



Board of Mental Health Practice

September 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM EDT
7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

Attendance

Members Present:

Samuel Rosario, Chair (SR), Amy Alletzhauser (AA), Deborah Robinson (DR), Christina Gribben (CG), Rebecca Bemis (RB), Kristin Grasso (KG), Courtney Porter (CP), Lara Gruner-Orf (LGO)

Courtney Porter arrived at 12:00 p.m.

Staff Present:

Jeanne Webber, Board Administrator; Shane Goulet, Esq., Hearing Examiner; Elizabeth Eaton, Esq., Board Counsel; Tina Kelley, Rules Administrator

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m., with a quorum of the Board present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. August 18, 2023

Motion:

Upon a motion by AA, with a second by KG, the Board voted to approve the minutes as stated; motion passed. **Absent for vote:** CP

III. Public Appearances

A. Patricia Fonseca- Show Cause

Motion:

Hearing proceeded at 10:00 AM. The applicant did not appear in person or by zoom after being provided notice of the hearing date and time. Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by RB, the Board voted to hold the hearing *in absentia*.

Hearing concluded at 10:17 AM. Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by RB, the board voted to uphold its previous decision and deny their request for backdating; motion passed. **Absent for vote:** CP

IV. Board Administrator Updates - Informational

A. Schedule

B. 2024 Meeting Schedule

Motion:

Upon a motion by KG, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to approve the 2024 meeting calendar; motion passed. **Absent for vote:** CP

C. Press Releases - Informational

New process - Media will be notified of all emergency suspensions, suspensions, or revocations of licensure via a press release.

D. Administrative Law Training - Refresher available in the resources folder

E. New Hampshire Professional Health Program presentation - Dr. Molly Rossignol presented an overview of the NHPHP program to the Board.

F. ASWB Exam Update – Informational – Pearson VUE will discontinue exam delivery effective December 16, 2023. All ASWB social work licensing examinations will be administered by PSI effective January 2, 2024

G. MFT Compact - Informational

V. Tabled – No items

VI. New Business

A. Waivers

1. Cravens, Briana, MA

Requesting waiver of two supervision agreements

Motion:

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by DR, the Board voted to deny the waiver request of having an approved Candidate for Licensure:

Supervision Agreement on file with the Board and issue a confidential letter of concern to the supervisors for supervision without a valid agreement on file with the Board. Motion passed.

2. Esque, Debbie, MA

Requesting waiver of undergraduate transcripts, NCMHCE

Motion:

Upon a motion by RB, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to deny the waiver request related to waiver of official undergraduate transcripts.

Motion passed.

Motion:

Upon a motion by RB, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to deny the waiver request related to waiver of the NCMHCE exam requirement.

Motion passed.

3. Donovan, Mary, MA

Requesting waiver of official transcripts

Motion:

Upon a motion by AA, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to approve the waiver pending documentation from the school that the applicant is in good standing and additional documentation related to the course(s) that were taken but not provided on the unofficial transcript that was submitted with the application, and delegate administrative privilege to OPLC to grant approval once the documentation is received. Motion passed.

4. Locke, Natalie, MS

Requesting waiver of official transcripts

Motion:

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by CG, the Board voted to approve the waiver request related to waiver of official transcripts. Motion passed.

5. Perez, Destiny, MSW

Requesting waiver of supervision documentation

Motion:

Upon a motion by RB, with a second by KG, the Board voted to approve the waiver request of submitting supervision documents. Motion passed.

6. Ronner-Bland, Kyler, MA

Requesting waiver of official transcripts

Motion:

Upon a motion by AA, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to approve the waiver pending documentation from the school that the applicant is in good standing and additional documentation related to the course(s) that were taken but not provided on the unofficial transcript that was submitted with the application, and delegate administrative privilege to OPLC to grant approval once the documentation is received. Motion passed.

7. Scotton, Barbara, MFT

MFT Exam

Motion:

Upon a motion by KG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to approve the waiver request related to waiver of MFT exam requirement. Motion passed.

8. Watters, Catherine, MSW

Requesting waiver of official transcripts

Motion:

Upon a motion by AA, with a second by CG, the Board voted to approve the waiver request related to waiver of official transcripts. Motion passed.

9. Rounds, Emma, MFT

Reinstatement - waiver of collaboration/CEs

Motion:

Upon a motion by KG, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to approve the waiver request related to waiver of reinstatement requirements and approve the application for reinstatement. Motion passed.

VII. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

A. Rules Review - Tina Kelley

1. Mhp 300s Update

Conditional Approval Request Submitted to JLCAR 8/9/2023

Motion:

Upon a motion by DR, with a second by KG, the Board voted to accept the conditional approval response; motion passed. **Absent for vote:** CP

2. Mhp 305.02, 307, 308, and 309 Update, Informational

B. Legislative Updates

1. HB 594 and HB 313

Relative to the licensure of out-of-state applicants to boards or commissions organized under the office of professional licensure and certification.

