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Dear BBS News reader,

Our Spring 2010 Issue is full of information relating to major changes either already occurring or set to occur in the near future. These changes include: mandatory fingerprint background checks for many BBS licensees, modifications to some MFT and LCSW experience requirements, upcoming MFT curriculum changes, and the creation of a new mental health professional license – Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. This issue will provide you with information on all these topics, but in order to continue to stay informed and receive the most up-to-date news, consider signing up for the BBS’ E-mail Subscriber List (http://www.bbs.ca.gov/quick_links/subscribe.shtml).

Please enjoy this issue, and remember to stay informed!

-Sean O’Connor, BBS News Editor

Changes to MFT and LCSW Supervised experience Requirements

Significant changes to BBS experience requirements took effect on January 1, 2010. The changes to experience and supervision requirements only apply to work experience gained on or after January 1, 2010. Registrants, applicants, supervisors, and employers will all need to be aware of these changes. The BBS encourages you to stay informed via the BBS E-mail Subscriber List (http://www.bbs.ca.gov/quick_links/subscribe.shtml).

CHANGES RELATING TO LCSW EXPERIENCE AND SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS

Two major supervision changes affect both Associate Clinical Social Workers (ASW) and ASW supervisors. ASWs working in a governmental entity, a school, college, or university, or an institution that is both a nonprofit and charitable institution will now be able obtain weekly direct supervisor contact via live two-way videoconferencing. The law also now clarifies that group supervision can be provided in one-hour increments, as long as both increments (full two hours) are provided in the same week as the experience claimed. The law now limits the number of ASWs and MFT Interns that a practitioner may supervise or employ to a total of two. Furthermore, the law now clearly prohibits an ASW from leasing or renting space, paying for furnishings, equipment, supplies, or in any other way paying for the obligations of his or her employer.

Another major change is the prohibition of ASWs from working in a private practice setting under a second ASW registration number. ASWs will still be able to work in employment settings other than a private practice (e.g. public agencies, schools, etc.).

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BBS Offices Closed the First Three Fridays of Every Month

BBS offices will be closed the first three Fridays of every month until June 30, 2010. In July 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued Executive Order-S-13-09 placing state employees on three-day per month furloughs regardless of funding source.

BBS staff will continue to strive to provide exceptional customer service, but please be patient as maintaining desired levels of customer service while losing three business days a month is a challenge. Also, exam candidates can continue to schedule and take examinations on the first three Fridays of any month, but BBS staff will not be in the office to provide assistance on closure dates. Thank you for your patience.



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CHANGES RELATING TO MFT EXPERIENCE AND SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS

Substantial changes to experience categories and supervision will affect MFT Trainees, Interns, and their supervisors. After January 1, 2010, the first 150 hours gained providing conjoint treatment of couples and families will be double counted for a maximum credited value of 300 work experience hours. The categories previously separated out as Telephone Counseling and Telemedicine Counseling are now combined into one category with a maximum 375 hours permitted. Trainees will now be able to count hours in administering and evaluating psychological tests, or writing clinical reports, progress notes, or process notes. Previously, only MFT Interns could count these hours. A new work experience category will also be available to MFT Interns and Trainees as of 1/1/2010 – client-centered advocacy.

BREAKDOWN OF MFT WORK EXPERIENCE CATEGORIES ON AND AFTER 1/1/2010

- A. Direct Counseling Work Experience
 1. Individual Psychotherapy (no min and no max)
 2. Couples, Families, and Children (min 500 credited hours)
 - The first 150 conjoint couples and family hours can be double counted (e.g. 150 actual hours X 2 = 300 credited hours)
 3. Group Psychotherapy (max 500 hours)
 4. Telemedicine Counseling, including telephone counseling (max 375 hours)
- B. Adminstrating and evaluating psychological tests, writing clinical reports, writing progress notes or process notes (max 250 hours)
- C. Other Non-Counseling Work Experience (max 1,250 credited hours; all items below when added together shall not exceed 1,250 credited hours)
 1. Workshops, seminars, training sessions, and conferences (max 250 hours)
 2. Personal Psychotherapy (max 300 credited hours; e.g. 100 actual hours X 3 = 300 credited hours)
 3. Client-centered advocacy
 4. Direct Supervisor Contact (both individual and group counts as work experience)

Supervision-to-counseling experience ratio requirements are changing for MFT Interns. Under new laws, an MFT Intern must meet the mandatory minimum of one unit of supervision per week to count work experience in a setting, and he or she needs to obtain an additional unit of supervision in any week in which he or she earns more than 10 hours of direct counseling/psychotherapy hours in each work setting. This will significantly decrease the amount of supervision needed for MFT Interns who carry heavy counseling/psychotherapy caseloads. Similar to ASWs, MFT Interns working in a government entity, school, college or university, or an institution that is both nonprofit and charitable may obtain all supervision via videoconferencing, and group supervision can be gained in one-hour increments provided two hours occur in the same week.

TIP: The BBS is encouraging MFT Interns and Trainees currently gaining hours to sign off on all experience gained as of 12/31/2009. New forms are available on the BBS Web site (<http://www.bbs.ca.gov/forms.shtml>) to document hours gained after 1/1/2010.

Finally, MFT examination eligibility applicants must now submit copies of W-2 tax forms for each setting in which experience was gained as an MFT Intern. If the applicant volunteered, a letter from the employer will be required.

Loan Repayment Opportunity

Since its inception in 1989, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC)/State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) has created unique opportunities for primary care providers, including Licensed Clinical Social Workers and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, who are willing to practice in designated Health Professional Shortage Areas located throughout California. To date, the NHSC/SLRP proudly reports that it has provided loan repayment awards to approximately 850 individuals, totaling more than \$18 million in funding. The benefits of the NHSC/SLRP can be seen in the financial incentives available to providers, the recruitment and retention assistance it offers local facilities, and the backfill of healthcare professionals who are willing to provide services for patients in underserved areas.

In a state committed to healthcare reform, California strives to increase and improve the accessibility of healthcare for the public and its communities. The disparities that exist between the medically underserved populations and the need to provide adequate healthcare services have been recognized at both the State and the Federal level. The NHSC/SLRP was recently granted an additional \$2 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support additional loan repayment awards. These funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis from December 14, 2009, until February 14, 2010, or until all of the money is expended, whichever comes first. Loan repayment opportunities such as the NHSC/SLRP continue to thrive and seek the most eligible candidates in an effort to reduce health access barriers and disparities in underserved areas of California.





