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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF COUNSELING MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2009

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Counseling met in regular session on March 6, 2009, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Stuart Itzkowitz, L.P.C., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Robbie Steward, L.P.C.  
Julian Pate, Public Member  
Harriet Singleton, L.P.C.  
Martha Burkett, L.P.C.  
Steve Hampton, L.M.S.W.  
Laura LeClear, Public Member  
Delila Owens, Ph.D., L.P.C.  
Thomas Wuori, Public Member  
Marian Turowski, L.P.C., Vice-Chairperson  
Stuart Itzkowitz, L.P.C., Chairperson

**Members Absent:** Rev. Meredith Hunt, Public Member

**Staff Present:** Bonnie Curtis, Secretary  
Merry Rosenberg, Assistant Attorney General  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division  
Liz Arasim, Policy Analyst, Licensing Division

**Others Present:** Kevin Keenan – MISPP  
Irene Ametrano – MCA  
Sue Schaeffer – MCA  
Bruce A. Heustis – MCA  
Curlada Eure-Harris – LACA  
Jan Harrison

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Wuori, seconded by Pate, to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2008 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** by Pate, seconded by Wuori, to approve the agenda as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **RULES COMMITTEE**

Turowski reported that the committee has completed the proposed rules changes and asked members to review for discussion at the June meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS IN OTHER STATES**

Ramsdell stated that there was some discussion at a previous meeting regarding licensure requirements in other states. She stated that the Bureau researched this issue and provided members with the results. She asked members to review this information for discussion at the June meeting.

### **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Ramsdell reported that the criminal background checks are proceeding and briefly explained the process.

Ramsdell reported that the Medical Marijuana Program will become effective in early April and that the website for FAQ's is [www.michigan.gov/mmp](http://www.michigan.gov/mmp).

### **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

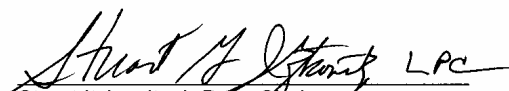
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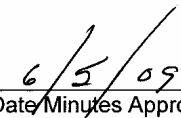
### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held June 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Singleton, seconded by Hampton, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

  
Stuart Itzkowitz, L.P.C., Chairperson

  
Date Minutes Approved

  
Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

  
Date Minutes Prepared