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Missouri Committee for Professional Counselors
March 24, 2006 – 3:00 p.m.
March 25, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.
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Please see attached agenda for this meeting.

Attachment

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**Tentative Agenda
OPEN AGENDA
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March 24, 2006 – 3:00 p.m.
March 25, 2006 – 9:00 p.m.
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3605 Missouri Blvd- Jefferson City, Missouri**

- 1 Call to Order Keith Spare, Chairperson
- 2 Roll Call Loree Kessler, Executive Director
- 3 Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - ✧ October 28-29, 2005 – Full Committee Open Minutes
 - ✧ October 28-29, 2005 – Credentials Subcommittee Open Minutes
 - ✧ November 22, 2005 – Credentials Subcommittee Open Minutes
 - ✧ January 10, 2006 – Credentials Subcommittee Open Minutes
 - ✧ February 14, 2006 – Credentials Subcommittee Open Minutes
- 4 Correspondence from the Missouri Mental Health Counselors Association
- 5 Correspondence from Lindenwood University
- 6 Financials
- 7 Legislative Update (no materials)
- 8 Ethical Standards of Practice – Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
- 9 Pandemic Influenza – Mental Health Issues
- 10 Distance Counseling Correspondence

Convene in closed session pursuant to motions to close section 610.021 subsection (14) and 620.010.14 subsection (7) RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and applicants for licensure and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant and, section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communications between this agency and its attorney.

Adjournment

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OPEN MINUTES
Committee for Professional Counselors
March 24, 2006 – 3:00 p.m.
March 25, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.
Division of Professional Registration
3605 Missouri Boulevard – Jefferson City, Missouri

The Committee for Professional Counselors was called to order by Keith Spare, committee chairperson, at 5:00 p.m. March 24, 2006 at the Division of Professional Registration, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri. Greg Roeback, Committee Secretary, facilitated roll call.

Members Present

Dr. Mark Comensky, Chairperson
Greg Roeback, Secretary
Dr. Verl Pope
Keith Spare
Dr. Gene Dexter, Public Member

Staff Present

Loree Kessler, Executive Director
Jeanette Stuenkel, Executive I
Justin Smith, Licensure Technician II
David Barrett, Division Counsel (Arrived at 5:00 p.m.)

Mr. Spare indicated he would be voting in open and closed sessions.

A motion was made by Mr. Roeback and seconded by Dr. Comensky to approve the open session agenda. Committee members voting aye; Dr. Comensky, Mr. Spare, Dr. Pope, Dr. Dexter and Mr. Roeback. Motion carried unanimously.

At 5:02 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Roeback and seconded by Dr. Comensky to convene in closed session pursuant to motions to close section 610.021 subsection (14) and 620.010.14 subsection (7) RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and applicants for licensure and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant and, section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communications between this agency and its attorney and or the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsections of 610.021 which authorized this agency to go into closed session during those meetings. Committee members voting aye; Dr. Pope, Dr. Dexter, Dr. Comensky, Mr. Roeback, and Mr. Spare. Motion carried unanimously.

At 6:15 p.m. a motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Dr. Pope to convene in open session and reconvene at 9:00 a.m. March 26, 2006. Committee members voting aye; Dr. Pope, Dr. Dexter, Dr. Comensky, Mr. Roeback, and Mr. Spare. Motion carried unanimously.

March 25, 2006

The Committee for Professional Counselors was called to order by Keith Spare, committee chairperson, at 5:00 p.m. March 24, 2006 at the Division of Professional Registration, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri. Greg Roeback, Committee Secretary, facilitated roll call.

Members Present

Dr. Mark Comensky, Chairperson
Greg Roeback, Secretary
Dr. Verl Pope
Keith Spare
Dr. Gene Dexter, Public Member

Staff Present

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Visitor

Dan Holdinghaus – Missouri Mental Health Counselors Association

A motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Mr. Roeback to approve the open session minutes of the October 28-29, 2005 committee and credentials subcommittee meeting, and the November 22, 2005, January 10, 2006 and February 14, 2006 credentials subcommittee meeting telephone conference call meetings. Committee members voting aye; Dr. Comensky, Mr. Spare, Dr. Pope, Dr. Dexter and Mr. Roeback. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Missouri Mental Health Counselors Association

The committee discussed the implementation of the regulations regarding the requirement for a forty-eight degree in specific areas of counseling.

Lindenwood University

The committee reviewed the information submitted by Lindenwood University and determined modifications made to the curriculum would not have an impact upon the eligibility of a graduate from that program.

Financial Report

The committee asked if the allocation of costs considered the expense for the supervisor seminars and the executive director explained that such costs had been built into the allocation as a flexible spending amount based upon past expenses. The executive director reported that committee had received over 300 responses to the survey regarding the availability of the seminars and that the concentration was from the St. Louis area. The executive director explained that the committee would either have two days of seminars or the two types of seminars on the same day. It would depend upon the schedule of the presenters. No official action taken by the committee

Legislative Update

The executive director reported that HB 1660 contained clean up language to the counselor statute regarding education, reciprocity and continuing education. HB 1823 has been introduced by

Representative Wayne Cooper which is the merger bill for LPCs and MFTs. Additionally, Dan Holdinghaus provided an update on the diagnosis language SB 11034 sponsored by Senator Green and heard in the Senate and scheduled in the House is HB 1452 sponsored by Representative Wayne Cooper.

The committee requested an update regarding SB 917 and the executive director reported it had been heard before a Senate committee and there had been considerable discussion in the House during the budget hearings and debate.

At 9:52 a.m. the committee took a break and reconvened at 10:08 a.m.

At 10:08 a.m., the committee conducted a public hearing relating to a petition for a hearing sent to the Division of Professional Registration by Dr. Al O’Laughlin. Mr. Laughlin did not appear at the hearing.

Ethical Standards of Practice

Following the presentation of exhibits by the executive director and counsel the committee was allotted time to question both individuals and discuss the information presented. A motion was made by Dr. Dexter and seconded by Dr. Pope to not amend the ethical standards of practice regulations. Committee members voting aye; Mr. Spare, Dr. Pope, Dr. Dexter, and Mr. Roeback. Dr. Comensky abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Pandemic Influenza – Mental Health Issues

The committee reviewed the information from the Department of Health and Senior Services regarding the meetings held by that department. Mr. Spare expressed an interest attending the April meeting if his schedule allowed.

Distance Counseling

The committee reviewed the email and determined it would need to discuss the matter with legal counsel in closed session. Following that discussion the committee determined that the response to the questions within the email needed to be general referencing specific sections of the statute.

At 10:38 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Roeback and seconded by Dr. Comensky to convene in closed session pursuant to motions to close section 610.021 subsection (14) and 620.010.14 subsection (7) RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and applicants for licensure and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant and, section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communications between this agency and its attorney and or the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsections of 610.021 which authorized this agency to go into closed session during those meetings. Committee members voting aye; Dr. Pope, Dr. Dexter, Dr. Comensky, Mr. Roeback, and Mr. Spare. Motion carried unanimously.

At 11:34 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Dr. Pope to convene in open session and adjourn. Committee members voting aye; Dr. Pope, Dr. Dexter, Dr. Comensky, Mr. Roeback, and Mr. Spare. Motion carried unanimously.

Lois Gesske

Executive Director

Approved by Committee on