Message from the board chair Renee Lonner, LCSW

I am most honored to have been appointed to the Board nearly three years ago and to have been elected chair by the Board this past June. Immediately ahead of us, as a Board, we have the challenge of implementing new and exciting legislation, described below, in the context of serious ongoing fiscal problems facing the State of California.

First, we, the Board, BBS staff, former Executive Officer Paul Riches, and Executive Officer Kim Madsen, would like to express our appreciation to the four Board members who completed their terms this past July: Karen Roye, public member; Joan Walmsley, LCSW member; D'Karla Leach, public member; and Dr. Ian Russ, MFT member and Board Chair for the immediate past two terms. With the combination of Dr. Russ' leadership and the outstanding Board staff, major progress was made in fulfilling the mission for the Board as set by the Legislature. A specific major accomplishment was the passing of Senate Bill 33, which made a number of changes relating to the educational and supervised experience requirements for Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) licensure. In addition, during the terms of these Board members, relationships among the various stakeholders in the State were strengthened. These four members generously brought their energy, wisdom and broad experience to their responsibilities on the Board; we miss them and wish them well in their future endeavors.

As of this writing, the LPCC (Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor) bill has been signed by the Governor, creating a new category of licensed psychotherapist in California. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors will be licensed and regulated by the BBS and applications for this license will be accepted by the BBS starting January 2011. This bill includes a "grandparenting period," in which LCSW or MFT licensees, as well as certain applicants with a related (counseling or psychotherapy) master's or doctoral degree, are able to apply for the LPCC license. There will be several phases to the Board's establishing and implementing the LPCC application and exam processes, and highlights were discussed at the general Board meeting

in January 2010. Details about the bill and its provisions can be found on the BBS Web site, and in this issue of the *BBS News*.

In order to increase efficiency, given the limited size of the Board over the past few months, the Policy and Advocacy Committee and LCSW Education Committees have become a "committee of the whole"; that is, the work of these groups is now handled by the entire Board. At the last meeting, the Board and stakeholders discussed pending legislation, specifically the two Board omnibus bills awaiting action by the governor. Also introduced at this meeting and currently in the beginning phase of discussion is the possibility of two distinct licenses for MSWs: the current clinical license (LCSW) and the addition of a "macro" license, appropriate for leadership positions in, for example, social service agencies, mental health facilities, and other public or private organizations focused on community service, social action, and/or advocacy issues. This discussion is at the beginning stage of obtaining feedback, and interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate at upcoming Board meetings.

The Exam Program Review Committee expects to complete its major tasks during this calendar year and the final 2009 meeting was scheduled for December 7 in Los Angeles. Their results, in terms of reviewing the current LCSW and MFT exams, were presented to the full Board at the January 2010 meeting. Content of previous committee meetings can be found on the BBS Web site.

I would like to end this column in the way it started – by emphasizing that the Board is able to function effectively and address a wide array of pertinent issues because of the tremendous effort and commitment by the staff and management. As if to underscore this fact, it has recently been announced that Sean O'Connor has been selected as the Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) Northern California Employee of the Year. In his position at the BBS, Sean has been instrumental in advancing the Board on technological fronts, as well as planning and coordinating many outreach meetings throughout the year and throughout the State – all while attending a graduate program in public policy and administration! Board members and BBS staff extend their heartiest congratulations to Sean on this well-deserved honor.

I wish to invite all members of the MFT, LCSW, LEP, and future LPCC communities to attend our meetings and participate in the discussion of issues that affect consumer protection and the delivery of mental health services in California. This is an exciting and challenging time to be involved.

New BBS Fingerprinting Requirement for Licensees and Registrants

For approximately 15 years, the BBS has required applicants to complete a criminal background check by submitting fingerprints through the California Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Before that time, the BBS did not require applicants to submit a fingerprint clearance as a condition of license or registration.

The BBS adopted regulations effective June 19, 2009, requiring criminal background checks for all licensees and registrants who have either not been fingerprinted as a condition of licensure or registration or for whom no electronic record exists in the DOJ criminal offender record identification database. Approximately 35,000 licensees and registrants will be required to submit fingerprints due to this new regulation. The deadline for compliance will be the licensee or registrant's first expiration date occurring on or after October 31, 2009.

The BBS is notifying affected individuals in writing at least 90 days prior to their deadline. Additionally, the BBS is sending a follow-up reminder to individuals who have not complied within 30 days of their deadline. The BBS is encouraging licensees and registrants to keep their address of record updated because this is where all notifications will be sent. Forms, instructions, and frequently asked questions relating to the new fingerprinting requirement are available on the BBS Web site (www.bbs.ca.gov/licensees/licensee_fingerprint_requirement.shtml).

- Q:** I am a licensee/registrant. How do I find out if I need to comply?
- A:** If you are unsure if you need to be fingerprinted, please send an e-mail to the BBS (bbswebmaster@bbs.ca.gov). The e-mail should include your license/registration number, your name, and a statement that you would like to receive notification if the fingerprint requirement affects you.
- Q:** I've been fingerprinted many times in my life. Can I just send BBS that clearance? Or can I authorize my results be released from a previous fingerprint clearance?
- A:** The law states that third parties are not allowed to share your criminal background check results; thus, you will need to get fingerprinted for the BBS.
- Q:** Where do I get fingerprinting done?
- A:** Most local police or sheriff stations offer Live Scan fingerprinting services. For a list of service providers in your area, please visit the Attorney General's Web site (<http://ag.ca.gov/fingerprints/publications/contact.php>).

The BBS recognizes this fingerprinting requirement represents an inconvenience to many licensees and registrants, but criminal background checks are an essential component of the BBS' mission to protect consumers. The BBS Web site is a good resource should you have further questions regarding this new requirement (www.bbs.ca.gov/licensees/licensee_fingerprint_requirement.shtml).

BBS Hires New Executive Officer and Assistant Executive Officer

On January 25, 2010, the Board members selected Kim Madsen as the new BBS Executive Officer. Prior to her appointment as BBS Executive Officer, Kim served as BBS Assistant Executive Officer and BBS Licensing Program Manager. In addition to her experience working at the BBS, Kim served in the capacity of manager at the Department of Public Health and the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.

