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Dr. Donald Strano  
President  
Pennsylvania Counseling Association

October 15, 2008

Dr. Strano,

We are writing to request the assistance of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association Executive Board with a scholarly endeavour focusing on counseling licensure in Pennsylvania. We are writing a manuscript to be submitted to the Journal of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association reviewing the status of counseling licensure in Pennsylvania. Our manuscript will focus on the status of counseling in the state since we are coming on the tenth anniversary of the ACT 136 of 1998 becoming law.

The manuscript will be multifaceted. It will trace the history of licensure efforts in Pennsylvania over the past several decades, review the current status of the law given the distinct professions which are eligible for LPC licensure, elaborate on strengths and areas of concern in the law, and present recommendations for the continued evolution of counseling in Pennsylvania based on the history and the law.

To assist us in our research of the history, we would like to request that we be able to access the archives of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association. Specifically, we would like to be able to review the material in the archives that pertain to the people, groups, organizations, meetings, initiatives and related activities that have focused on licensure efforts. We are not sure when and how PCA first became involved with these efforts so we are not able to provide more detailed dates and types of material we are seeking. I personally know of specific efforts in the early 1990's including letter writing campaigns, advocacy days in Harrisburg, etc., from when I was a masters student at the University of Scranton. These would be some of the types of initiatives for which documentation may be in the archives. Mark Kenney, the PCA Archives Chair, advised us to write and make this request.

Ultimately, we are hoping that this will provide a concise resource to highlight the efforts of PCA and the numerous individuals and groups who worked tirelessly to secure licensure for counselors in Pennsylvania.

We hope that you will consider our request and provide us the opportunity to create a manuscript that will help to rejuvenate counselors in Pennsylvania and bring attention and increased involvement in PCA.

Sincerely,

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