2. HB 308

Relative to a quorum for meetings open to the public to include remote presence. Increases remote participation in meetings, 1/3 must be present in person. Remote attendance for good cause will count toward quorum

3. HB 321

Relative to minutes from nonpublic sessions under the right to know law. Board to review np minutes as a standing agenda item monthly or annually.

VIII. Non- First Non-Public Session

At 10:17 a.m., upon a motion by KG, with a second by DR, the Board voted to conduct the **1st non-public session** for the purpose of evaluating complaints, the approval disapproval/correction of the Non-Public Minutes and other confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 330-A:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

[Minutes kept separately].

IX. Resume Public Session

Motion:

At 10:59 a.m., upon a motion by KG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to resume public session.

A. Seal Minutes from 1st Non-Public Session

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by DR, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding 1st non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective.

X. Second Non-Public Session

At 11:07 a.m., upon a motion by LGO, with a second by DR, the Board voted to conduct the **2nd non-public session** for the purpose of evaluating complaints, the approval disapproval/correction of the Non-Public Minutes and other confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 330-A:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

[Minutes kept separately].

XI. Resume Public Session

Motion:

At 1:55 p.m., upon a motion by RB, with a second by CP, the Board voted to resume public session.

A. Seal Minutes from Non-Public Session

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by DR, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding 2nd non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective.

XII. Licensure Approvals

Motion:

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by AA, the Board voted to approve the following applicants for licensure. Motion passed.

I. APPLICATIONS QUALIFICATION & LICENSURE

A. MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

- A. FRIEDMAN, Jennie, MA
- B. SMITH, Jamie, MS

2. APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED

- A. BRESLIN, Sara, MA
- B. MARDIN, Jennifer, MS
- C. SCHMITT, Jesse, MA
- D. SMITH, Tracie, MPS
- E. WOOD, Lauren, MA
- F. ZUPKA, Kaitlyn, MA

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. AHEARN, Sarah, MA
- B. CAMPBELL, Samantha, MS
- C. DAVIS, Sarah, MA
- D. DONOVAN, Mary, MA
- E. FOSKITT, Emily, MS
- F. LABONTE, Brittany, MS
- G. LOCKE, Natalie, MS
- H. PRENDES, Vanessa, MS
- I. REDMOND, Audrey, MS
- J. RONNER-BLAND, Kyler, MA
- K. SHIPPEE, Emma, MA
- L. SIMCOX, James, MA
- M. SONG, Megan, MS
- N. SPENCER, Brianna, MA
- O. WOLCOTT, Wayne, MA

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. HAMPE, Jenna, MS
- B. LAWSON, Heather, MS
- C. POLAND, Kourtney, MA
- D. SIMONE, Georgina, MA

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE - REINSTATEMENT

- A. NEARY, Catherine, MS

B. SOCIAL WORKERS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

- A. MCFADGEON, Akosoa, MSW
- B. O’GORMAN, Lia, MSW
- C. PEREZ, Destiny, MSW
- D. SMITH, Jazmin, MSW
- E. STRAINGE, Kirsten, MSW
- F. TORRES, Gretchen, MSW

2. APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED

- A. COTE, Abigail, MSW
- B. COTTLE, Ashley, MSW
- C. GARGIULO, Stephanie, MSW
- D. GODDARD, Mary, MSW
- E. GOLDEN, Meghan, PhD
- F. HARRISON-O’BRIEN, Deborah, MSW
- G. HOWARD, Janice, MSW
- H. MCGUIRE, Christine, MSW

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. ALONSO, Erik, MSW
- B. BEAULIEU, Abbie, MSW
- C. HANENBERG, Candace, MSW
- D. HASKELL, Olivia, MSW
- E. LAVOIE, Liam, MSW – incomplete, approved pending goals
- F. RODGERS, Bailey, MSW
- G. WATTERS, Catherine, MSW

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. KILGORE, Rachel, MSW
- B. PAVICK, Emily, MSW

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE - REINSTATEMENT

- A. N/A

C. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

- A. MOSLEY, Marissa, PhD

2. APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED

- A. CHABOT, Suzanne, MA
- B. JARRELL, Lucia, MS
- C. SCOTTON, Barbara, MA
- D. STULBERGER, Menachem, MA

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. SCHWAEGERLE, Kate, MA
- B. WYLIE, Kaila, MS

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. N/A

5. REINSTATEMENT:

- A. ROUNDS, Emma, MS

D. PASTORAL PSYCHOTHERAPISTS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: N/A

**2. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS:
N/A**

3. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: N/A

XIII. Adjournment

Motion:

At 2:27 p.m., upon a motion by AA, with a second by KG, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.