On February 24, 2010, Kim announced the hiring of Tracy Rhine as the new BBS Assistant Executive Officer. Prior to her appointment as BBS Assistant Executive Officer, Tracy served as a Legislative Analyst for the BBS. Tracy also served as a committee consultant for the Assembly Business and Professions Committee prior to her employment at the BBS.



Farewell to Executive Officer Paul Riches

On November 16, 2009, BBS Executive Officer Paul Riches accepted a position with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) as Deputy Director of Enforcement. Paul began his tenure as BBS Executive Officer in November 2004. His leadership and vision have helped to make the BBS a model State licensing and regulatory agency. Implementation of two strategic plans, the creation of the BBS' outreach program, improved transparency and accountability through performance measurement, and the successful passage of landmark education changes for California MFT programs are just a few of Paul's accomplishments as Executive Officer. He also served as a trusted mentor for BBS staff, always providing an "open door" to staff and willing to offer thoughtful advice. Paul's professional integrity, dedication, and commitment to excellent service left a lasting impression on the BBS' organizational values.

Board members and staff wish Paul well in his new position.

Farewell to Board Members

The terms of Board members Dr. Ian Russ, Joan Walmsley, Karen Roye, and D'Karla Leach expired on June 1, 2009. All four members exhibited a commitment to consumer protection and made valuable contributions toward making the BBS a model licensing agency. They will be missed.

DR. IAN RUSS, MFT

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Dr. Ian Russ as an MFT member in September 2005. Dr. Russ was an active member of the Board, regularly representing the Board at mental health agencies, professional association events, and MFT educators' consortium meetings. He served as Board chair from May 2007 to May 2009. He also chaired the MFT Education Committee, which worked with stakeholders and educators to draft legislation (SB 33) that will make significant improvements to MFT education requirements. The Governor signed this legislation into law in September 2009. Dr. Russ also served on the Policy and Advocacy Committee during his term. On May 22nd, 2009, Dr. Russ' peers on the Board adopted a resolution expressing "their heartfelt recognition and appreciation... for his outstanding contributions to the BBS."

JOAN WALMSLEY, LCSW

Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Joan Walmsley as an LCSW member in November 2005. Prior to her tenure as a Board member, she actively served in the BBS examination process, including serving as lead oral examiner from 1998 to 2000. Ms. Walmsley regularly represented the Board at outreach events, offering her insight and suggestions to future mental health professionals. She served as vice chair from May 2007 to May 2009. Ms. Walmsley also chaired the Communications Committee and served on the LCSW Education Committee, Consumer Protection Committee, and Examination Review Committee.

KAREN ROYE, PUBLIC MEMBER

Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Karen Roye as a public member in September 2006. Ms. Roye served on the Policy and Advocacy Committee, which, among other topics, reviews budget and efficiency matters. Ms. Roye's professional experience as a budget analyst for multiple public agencies provided foundation for her valuable contributions as a public Board member.

D'KARLA LEACH, PUBLIC MEMBER

Governor Schwarzenegger appointed D'Karla Leach as a public member in September 2006. Ms. Leach served on the Communications Committee and Planning Committee. Her educational and professional background in public administration made her a valuable asset to the Board.



Registrant Corner | A question and answer section with BBS Evaluators

By popular demand, “Registrant Corner” returns this issue with a question and answer section with BBS evaluators. We used real questions we’ve received from registrants and applicants and provided our evaluator’s responses. – Sean O’Connor, BBS News Editor

QUESTIONS RELATED TO OBTAINING AN LCSW LICENSE

Q: I’m employed in two different settings as a part-time clinical social worker gaining my supervised experience to sit for the exams. Am I able to gain hours in two settings simultaneously? And if so, what do I need to know to make sure I get credit for my work experience?

A: If you are meeting with a supervisor for one hour of individual supervision or two hours of group supervision in both work settings on a weekly basis, you can count those hours. You’ll also want to keep a couple things in mind. First, you’ll need W-2s from both places of employment because we are going to need copies of them when you send in your LCSW Examination Eligibility Application. Second, remember that 40 hours of work experience is the maximum amount that you are allowed to count per week. For more information, you may review section 4996.23 of the Business and Professions Code, which is available in the Statutes and Regulations publication on the BBS Web site. – Darlene York, Social Work Evaluator (916) 574-7852

Q: Could you please tell me what the weekly supervision requirements are now that I have completed all my hours and I am taking my examinations?

A: Any ASW registrant or applicant for examination must receive a minimum of one hour of direct supervision per week for each setting in which he or she is working. A good resource should you have further questions is the publication Answers to Most Frequently Asked Questions Relating to ASWs, which is available online in our “Forms and Publications” section (www.bbs.ca.gov/forms.shtml). – Terri Maloy, Social Work Evaluator (916) 574-7851

QUESTIONS RELATED TO OBTAINING AN MFT LICENSE

Q: I just received my MFT Intern registration number, and I want to start my own private practice. I will be under supervision, what do I need to do to make this happen?

A: You cannot perform clinical services in your own private practice until you are fully licensed as an MFT. As an MFT Intern, you may work in someone’s private practice as an employee, provided that you are working in a private practice owned and operated by a qualified and licensed mental health professional. Also, you must receive supervision from a qualified licensee who is either the owner or an employee of the private practice who practices at the same site as the employer. – Debbie Flewellyn, MFT Evaluator (Last Names L-Z) (916) 574-7853.

Q: My MFT Intern number is ready to expire soon, and I am at my six-year mark, and I have not finished all my hours yet. What do I need to do?

A: You need to apply for a second MFT Intern number so that you can continue gaining your hours. You can combine hours from your first and second MFT Intern registration number so long as your hours fall within the six years immediately preceding your application for examination eligibility. The only exception to the “six-year rule” is up to 500 hours of direct counseling and supervision experience gained while enrolled in practicum in your qualifying degree program. Also, you cannot work in a private practice employment setting under a second MFT Intern registration number. I suggest reviewing the publication Answers to Most Frequently Asked Questions Relating to MFT Trainees and Interns for additional information. You can access it on our “Forms and Publications” Web page. – Jessica Luttrell, MFT Evaluator (Last Names A-K) (916) 574-7854.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO OBTAINING AN LEP LICENSE

Q: I am currently in my third year of working as a full-time psychologist in the public schools. I also have a year of experience as an intern, supervised by an LEP, prior to those three years. Do I qualify for LEP licensure, and how do I apply?

