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

May 20, 2004

**HYATT REGENCY ISLANDIA
1441 QUIVIRA ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burdick, LEP Member, Committee Chair
Victor Law, Public Member
Peter Manoleas, LCSW Member
Glynis Morrow, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Ulevitch, LCSW Member

STAFF PRESENT

Sherry Mehl, Executive Officer
Denise Johnson, Assistant Executive Officer
Kristy Schieldge, Legal Counsel
Julie McAuliffe, Administrative Analyst
Meuy Saephan, Administrative Technician

GUEST LIST ON FILE

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Ms. McAuliffe called the roll and a Committee was established.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2004 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Committee reviewed their draft Strategic Plan and determined that they would like to once again meet with schools and interested parties in the fall to discuss issues of importance. The Committee requested that staff inquire as to when the Marriage and Family Therapist Consortium meets and see if the Committee can meet in conjunction with these meetings. In addition, the Committee would like to again meet with the schools of social work. Staff will contact Dean Midgley from the University of California Berkeley and inquire whether the Committee could meet with the northern California schools at UC Berkeley.

Mr. Manoleas asked that the Committee review the forms used to verify the hours and school monitoring of practicum experience at a future meeting.

GLYNIS MORROW MOVED, VICTOR LAW SECONDED, AND THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED TO ADOPT THE DRAFT 2004 STRATEGIC PLAN.

2. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

California State University Sacramento (CSUS) had asked the Board to consider amending the law to allow an applicant to come back to their school within seven years and take additional marriage and family therapist coursework to obtain a marriage and family therapist degree. This would allow applicants to obtain a non-single integrated degree.

Mary Riemersma, Executive Director of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, stated that as a historical perspective, this change would be revisiting 1986 when applicants were allowed to apply for licensure with several different degrees. There was a reason for the change and it should stay as is currently written. This change would weaken and diminish the profession.

Ms. Mehl explained that any change of this nature would entail a dramatic revision of the law. It is important for an individual to obtain a single integrated degree, which includes the integration of practice and theory throughout coursework required for the degree.

The Committee discussed this issue and expressed their desire to survey the schools to determine if it is appropriate to offer a non-single integrated degree. In addition, the Committee asked to question the schools as to if they can offer this arrangement without a law change.

Ms. Mehl indicated that she would work with the Chair and Committee to draft a survey and send it to schools for their input. Ms. Mehl then indicated that it might be within the school's jurisdiction to offer a degree accepted in law in this manner.

Ms. Mehl explained that the Committee would need to review the law to determine the number of changes that would need to take place to approve this type of arrangement.

Ms. Mehl then stated that the Program Certification form verifies that the education obtained met all of the required core curriculum requirements as well as the standards necessary in order for the Board to accept their degree.

Ms. Riemersma indicated that CAMFT would be opposed to this suggested change and is concerned if this can occur without changing the law. She indicated that the Board and professional associations must protect the profession against that from occurring and that this change would be an abomination of the profession.

GLYNIS MORROW MOVED, PETER MANOLEAS SECONDED, AND THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED TO HAVE STAFF SURVEY MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST DEGREE GRANTING SCHOOLS TO OBTAIN THEIR INPUT ON THIS ISSUE.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.