

(Approved November 18, 2004)

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

**August 19, 2004**

**EMBASSY SUITES  
1440 IMPERIAL AVENUE  
EL SEGUNDO**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Peter Manoleas, LCSW Member, Acting Chair  
Victor Law, Public Member  
Howard Stein, Public Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Karen Pines, MFT Member, Committee Chair  
Jane Nathanson, MFT Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Denise Johnson, Interim Executive Officer  
Kristy Schieldge, Legal Counsel  
Julie McAuliffe, Administrative Analyst

**GUEST LIST ON FILE**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:55 a.m.

Ms. McAuliffe called the roll and a Committee was established. Mr. Manoleas chaired the Committee meeting in Ms. Pine's absence.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 20, 2004 MINUTES**

HOWARD STEIN MOVED, VICTOR LAW SECONDED, AND THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2004.

Mr. Manoleas expressed his concern about a comment from Sherry Mehl, previous Executive Officer of the Board, at the May meeting regarding the possibility of collapsing the standard and clinical vignette written examinations into one examination in the future. Ms. McAuliffe indicated that Dr. Ferrell from the Office of Examination Resources would be presenting that issue to the Board at the November meeting and indicated that she would inform Dr. Ferrell of the Board's interest of her elaborating on this issue. In addition, Mr. Manoleas asked that this issue be clearly identified on the November agenda so the public will be aware of this area of discussion.

## **2. EXAMINATION STATISTICS**

The current statistics were provided to the Committee. Ms. Johnson stated that the final statistics from the Licensed Clinical Social Worker clinical vignette examinations reflect a 65% pass rate. The Marriage and Family Therapist examination cycle will not be completed until the end of September. As of the date of the meeting, the pass rate was 45%.

An audience member expressed her curiosity regarding the discrepancy between the licensing examinations pass rates. She questioned whether it was reflective of a different degree of difficulty rather than a different degree of competence.

Mr. Manoleas indicated that the Committee did not have enough data at this time to provide a comparison.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.