A: Presuming that your one year of supervised experience occurred in an accredited school psychology program AND you have held a credential as a school psychologist for at least two of the three years you mention in your question, it appears that you may qualify for the LEP license. You can access the LEP Examination Eligibility Application in the “Forms and Publications” section of the BBS Web site. The application comes with instructions and further clarification on licensing requirements that I am sure you will find useful. – Vicki Baumbach, LEP Evaluator (916) 574-7832.

Enforcement disciplinary Actions – July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009

Disciplinary actions are public information, and public documents relating to each action are available via the BBS Web site. To access these documents, visit the Online Verification Web page (http://www.bbs.ca.gov/quick_links/weblookup.shtml) and input identifying information for the licensee (e.g. name or license number).

Sims, Ronald Allen

IMF 51608; Case No. IM-2007-1137
San Diego, CA

Decision: By default, registration revoked. Effective 9/26/2008.

Byrns, Sheila Elizabeth

MFC 15806, Case No. DP-2008-536
Berkeley, CA

Decision: By stipulation, voluntary surrender of license. Must pay cost recovery of \$5,071.50 prior to any new application for licensure. Effective 9/26/2008.

Chesher, Brian Kenneth

MFC 28326, Case No. MF-2005-424
Fontana, CA

Decision: By stipulation, license revoked, stayed, placed on probation for four years with 60 days actual suspension. Terms and conditions of probation include, but not limited to, psychological evaluation, psychotherapy, and supervision. Must pay cost recovery of \$15,000. Effective 9/26/2008.

Perry, Theodore Robert

ASW 14388, Case No. AS-2006-851
San Bernardino, CA

Decision: By stipulation, registration revoked, stayed, placed on probation for five years. Terms and conditions of probation include, but not limited to, psychotherapy, supervision, and rehab program. Must pay cost recovery of \$2,500. Effective 9/26/2008.

Saville, Scott Lee

ASW 12226, Case No. AS-2005-970
Elk Grove, CA

Decision: By stipulation, registration revoked, stayed, placed on probation for four years. Terms and condition of probation include, but not limited to, psychotherapy and supervision. Must pay cost recovery of \$1,500. Effective 9/26/2008.

Folisi, Salvatore Hansen

IMF 39564, Case No. IM-2008-487
San Diego, CA

Decision: By stipulation, registration surrendered. Must pay cost recovery of \$6,500 prior to any new application. Effective 9/29/2008.

White, Mary Allyn

MFC 37753, Case No. MF-2005-402
San Diego, CA

Decision: License revoked. Effective 11/19/2008

Kuo-Boyer, Mable Shyh-Wen

LCS 19696, Case No. D1-2006-167
Modesto, CA

Decision: By stipulation, license voluntarily surrendered. Effective 4/1/2009

McGinnis, John

IMF 42841 and MFC 47040, Case No. IM-2008-509
Danville, CA

Decision: By stipulation, registration revoked, MFT license issued then immediately revoked, revocation stayed, placed on probation for five years. Terms and conditions of probation include, but not limited to, psychotherapy and rehab program. Must pay cost recovery of \$3,672. Effective 4/1/2009.

Fry, Orvin C.

MFC 21406, Case No. MF-2006-527
Grass Valley, CA

Decision: By stipulation, license revoked, stayed, placed on probation for two years. Terms and conditions of probation include, but not limited to, law and ethics coursework. Must pay cost recovery of \$3,218.25. Effective 4/1/2009.

Wood, Casandra Jean

IMF 49622, Case No. IM-2007-305
Sacramento, CA

Decision: By stipulation, registration surrendered. Must pay cost recovery of \$1,738 prior to new application. Effective 4/1/2009.

Lake, Sara Kaye

LCS 21453, Case No. LC-2008-292
Thousand Oaks, CA

Decision: By stipulation, license revoked. Must pay cost recovery of \$3,500, prior to reinstatement of license. Effective 4/2/2009.

Cook, Donald James

IMF 59817, Case No. AP-2008-8
Apple Valley, CA

Decision: By decision, registration issued, immediately revoked, stayed, placed on probation for five years. Terms and conditions of probation include, but not limited to, psychological evaluation, psychotherapy, and shall not engage in therapy with any client under 13 years of age. Effective 4/2/2009.

Larsen, Galen Bruce

MFC 9360, Case No. MF-2005-268
Dana Point, CA

Decision: By decision, license revoked. Must pay cost recovery of \$60,429.93. Effective 4/1/2009.

Bibbens, Rosalind Jewell

ASW 16942, Case No. D1-2003-923
San Jose, CA

Decision: By default, registration revoked. Effective 4/2/2009.

Wagner, Mark Richard

MFC 19834 and LCS 10604, Case No. DL-2008-281
Sonora, CA

Decision: By default, licenses revoked. Effective 4/2/2009.

Gove, Rosalyn Debra

IMF 43357, Case No. IM-2007-693
Sherman Oaks, CA

Decision: By default, registration revoked. Effective 4/2/2009.

Davis, David Allen

ASW 26023, Case No. AP-2007-276
Los Osos, CA

Decision: By stipulation, registration issued, immediately revoked, stayed, placed on probation for three years. Terms and conditions include, but not limited to, supervised practice, psychological evaluation, psychotherapy, and biological fluid testing. Effective 5/20/2009.

Davis, Therese J.

IMF 47951, Case No. IM-2007-775
San Diego, CA

Decision: By stipulation, registration revoked, stayed, placed on probation for three years. Terms and conditions include, but not limited to, law and ethics course. Must pay cost recovery of \$7,347. Effective 5/20/2009.

Evans, Patricia Ann

IMF 50523, Case No. IM-2007-911
Lakeside, CA

Decision: By stipulation, registration revoked, stayed, placed on probation for four years. Terms and conditions include, but not limited to, supervised practice and psychotherapy. Must pay cost recovery of \$1,200. Effective 5/20/2009.

McFadden, Connor

IMF 51379, Case No. IM-2008-1166
Oceanside, CA

Decision: By stipulation, registration revoked, stayed, placed on probation for three years. Terms and conditions include, but not limited to, law and ethics course-work. Must pay cost recovery of \$1,850. Effective 5/20/2009.

Salomon, David

IMF 48775, Case No. IM-2007-1207
Riverside, CA

Decision: By stipulation, registration voluntarily surrendered. Effective 5/20/2009.

