document" on supervision reflecting language that has already been drafted.

Discussion followed regarding qualifications of a supervisor. Charles McAdams suggested that the Committee first identify the competencies or components of a desired qualified supervisor and then come together to develop the language. Suggestions were; 1) training could consist of one three credit graduate course or its equivalent in continued education trainings, 2) must have a clear, current/active unrestricted license in the jurisdiction where the supervision is taking place, 3) must have two years post licensure experience, 4) must have professional training in supervision initially and continually.

Charles McAdams stated that the Virginia Association of Counselor Education and Supervision has expressed that they would like to be involved in this discussion at the Committee's next meeting. The next meeting date was set for Thursday, December 6, 2006 at 9:30 AM at which time language will be developed for the proposed regulations. Ben Foster will draft language based on Tier One and Tier Two portability criteria.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION
GUIDELINES:

Elaine Yeatts reported that the PPG regulations must be reviewed annually. A staff workgroup was formed to update and clarify terminology. Each Board must

accept the amended PPG regulations. Charles McAdams moved to accept the amended PPG regulations. Linda Seeman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: December 6, 2007 at 9:30 AM

ADJOURN: Charles McAdams moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 PM. Linda Seeman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.