

State of Maryland
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals
General Session Minutes - March 11, 2011
Metro Executive Building - 4201 Patterson Avenue - Room 100
Baltimore, Maryland

In Attendance

Albert Zachik, MD, Chair
Bruce Anderson, Secretary
Cheryl Brown
William Childers
Regina Clay
Shanda Crowder
Krystal McKinney
Mary Rode
Sequaya Tasker
Ada Pearl Thomas

Absent

Steve Sorin

Vacancy

Consumer

Guests

Sharon Bloom
Paula Hollinger
L. Lee
Trina Payne
Carmen Brown

Staff

Kimberly Mayer, Executive Director
Carol Johnson, Deputy Director
Richard Bloom, AAG

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Albert Zachik, Chair of the State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals ("State Board") called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 AM.

Dr. Zachik thanked Carmen Brown for her dedicated service on the Board. Her insight and knowledge have benefited the State Board tremendously. Ms. Brown, who has taken a senior leadership role at the Arrow Project, expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the State Board.

He welcomed Regina Clay as the new representative for the Department of Human Resources ("DHR") on the State Board. Ms. Clay is the Deputy Chief of Staff for the DHR and is serving as the Interim Director of the Office of Licensing and Monitoring.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

The State Board reviewed the General Session minutes from the February 11, 2011, meeting. Motion made by William Childers: Approve the minutes with the corrected spelling of Ms. Crowder's name. Motion seconded by Sequaya Tasker. Motion approved unanimously.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kimberly Mayer, Executive Director of the State Board reported:

A. RCYCPC Certification Program - The State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals ("State Board") approved a work plan for the implementation of the RCYCPC certification program. A copy of the updated plan was provided in the meeting materials.

B. State Board Meeting Dates - Mark your calendar...The 2011 meeting dates are April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, September 9, October 14, and December 9. The State Board will not meet in August or November. CRCCPAs may earn continuing education credit for attending State Board meetings.

C. State Standards Examinations for RCCPAs - For 2011, the State Standards Examination for RCCPAs will be administered on August 24. Any individual who is invited to take the State Standards Examination may contact the State Board's office to request special accommodations for alternate exam dates.

D. Certification Report - As of March 7, 2011, the State Board reports:

Board Code		
Board	Status Codes	Occurrences
Acting Capacity	Active	4
Acting Capacity	Inactive	3
Program Administrator	Active	155
Program Administrator	Deceased	1
Program Administrator	Inactive	1
Program Administrator	Non-renewed	50
Program Administrator	Revoked	1
Program Administrator	Surrendered	3
	Total:	218

E. Legislative Report - Senate Bill 344/House Bill 387 - "Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioner - Definition" would exempt Therapeutic Group Homes ("TGHs") from the certification requirement for direct care workers. The State Board opposed the bill. A workgroup was held March 4, 2011, to discuss the bill further. A summer study has been recommended. Staff will continue to monitor the bill.

F. Call for Nominations - The State Board's vice chair, Robin El-Amin, has been removed from for failure meet the attendance requirements for Board members as set forth in State Government Article, §8-501 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Dr. Zachik called for nominations for the position. Krystal McKinney's name was brought forward. Motion made by Shanda Crowder: Accept Krystal McKinney as the State Board's vice chair. Motion seconded by William Childers. Motion approved unanimously.

III. CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There was no report from the Continuing Education Committee.

IV. CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Certification Committee did not provide a report. The Certification Committee will increase its meeting frequency in order to identify possible options for the State Board to recommend to the Governor's Office for Children's for their summer study evaluation of certification requirement for direct care workers.

V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The State Board offered an opportunity for public comment at the meeting. No comments were made.

VI. ADJOURN

Pursuant to the Maryland State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §10-501 et seq. on a motion made by Bruce Anderson and seconded by William Childers, those State Board members present unanimously voted to close the General Session meeting at 10:30 AM for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals Act that prevents disclosures about particular matters. The State Board will review applications and address complaints and disciplinary issues.