Legislation Update



For more information, see California's Legislative Counsel Web site at www.leginfo.ca.gov, or contact your professional association.

The following bills were signed into law October 11, 2009, and became effective January 1, 2010:

Senate Bills 819 and 821 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development) - Board Omnibus Bills. These bills make the following changes:

ENFORCEMENT

(a) Prohibits the Board from publishing on the Internet for more than five years the final determination of a citation and fine of \$1,500 or less against a registrant or licensee. (Business and Professions Code (BPC) § 4990.09)

(b) Allows the registration of an Associate Clinical Social Worker (ASW) or Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) Intern that has been revoked, suspended or put on probation to petition for reinstatement or modification of penalty. (BPC § 4982.2)

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST ACT TITLE

Adds the following title to Chapter 13 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code: "This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Marriage and Family Therapist Act." (BPC § 4980.04)

OUT-OF-STATE LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER (LCSW) ELIGIBILITY

Makes a technical change to language relating to eligibility for out-of-state LCSW applicants that clarifies that an applicant must currently hold a valid license from another state at the time of application. (BPC § 4996.17(b))

ASW WORK IN PRIVATE PRACTICE

Prohibits ASWs on a second or subsequent registration to be employed in a private practice setting. (BPC § 4996.28(b))

SUPERVISION IN PRIVATE PRACTICE OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

Limits the number of registrants a practitioner may supervise in private practice to a total of two individuals registered as an MFT Intern or ASW. Places the same limits on practitioners

supervising in a professional corporation, for a total limit of 10 registrants per corporation. (BPC §§ 4980.45 and 4996.24)

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

(a) Adds to the provisions of unprofessional conduct for all licensees the act of subverting or attempting to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination. (BPC §§ 4982(ab), 4989.54(z) and 4992.3(z))

(b) Deletes the following language from the unprofessional conduct statute: "Conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances or any combination thereof." (BPC §§ 4992.3(c), 4982(c) and 4989.54(d))

(c) Adds to the unprofessional conduct statute for Licensed Educational Psychologists (LEPs) failure to comply with telemedicine statute (BPC 2290.5). (BPC § 4989.54(d))

(d) Makes it unprofessional conduct for an LEP to use, or offer to use, drugs in the course of performing education psychology, unless he or she is a licensed physician and surgeon. (BPC § 4989.54(c))

(e) Makes it unprofessional conduct for an LEP to permit someone under his or her supervision or control to hold himself or herself out as competent to perform professional services beyond his or her education, training or experience. (BPC § 4989.54(ab))

(f) Makes it unprofessional conduct for an LEP to impersonate another licensee or allow his or her license to be used by another person. (BPC § 4989.54(aa))

(g) Clarifies that any conduct by an MFT or LCSW during the supervision of any registrant that violates the rules and regulations adopted by

the Board, is unprofessional conduct. (BPC § 4982(r) and 4992.3(s))

(h) Revises the definitions of “gross negligence” and “incompetence” as it relates to the unprofessional conduct of LCSWs to conform to current regulations. (BPC § 4992.3(d) and (e))

(i) Requires an LCSW to limit access to psychological tests or other assessment devices to persons with professional interest that are expected to safeguard the use of those tests or devices. (BPC § 4992.3(r))

(j) Revised the definition of unprofessional conduct in advertising for all licensees by making reference to Business and Professions Code section 651 and adding the word “fraudulent.” (BPC §§ 4989.54(e), 4982 (p) and 4992.3(q)).

ASSOCIATE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SUPERVISION

(a) Permits ASWs to gain hours of direct supervisor contact via videoconferencing. (BPC § 4996.23(c)(5)(7))

(b) Allows group supervision to be provided in one-hour increments, as long as both increments (full two hours) are provided in the same week as the experience claimed. (BPC § 4996.23(c)(2) and(4))

(c) Prohibits an ASW from leasing or renting a space, paying for furnishings, equipment, supplies, or in any other way paying for the obligations of his or her employer. (BPC § 4996.23(l) (3))

EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY

Sets forth examination eligibility provisions related to LEPs and LCSWs that conform to those that apply to MFTs. These provisions do the following:

(a) Prohibits the Board from denying an applicant admission to the standard written examination, postponing the

written examination, or delaying the results of the examination solely on the receipt by the Board of a complaint alleging acts of misconduct by the applicant. (BPC § 4989.22(d) and 4992.1(d))

(b) Requires the Board to allow an applicant that is the subject of a complaint or is under investigation, to take the clinical vignette examination if he or she has passed the standard written examination. Allows the Board to withhold the results of the clinical vignette examination or notify the applicant that licensure is pending the completion of the investigation. (BPC § 4989.22(e) and 4992.1(e))

(c) Allows the Board to deny any applicant that has previously failed either the standard written or clinical vignette examination permission to retake either examination pending completion of the investigation of any complaint pending against the applicant. (BPC § 4989.22(f) and 4992.1(f))

ADVERTISING

(a) Requires that advertisements for services rendered by an MFT Trainee include the Trainee’s name, the supervisor’s license designation and license number. (BPC § 4980.48(b))

(b) Adds a definition of “advertising” for LEPs and LCSWs that is consistent with the definition of advertising related to the practice of MFTs. (BPC §§ 4989.49, 4992.2)

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

(a) Repeals code sections containing obsolete language. (BPC §§ 4981, 4994.1, 4996.20, and 4996.21)

(b) Clarifies that a person desiring to practice marriage and family therapy in California must obtain a license from the Board. (BPC § 4980.30)

(c) Deletes an errant reference to “annual” license renewal. (BPC § 4996.5)

(d) Makes other technical and conforming changes.

The following bill was signed into law August 5, 2009, and become effective January 1, 2010:

SB 33 (Correa) Marriage and Family Therapist Educational Requirements This bill will make a number of changes relating to supervised experience and education required to become an MFT. For more information see the relevant articles in this issue of *BBS News*.

OTHER LEGISLATION

The following bills were signed into law and became effective January 1, 2010.

AB 681 (HERNANDEZ) CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEDICAL INFORMATION: PSYCHOTHERAPY EXEMPTION

This proposal will allow a psychotherapist to disclose information related to the patient’s outpatient treatment, if the psychotherapist in good faith believes the disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a reasonably foreseeable victim or victims, and the disclosure is made to a person or persons reasonably able to prevent or lessen the threat, including the target of the threat, without a written request, as specified in current law. At its meeting on May 22, 2009, the Board took a position of “support” on this legislation. Chapter 464, Statutes of 2009.

