

**BOARD OF COUNSELING
MINUTES OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
JANUARY 17, 2008**

TIME AND PURPOSE: After an attempt to schedule a regular meeting failed, pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1 of the Code of Virginia, a telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Counseling was held at 8:30 a.m., on January 17, 2008, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia, to consider the summary suspension of the license of Theresa Zody to practice as a certified substance abuse counselor.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Seeman, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
Mary Low Argo, LPC, LMFT, LSATP
Kevin S. Doyle, Ed.D., LPC
Philip Haber, LPC
Charles R. McAdams, III, LPC, LMFT
Sandra Malawer, LPC, LMFT
Eric McCollum, Ph.D., LMFT
Yvonne Ortega, LPC, LSATP
Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Citizen Member
John Penn Turner, LPC, LSATP
Natale Ward, LPC

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Howard Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General
James E. Schliessmann, Assistant Attorney General
Mary Beth Shelton, Adjudication Specialist
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, APD

POLL OF MEMBERS: Dr. Seeman polled each Board member as to whether they could have attended a regular meeting at the offices of the Board of Counseling, in a timely manner for the purpose of hearing evidence in a possible summary suspension case. Each Board member polled stated that they would not have been able to attend.

With eleven Board members participating and three members unable to participate, it was established that a quorum could not have been convened in a regular meeting to consider these matters.

THERESA ZODY, CSAC
Certificate No. 0710-000532

Mr. Schliessman presented a summary of the evidence in the case.

Decision:

Mr. Turner moved, that with the evidence presented, the practice as a certified substance abuse counselor by Theresa Zody, posed a substantial danger to the public; and therefore, that the certificate of Theresa Zody, to practice as a certified substance abuse counselor, be summarily suspended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Argow. The Board voted 11-0 in favor of the motion.

Ms. Argow moved that a Consent Order be offered to Ms. Zody for the indefinite suspension, for not less than one year, of her license in lieu of a hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haber. The Board voted 11-0 in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the conference call adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Linda K. Seeman, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
Chair

Evelyn B. Brown
Executive Director