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Missouri Committee for Professional Counselors
March 9, 2007 – 3:00 p.m.
March 10, 2007 – 9:00 a.m.
Embassy Suites
Two Convention Center Plaza
St. Charles Missouri

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The Committee may convene in closed session at any time during the meeting. If the meeting is closed, the appropriate section will be announced to the public, with the motion and vote recorded in open session minutes.

Please see attached agenda for this meeting.

Attachment

**Tentative Agenda
OPEN AGENDA
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- 1 Call to Order Keith Spare, Chairperson
- 2 Roll Call Loree Kessler, Executive Director
- 3 Financials (Handout)
- 4 Legislative Update (no materials)
- 5 Continuing Education Update (no materials)
- 6 Supervisor Seminar Update (no materials)
- 7 Meeting Schedule

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
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The Missouri Committee for Professional Counselors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2007, by Keith Spare, Committee Chairperson, at the Embassy Suites, located at Two Convention Center Plaza in St. Charles, Missouri.

Committee Members Present

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

Staff Present

Loree Kessler, Executive Director
Jeanette Stuenkel, Executive I
Sarah Becker, Licensure Technician II

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

A motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Mr. Roebach to approve the open session agenda, adding a discussion regarding the American Mental Health Counselor Association annual meeting and the American Counseling Association annual meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

A motion was made by Mr. Roebach and seconded by Dr. Pope to approve the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

During the course of discussion regarding the financial report, the Committee instructed the executive director to review any applicable costs of test administration that could be paid for by the committee to the National Board for Certified Counselors in order to reduce the cost for individuals to take the jurisprudence exam. For example, if there are development costs that NBCC can allocate and bill to the Committee rather than allocate to perspective applicants, that cost should be invoiced to the Committee accordingly.

Legislative Update

The executive director provided an update regarding the status of legislation concerning professional counselors to include the reciprocal licensure language adding the addition of good moral character to the statutory language and legislation introduced by the Missouri Mental Health Counselors Association regarding diagnosis, non-discriminatory

hiring practices of licensed professional counselors, and expunging unsubstantiated complaints filed by prisoners. No official action taken by the Committee.

Continuing Education

The Committee discussed the continuing education requirements for licensure renewal to include the calendar years that could be applicable to complying with the statutory requirement. A motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Mr. Roeback to include calendar years 2005 and 2006 as well as calendar year January 1 to June 30, 2007 for consideration of continuing education requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

During the course of discussion concerning the continuing education requirements, the Committee noted a need to provide licensees a method to track continuing education requirements in one central location. The Committee suggested that during the current renewal cycle, it provide a durable folder with a copy of the continuing education guidelines and a form licensees can use to track continuing education information. The executive director indicated that she would work with the purchasing section on securing such folders.

Supervision Seminars

The executive director provided an update regarding the Supervision Seminar facilitated by Ted Remley, which will be held in St. Louis-April 25, Columbia-April 26, and Kansas City-April 27.

Meeting Schedule

The Committee discussed the upcoming annual meeting of the American Mental Health Counselors Association to be held in New Orleans and Mr. Spare indicated an interest in attending.

The Committee also discussed sending a committee member to the American Counseling Association Meeting in Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Pope indicated he had made the necessary flight and lodging arrangements but had not yet registered. The Committee recommended Dr. Pope attend the annual meeting as its representative and instructed the executive director to work with the division Travel Desk in order to make sure all necessary arrangements had been made.

Reciprocity

The Committee discussed the statutory language dealing with reciprocity and certification by the National Board of Certified Counselors as it addresses post masters supervision. Specifically, the Committee noted there are instances in which an individual could be nationally certified but not have completed the 3,000 hours of post master supervision as required by Missouri regulations. Dr. Pope explained that this occurs when an individual graduates from a CACREP accredited program. The executive director added that the statute was amended last year to include language addressing reciprocal licensure and supervisory requirements. Further clarification is needed concerning this issue and how the current regulations would be applicable to

reciprocal licensure in the area of supervision. The executive director was instructed to work with counsel on this issue.

American Board of Professional Counselors

Mr. Roeback provided a copy of a brochure from the American Board of Professional Counselors promoting the organization as becoming board certified in professional counseling. The Committee expressed a concern that there was a lack of information regarding the need to be licensed by the state in order to practice and that board certification does not authorize a person to practice. The executive director indicated she would work with counsel on this matter.

At 9:40 a. m., a motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Mr. Roeback 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 for 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. Committee members voting aye: Dr. Mark Comensky, Dr. Verl Pope, Dr. Gene Dexter, Mr. Roeback and Mr. Spare. Motion carried unanimously.

At 11:30 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Dr. Dexter to convene in open session. Committee members voting aye: Dr. Comensky, Dr. Dexter, Dr. Pope, and Mr. Roeback. Motion carried unanimously

At 11:32 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Dr. Dexter to adjourn the Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.



Executive Director

Approved by Committee on April 24, 2007