AB 1113 (LOWENTHAL) DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION: MFT INTERN EXPERIENCE

This proposal will allow marriage and family therapist interns to gain clinical experience in State correctional facilities. At its meeting on May 22, 2009, the Board took a position of “support” on this legislation. Chapter 135, Statutes of 2009.

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SB 296 (LOWENTHAL) MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: BENEFIT INFORMATION

This proposal will require every healthcare service plan that offers professional mental health services to establish a Web site that includes plan policies and procedures related to enrollee benefits, modified contracts, providers, continuity of care, independent review, and grievances. Additionally, this bill will require healthcare service plans subject to this bill to issue benefits cards to each enrollee to include specified information. At its meeting on May 22, 2009, the Board took a position of “support” on this legislation. Chapter 575, Statutes of 2009.

SB 788 (WYLAND) LICENSED PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELORS

This bill establishes title protection and licensure for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCC), with the program to be administered by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. For more information please see the article in this issue of *BBS News*.

The following bill was vetoed by the Governor in 2009:

AB 244 (BEALL) MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

This bill will require health care service plan contracts which provide hospital, medical, or surgical coverage, and health insurance policies issued, amended or renewed on or after January 1, 2010, to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness of a person of any age under the terms and conditions applied to other medical conditions. At its meeting on May 22, 2009, the Board adopted the position of “support” on this bill.

The following bills failed passage in the Legislature during the 2009 legislative session but may be acted upon in the 2010 session:

AB 484 (ENG) LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR UNPAID TAX LIABILITIES

This bill would allow the Franchise Tax Board to suspend a license issued by the Board if the licensee has unpaid tax liabilities. The Board adopted a position of “oppose unless amended” at its meeting on May 22, 2009. The Board asked the author to amend the bill to instead allow the entity that issued the license (the Board) to suspend the license of an individual with outstanding tax liabilities. This bill failed passage in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

AB 1310 (HERNANDEZ) DATA SURVEY REQUIREMENT FOR HEALING ARTS BOARDS

This proposal would require specified boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs to add and label as “mandatory” certain fields on an application for initial licensure or renewal. The Board adopted a position of “oppose unless amended” at its meeting on May 22, 2009. This bill was amended June 29, 2009, to require the boards to collect this information “in a manner deemed appropriate by the board,” but not make the disclosures a condition of licensure or renewal. This bill failed passage in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 389 (NEGRETE MCLEOD) FINGERPRINT SUBMISSION

This proposal would require, beginning January 1, 2011, specified entities under the Department of Consumer Affairs to require, as a condition of licensure renewal, the submission of fingerprints by licensees for whom an electronic record of the submission of fingerprints no longer exists with the Department of Justice. The Board adopted a position of “oppose unless amended” at its meeting on May 22, 2009. The Board has asked the author’s office to exempt the Board from the requirements of the bill. Recently approved regulatory changes allow the Board to require the submission of fingerprints by licensees

beginning October 31, 2009. This bill failed passage in the Assembly Committee on Public Safety.

SB 543 (LENO) MINORS: CONSENT TO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

This proposal would allow a minor who is 12 years of age or older to consent to mental health services on an outpatient basis or to a residential shelter facility if the minor is mature enough to participate intelligently in the counseling services or if the minor would present a danger of serious physical or mental harm to self or others. The Board adopted a position of “oppose” at its meeting on May 22, 2009. This bill was amended June 1, 2009, to address the primary concerns of the Board. This bill is inactive on the Assembly Floor.

New Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor License Coming Soon

In October 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger signed Senate Bill 788, creating a new mental health professional license in California. The BBS will have regulatory authority over this new license type – Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC). With the creation of the LPCC license in California, all 50 states now have a form of professional counselor licensure. This license type establishes a path to licensure in California for those with a professional counselor license in other states or with education as a school or rehabilitation counselor.

Although the bill became law on January 1, 2010, the BBS cannot begin accepting applications for LPCC licensure until January 1, 2011. During the initial phase of this new license, most qualifying individuals will earn a license via the “grandparenting” method or through out-of-state equivalent licensure.

GRANDPARENTING LPCC LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

From January 1, 2011, until June 30, 2011, the BBS will accept applications for grandparented LPCC licensure status. Applications submitted during this period will have one year to remedy any deficiency identified in the application. The population eligible for “grandparenting” includes current MFTs and LCSWs as well as counselors who do not currently hold a license with the BBS but who meet specified requirements.

For MFTs and LCSWs interested in applying for “grandparented” LPCC licensure, the applicant must possess a valid MFT or LCSW license, hold a master’s degree that is counseling or psychotherapy in content, and meet specified coursework requirements in core subject matter areas. (See Table 1 for descriptions of the core subject matter areas.) Any applicant who did not have all the core content areas covered in his or her qualifying degree program must complete the required coursework before an LPCC license will be issued. An examination may be required for “grandparented” MFTs and LCSWs if the California Office of Professional Examination Services determines significant differences exist between the practice of licensed professional clinical counselors and marriage and family therapy or clinical social work. The BBS will make this determination known prior to January 1, 2011.



Counselors who do not qualify under current law to hold a license with the BBS can qualify for the LPCC license under the “grandparenting” provisions. These individuals also must have a qualifying master’s degree that is counseling or psychotherapy in content and meet all the core educational content areas specified in Table 1. In addition, the applicant must have at least two years full-time, or equivalent, post-degree counseling experience, including at least 1,700 hours of experience in a clinical setting while supervised by an appropriately licensed or certified mental health professional. The applicant must also have a passing score on three exams: the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification or the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination; the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination; and a California jurisprudence and ethics examination, when developed by the Board. A license earned in this manner will be valid for six years from its issuance date, provided that the license is renewed annually during that time. After the six-year period, the license shall be canceled unless the licensee passes the required examinations on or after January 1, 2012, or proves that he or she already completed the required examinations, and renews the license. For more information on “grandparenting” requirements, see sections 4999.54 and 4999.56 of the bill.

