

**BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
EXAMINATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 11, 2001**  
(approved April 20, 2001)

**HOLIDAY INN ON THE BAY  
1355 N. HARBOR DRIVE  
SAN DIEGO, CA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Selma Fields, MFT Member, Committee Chair  
Mark Burdick, LEP Member  
Christina Chen, Public Member  
Karen Pines, MFT Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Sherry Mehl, Executive Officer  
LaVonne Powell, Legal Counsel  
Julie McAuliffe, Administrative Analyst

**GUEST LIST ON FILE**

The meeting was called to order at 9:28 a.m.

Ms. Fields announced that Dr. Burdick had been appointed to the Committee.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

CHRISTINA CHEN MOVED, SELMA FIELDS SECONDED, AND THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 9, 2000 MINUTES.

**2. EXAMINATION STATISTICS**

Ms. Mehl explained that the results of the oral examinations prior to appeals were included in the meeting materials. The Licensed Clinical Social Workers examination prior to appeals had a 53% pass rate and the Marriage and Family Therapist examination prior to appeals had a 48% pass rate. The pass rates for these examinations have seemed to stabilize and remain consistent from one examination to the next.

Ms. Pines asked that staff provide the Committee with cumulative statistics for a five-year period at the meeting in April.

Ms. Pines questioned the schools accountability in these statistics. Ms. Mehl explained that the statistics reflect some approved schools that are no longer in business and those that may have changed their name several times.

Mary Riemersma, Executive Director of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, stated that the Board will find that there are good and bad approved and accredited schools. She thought that an important issue had to do with disclosure and informing the student that their degree may not qualify for licensure or reimbursement.

Jan Lee Wong, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers asked if there was a way to distinguish what degree titles are obtained by different schools. Ms. Mehl explained that our applicant tracking system is not able to extract that data and the statistics are currently compiled by hand.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.