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**BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
LICENSING / EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 24, 2002
HYATT REGENCY ISLANDIA
1441 QUIVIRA ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burdick, LEP Member, Acting Chair
Howard Stein, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Pines, MFT Member, Committee Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Sherry Mehl, Executive Officer
Mary-Alice Coleman, Legal Counsel
Laura Freedman, Legal Counsel
Julie McAuliffe, Administrative Analyst
Janene Mayberry, Licensing Evaluator

GUEST LIST ON FILE

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Dr. Burdick chaired the Committee meeting in Ms. Pine's absence.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HOWARD STEIN MOVED, GLYNIS MORROW SECONDED, AND THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2001.

Dr. Burdick stated that the Committees of the Board have been restructured and he would begin to chair the Education Committee in April. This Committee will begin to review the approval process of accredited and approved schools. Ms. Mehl stated that the legislation effective January 1, 2002 provides the Board with more authority to review degree programs and approve degrees. We can now thoroughly review the degree programs and ensure they are meeting the requirements identified in law. Also, the Committee will begin to review the law to determine if the current course content is still what is currently being taught and make changes to the law as needed.

Burt Winer from Trinity College asked that the Committee keep in mind the amount of time from graduation to examination.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND SECTIONS 1887 AND 1887.3 – DEFINITIONS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Mary Riemersma, Executive Director of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT), had submitted a letter to the Board requesting that they consider modifying the existing regulations regarding the definition of “self study”. The letter had asked if the Board would consider broadening the definition of types of learning that make up continuing education and a lessen the definition of self study. Ms. Riemersma explained that a person could attend a classroom course all day and claim the course toward their continuing education but was limited to what they could count toward self-study even if the same course was offered via the Internet or on videocassette. Unfortunately licensees sometimes wait until the last minute to complete their needed continuing education or workshops are cancelled and a licensee then cannot renew their license timely.

Also, if the definition of self-study were modified, there would need to be language included that delineated verification of completion mechanisms.

Ms. Mehl stated that if it were the consensus of the Committee, staff would include draft regulation language in the April meeting materials for discussion and vote. The Committee agreed with Ms. Mehl and asked that this be included in the Committee agenda for the April meeting.

David Fox, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Craig Jackson from Loma Linda University supported Ms. Riemersma’s request to amend the self-study continuing education requirements.

Sherry Tridwell from the National Association of Social Workers indicated that they now offer continuing education courses on line.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.