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS

Out-of-state applicants must meet slightly different criteria to qualify. One major difference between qualifying for licensure via this method as opposed to the “grandparenting” method is the need to pass whatever licensing examination(s) the BBS adopts prior to earning the license. Applications for licensure received prior to January 1, 2014, must have held, for at least two years, a license as a profes-

sional clinical counselor, or the equivalent, in another state. Experience and education gained outside of California shall be accepted if it is substantially equivalent to the requirements in California. Additionally, the applicant must complete an 18-hour California law and professional ethics course and complete 250 hours of supervised work experience in California while registered as an LPCC Intern. For more information, see sections 4999.58 through 4999.62 of the bill.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

Staff at the BBS will be working over the next year to create applications, propose and implement regulations, evaluate and implement examinations, and publish informational resources for individuals interested in this new license type. BBS management and staff ask that you remain patient as the creation of a new license type represents a major undertaking on the part of the BBS. Continue to monitor the BBS Web site for more information as it becomes available. Please consider signing up for LPCC e-mail notifications via the BBS' E-mail Subscriber List (www.bbs.ca.gov/quick_links/subscribe.shtml).

You can also read the actual language for the bill at www.leginfo.ca.gov (search Senate Bill 788).

TABLE 1. LPCC CORE EDUCATIONAL CONTENT AREAS

Requirement: An applicant satisfies a core content area if he or she obtains the equivalent of at least three semester units or four and one-half quarter units of graduate study.

1. Counseling and psychotherapeutic theories and techniques, including the counseling process in a multicultural society, an orientation to wellness and prevention, counseling theories to assist in selecting of appropriate counseling interventions, models of counseling consistent with current professional research and practice, development of a personal model of counseling, and multidisciplinary responses to crises, emergencies, and disasters.
2. Human growth and development across the lifespan, including normal and abnormal behavior and an understanding of developmental crises, disability, psychopathology, and situational and environmental factors that affect both normal and abnormal behavior.
3. Career development theories and techniques, including career development decision making models and interrelationships among and between work, family, and other life roles and factors, including the role of multicultural issues in career development.
4. Group counseling theories and techniques, including principles of group dynamics, group process components, group developmental stage theories, therapeutic factors of group work, group leadership styles and approaches, pertinent research and literature, group counseling methods, and evaluation of effectiveness.

5. Assessment, appraisal, and testing of individuals, including basic concepts of standardized and nonstandardized testing and other assessment techniques, norm-referenced and criterion-referenced assessment, statistical concepts, social and cultural factors related to assessment and evaluation of individuals and groups, and ethical strategies for selecting, administering, and interpreting assessment instruments and techniques in counseling.
6. Multicultural counseling theories and techniques, including counselors' roles in developing cultural self-awareness, identity development, promoting cultural social justice, individual and community strategies for working with and advocating for diverse populations, and counselors' roles in eliminating biases and prejudices, and processes of intentional and unintentional oppression and discrimination.
7. Principles of the diagnostic process, including differential diagnosis, and the use of current diagnostic tools, such as the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, the impact of co-occurring substance use disorders or medical psychological disorders, established diagnostic criteria for mental or emotional disorders, and the treatment modalities and placement criteria within the continuum of care.
8. Research and evaluation, including studies that provide an understanding of research methods, statistical analysis, the use of research to inform evidence-based practice, the importance of research in advancing the profession of counseling, and statistical methods used in conducting research needs assessment and program evaluation.
9. Professional orientation, ethics, and law in counseling, including California law and professional ethics for professional clinical counselors, professional ethical standards and legal considerations, licensing law and process, regulatory laws that delineate the profession's scope of practice, counselor-client privilege, confidentiality, the client dangerous to self or others, treatment of minors with or without parental consent, relationship between practitioner's sense of self and human values, functions and relationships with other human service providers, strategies for collaboration, and advocacy processes needed to address institutional and social barriers that impede access, equity, and success for clients.

Enforcement Citations

July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

NAME	LICENSE NUMBER	FINE AMOUNT
MICHAEL ANASTASI	MFC 6192	\$1,200
CHAYIM BARTON	MFC 22737	\$300
CORALYN BRETT	MFC 36819	\$150
JOEL BROSS	MFC 6218	\$1,000
CARLA DEROSE	MFC 29941	\$600
CHRISTINA DOUD	MFC 13862	\$150
IRMA FAMULARO	MFC 39094	\$150
STEVEN GALPER	LCS 15713	\$1,200
SHAARON GAREY	MFC 31578	\$1,000
MICHAEL GINGERICH	LCS 4154	\$800
MORTEZA KHALEGHI	MFC 22298	\$150
GERALD KUNKEL	MFC 14057	\$600
CHAROLETTE LEWIS	MFC 19574	\$600
KERRY MALDINER	MFC 27342	\$300
TERI MIDDLETON	MFC 22357	\$600
KAREN RIPPY	MFC 17775	0
DONOVAN SCALES	MFC 12358	\$400
ROSY TRAN	MFC 35345	\$150

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

MARLENE BRAM	LCS 2221	\$1,000
BARBARA KIRSCH	MFC 18411	\$750
CHARLOTTE MORGAN	MFC 14153	\$750
LUCIA MUSSO	MFC 25721	\$500

DISHONEST ACT

JOEL KELSCH	LCS 14390	\$1,000
TED MASTERS	IMF 45674	\$750
KENNETH MOKAN	LCS 22771	\$1,000

BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY

PAULA HARRIS	LCS 20523	\$750

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT *(Cont.)*

NAME	LICENSE NUMBER	FINE AMOUNT
MISREPRESENTATION		
LORI SALINAS	MFC 45459	\$350
UNLICENSED PRACTICE		
ALAN PTASHEK	Unlicensed	\$5,000
FAILURE TO KEEP RECORDS		
SARA JANE HARRIS	MFC 20121	\$1,200
AIDING OR ABETTING UNLICENSED PRACTICE		
AMY ELLIS	MFC 40536	\$2,000

SB 33 mandates new MFT curriculum



California MFT degree requirements are going to look quite different beginning August 1, 2012. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently signed Senate Bill 33, which makes major changes to mandated curricula for MFT qualifying degree programs in California.

HISTORY OF MFT CURRICULUM CHANGES

MFT educational requirements have not been substantively changed since 1988, and the practice of marriage and family therapy has evolved over the past 20 years. Recent trends and events significantly impacting the practice of marriage and family therapy include the expansion of employment opportunities for MFTs, an increase in the number of MFTs working in the public sector, and the transformation of delivery of mental health service under the Mental Health Services Act.

