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OPEN SESSION AGENDA
Missouri Committee for Professional Counselors
September 20, 2013 – 1:00 p.m.
September 21, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.
CANDLEWOOD SUITES
3514 AMAZONAS DRIVE, JEFFERSON CITY 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

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- 1 Call to Order Margo Pigg, Committee Chairperson
- 2 Roll Call Greg Roeback, Secretary
- 3 Approval of Agenda
- 4 Approval of the Minutes
 - June 28, 2013 Credentials Subcommittee
 - June 28, 2013 Full Open
 - July 22, 2013 Credentials Subcommittee
 - July 26, 2013 Mail Ballot
- 5 Financial Statement
- 6 Missouri Committee for Professional Counselors v Frank DeCastro
 - Disciplinary Hearing at 2:30 p.m.
- 7 Southern Illinois University
- 8 Meeting Schedule

Convene in closed session pursuant to motions to close section 610.021 subsection (14) and 324.001.8 and 324.001.9 RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant 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 for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsection 610.021 RSMo which authorizes this agency to go into closed session during those meetings.

Adjournment

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
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Candlewood Suites
3514 Amazonas Drive – Jefferson City, Missouri

At 1:02 p.m. on September 20, 2013 the Missouri Committee for Professional Counselors was called to order by Margo Pigg, Chairperson at Candlewood Suites located at 3514 Amazonas Drive in Jefferson City, Missouri. Greg Roebach, Secretary, facilitated roll call.

Committee Members Present

Dr. Mark Comensky, Subcommittee Chairperson
Greg Roebach, Secretary
Margo Pigg,
Dr. Rhonda Wood

Staff Present

Loree Kessler, Executive Director
Jeanette Wilde, Processing Licensure Supervisor
Sarah Becker, Processing Technician II
Sarah Ledgerwood, Division Counsel

Visitors

Michael Cherba, Assistant Attorney General (present for Frank DeCastro disciplinary hearing)
Todd Lucas, Assistant Attorney General (present for Frank DeCastro disciplinary hearing)
Curtis Schube, Assistant Attorney General (present for Frank DeCastro disciplinary hearing)

Ms. Pigg stated she would be voting in open and closed session.

A motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Dr. Wood to approve the open session agenda. Committee members voting aye: Dr. Comensky, Dr. Wood, Mr. Roebach, and Ms. Pigg. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Mr. Roebach to approve the open session minutes of the June 28 and July 22, 2013 credentials subcommittee conference calls, June, 28, 2013 committee meeting, and July 26, 2013 mail ballot. Committee members voting aye: Dr. Comensky, Dr. Wood, Mr. Roebach, and Ms. Pigg. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the financial statement and discussed if adequate funds were available for the committee to sponsor a webinar for counselor educators regarding the implementation of the DSM V within the graduate programs in Missouri, and a seminar/webinar on ethical practices. The executive director stated she would work with the division on determining if resources were available to facilitate a seminar and/or webinar.

At 1:14 p.m. a motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Dr. Wood to convene in closed session pursuant to motions to close section 610.021 subsection (14) and 324.001.8

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At 2:28 p.m., a motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Dr. Wood to convene in open session. Committee members voting aye: Dr. Comensky, Dr. Wood, Mr. Roebach, and Ms. Pigg. Motion carried unanimously.

Missouri Committee for Professional Counselors v Frank DeCastro

At approximately 2:30 p.m. the committee conducted a disciplinary hearing regarding Frank DeCastro. Mr. DeCastro was accompanied by his attorneys Johnnie Richardson and Jamie Cox and witnesses Valeriya Somova and Judge Garry Helm.

At 4:25 p.m., a motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Dr. Wood to convene in closed session pursuant to motions to close section 610.021 subsection (14) and 324.001.8 and 324.001.9 RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant 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 for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsection 610.021 RSMo which authorizes this agency to go into closed session during those meetings. Committee members voting aye: Dr. Comensky, Dr. Wood, Mr. Roebach, and Ms. Pigg. Motion carried unanimously.

At 5:14 p.m., a motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Dr. Wood to convene in open session. Committee members voting aye: Dr. Comensky, Dr. Wood, Mr. Roebach, and Ms. Pigg. Motion carried unanimously.

Southern Illinois University

The committee reviewed the changes in courses to be offered within the master's program at SIU-E and requested clarification concerning the psychopathology classes and the classes were to meet the requirement for a graduate course in diagnosis noting that PSYC 431, 531 and 533 did not reference the DMS however, SOCW 537 included the DSM IV-TR. The committee requested clarification regarding when the course would be updated in relation to the DSM V.

SOCW 557 and SOC 564 would be applicable to the course area Helping Relationship.

Meeting Schedule

The following is a tentative schedule of conference calls and/or meetings.

October 15th 7:30am credentials subcommittee conference call

November 19th 7:30am credentials subcommittee conference call

January 14, 2014 credential subcommittee conference call

March 7-8, 2014 face to face meeting

No conference calls or meetings were scheduled for December or February

At 5:20 p.m., on September 20, 2013 a motion was made by Dr. Comensky and seconded by Dr. Wood to convene in open session and adjourn the full committee meeting. Committee members voting aye: Dr. Comensky, Dr. Wood, Mr. Roebach, and Ms. Pigg. Motion carried unanimously.

The full committee did not convene on September 21, 2013.



Executive Director

Approved by Committee on March 7, 2014