In May 2006, the Board appointed a committee to review the curriculum requirements for MFTs and determine their practicality given the recent trends in the MFT profession. After reviewing various studies on MFT core competencies and workforce data, and holding a number of meetings with schools, agencies, consumers, and students, the committee recommended specific curricular changes to the full Board in December 2007. The Board approved these changes at its February 21, 2008, meeting.

In 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed SB 1218, the legislation which included the proposed changes to MFT curriculum in California. State Senator Lou Correa re-introduced the MFT curriculum changes as SB 33 in the 2009 legislative session, and the Governor signed SB 33 into law in August 2009.

WHO DOES IT AFFECT AND WHAT IS CHANGING?

The new education requirements take effect on August 1, 2012, and they apply to individuals beginning a qualifying degree program on or after this date. Students who began a qualifying degree program prior to August 1, 2012, will have until January 1, 2019, to complete their degree program under the old requirements before they will be required to meet the new requirements.

The new education requirements include an expansion of the minimum required units for a qualifying degree program from 48 to 60 semester units. While the new law will require additional subject matter areas be included in a qualifying degree program, required hours and units for particular coursework have been removed in many cases. This provides schools with the opportunity to infuse subject matter areas in multiple courses, or combine mandatory content into one course, allowing for innovation in curriculum design.

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Increasingly, MFTs and MFT Interns are working in public mental health settings, and to better prepare future MFTs for this environment, the new education requirements include mandatory training and education including, but not limited to, the following subject matter areas:

- Case management.
- Working with the severely mentally ill.
- Collaborative treatment.
- Disaster and trauma response.
- Evidence based and promising practices.
- Co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.
- Legal and ethical standards for different types of work settings.

DEGREE PROGRAMS WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Opportunities for students to meet with consumers and family members.
- Greater emphasis on culture.
- Greater understanding of the impact of socioeconomic position.

In addition to new subject matter requirements, the new law also makes alterations to existing aspects of MFT education requirements. Students subject to the new law must be enrolled in practicum at all times while seeing clients as an MFT Trainee, and practicum instruction must include training in working with families, documentation skills, applied use of theory, and how to connect people with community resources and support. The current coursework requirements for child abuse assessment and reporting and law and ethics must now be taken within the degree program, prior to registration as an MFT Intern.

While schools are not required to comply with the new educational requirements until August 1, 2012, schools can choose to be “early adopters” of the new requirements, and students enrolled in these “early adopter” colleges and universities will be required to meet the new requirements.

The BBS is committed to providing school faculty with the resources necessary to successfully implement these new education requirements. For extensive resources and information relating to the new requirements, please visit the MFT Educational Requirements page on the BBS Web site at www.bbs.ca.gov/bd_activity/mft_educ_comm_update.shtml. Please also consider signing up for the BBS E-mail Subscriber list to keep informed of new resources as they become available (www.bbs.ca.gov/quick_links/subscribe.shtml).

BBS Welcomes New Board Members

Since the last issue of the *BBS News*, six new Board members have been appointed to the BBS. Please take some time to get to know our newest Board members by reading the summary biographies below.

Samara Ashley was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as a public member in January 2010. She has served as director of government affairs for the Port of Long Beach since 2007. Previously, Ms. Ashley was an account executive for Cerrell Associates from 2004 to 2007, district field representative for State Senator Betty Karnette from 2002 to 2004 and social service director and case manager for California Care Center from 1999 to 2002. She is a member of the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce, Women's Transportation Seminar, and American Association of Port Authorities.

The California State Assembly appointed **Dr. Harry Douglas** to the Board as a public member in May 2009. Dr. Douglas has more than 35 years of experience in the health and higher education fields. He served in multiple administrative positions at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science from 1983-2004, including Interim President, Executive Vice President, and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Douglas' professional interests include a focus on creating healthcare systems that are responsive to minorities and other underserved populations. He organized model curricula around health promotion/disease prevention with a focus on disadvantaged populations. He also serves as a consultant on health and education policy issues for numerous public and private organizations.

Marie "Mona" Ramona Foster was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as a public member in January 2010. Prior to retirement after 36 years of public service, she was an associate governmental program analyst for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Foster is an active community volunteer and founder of Hui O'Hawaii of Sacramento, co-founder of the Indigenous Pacific Islander Council, co-founder of the Sacramento Pacific Islander Leadership Forum and co-chair of the Sacramento District Attorney's Multicultural Advisory Council. She is a member of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Advisory Council, Cal-Expo Cultural Advisory Council, Vice-Chair for the Board of Directors for the Coalition of Asian and Pacific Islanders Together for Advocacy and Leadership, and a Board of Director for Alta California Regional Center,

among other leadership positions. Ms. Foster is the recipient of numerous certificates and resolutions for her volunteer services to her community.

Patricia Lock-Dawson was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as a public member in January 2010. She has served the city of Riverside as planning commissioner since 2007 and director of the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Partnership for Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione since 2005. Additionally, Ms. Lock-Dawson has been principal of PLD Consulting since 2003. Previously, she worked for Riverside County's Executive Office as environmental programs advisor from 2000 to 2006. She was an ecologist, ecosystem planner and a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Geological Survey from 1994 to 2001 and state wetlands coordinator for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources from 1992 to 1994. She is a member of the Riverside Land Conservancy Board of Governors, Raincross Group, and President of the Inland Empire Chapter of CA Women Lead, a statewide women's leadership organization.

Michael Webb was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as a MFT member in January 2010. Mr. Webb has been working with adults, couples, and families for more than 25 years. He has been a self-employed marriage and family therapist since 1997 and is also a speaker and trainer. From 1989 to 1995, he served as the Director of the foster family division for Olive Crest Homes and Services for Abused Children. Mr. Webb is a member of Toastmasters International and the California Association of Marriage & Family Therapists.

Christine Wietlisbach was appointed by the California State Senate as a public member in January 2010. Ms. Wietlisbach has more than 20 years experience in the health and higher education fields. She is a practicing occupational therapist at Eisenhower Medical Center, and a faculty member at Loma Linda University. She has a master's degree in public administration, and is currently completing her doctorate in occupational therapy / upper extremity rehabilitation. She is past-president of the Occupational Therapy Association of California, and recently completed two terms as a governor-appointee to the California Board of Occupational Therapy.



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