

Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Drug Use Professionals

Thursday January 10, 2019 @ 9:00 AM
Public Meeting Minutes

The public meeting for the Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals (the “Board”) was called to order by Board Chair Jacqui Abikoff at 9:15 am.

Board Members Present: Chair Jacqui Abikoff, MLADC, Alexandra Hamel, MLADC, Nicholas Pfeifer, MLADC and Kathleen Russo, LADC

Board Member Absent: Serene Eastman, Public Member

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Kathleen Russo and a second by Nicholas Pfeifer the Board approved the minutes from the December 13, 2018 Public meeting as amended; discussion was held.

Board member Kathleen Russo wanted to go on the record that the wording of the “Out-of-State Practice” that was discussed at the December 13, 2018 meeting seems to be confusing and would like to revisit the website posting.

~Motion Approved

Motion to commence 1st non-public session:

Upon motion at 9:20 a.m. by Kathleen Russo and a seconded by Nicholas Pfeifer the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business and noting that such non-public sessions are authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 330-C:28, RSA 330-C:29, Murray v. N.H. Div. of State Police, 154 N.H.

Roll Call

Jacqui Abikoff – Yes
Nick Pfeifer – Yes
Kathleen Russo – Yes
Alexandra Hamel – Yes

1st Non-Public Session:

[Minutes kept separately]

Motion to keep minutes of 1st non-public session confidential:

Upon motion at 10:30 a.m. by Kathleen Russo with a second by Alexandra Hamel, the Board voted to withhold and seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 III, that divulgence of the information likely would affect

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adversely the reputation of a person other than a Board member and to render the propose action ineffective.

Roll Call

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Kathleen Russo – Yes

Alexandra Hamel – Yes

On motion of Kathleen Russo, with a second by Alexandra Hamel, the Board voted to go into public session.

New Business:

The Board Administrator, Michelle Thibeault, explained to the Board RSA 330-C:3 had been revised, specifically roman numeral “X” “The Board members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties, including travel at the state employee mileage rate.” The Board will be receiving an A-4M Form to be filled out and signed at every Board meeting at the current 2019 mileage rate of \$0.580. Because the revision took place in 2018 the Board can receive mileage reimbursement from September 2018 to December 2018 at the mileage rate of \$0.545.

The Board Administrator, Michelle Thibeault notified the Board that the fee for Criminal Records has increased to a combined fee with the State and the FBI to \$48.25. Effective date of January 1, 2019.

The Board discussed House Bill 239 – This bill is relative to the license requirements for certain mental health and drug counselors. This bill would reduce the number of hours of work experience required for licensure as a master licensed alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed clinical supervisor, a certified recovery support worker, a licensed independent clinical social worker, and a licensed clinical mental health counselor. Upon motion by Nicholas Pfeifer and a second by Kathleen Russo the Board voted to provide education to the HHSEA Committee regarding the reasons to oppose House Bill 239. There will be a public hearing on January 15, 2019 at 11:00 am. ***~Motion Approved***

Board Administrator, Michelle Thibeault spoke to the Board about individuals being able to apply for the Board’s exams on line. Members of the public attending the meeting requested instructions on how a person would do the on line process.

Upon motion by Kathleen Russo and a second by Alexandra Hamel the Board approved Ryan Barrieau’s application as a member of the Peer Review Committee. Ryan will be replacing the vacated seat of Alexandra Hamel. ***~Motion Approved***

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The Board discussed House Bill 113 – This bill is relative to the qualifications for and exceptions from licensure for mental health practices. This bill would allow experience as a MLADC to qualify as experience for licensure as a clinical social worker or clinical mental health counselor.

The bill also clarifies the mental health license exemption for psychotherapy activities and services of psychologists and master licensed alcohol and drug counselors. Upon motion by Nicholas Pfeifer, and a second by Kathleen Russo the Board voted to provide education to the committee regarding the value of allowing 1500 hours of the supervised work experience toward the MLADC to count toward the 3000 hours of supervised work experience toward the LICSW and LCMHC, to support House Bill 113 as written. There will be a public hearing on January 15, 2019 at 11:30 am.

~Motion Approved – note that if changes are made to the bill the Board will need to revisit and vote again on the bill.

Q: Question Received from John Burns the Director of SOS Recovery Community Organization. Mr. Burns is looking for clarification of practical training. The Board agrees there needs to be a definition to be added to the rules for Practical Training. This will be addressed as revisions of the rules are worked on.

A: *The intent was 6 hours of training in supervision; training education and 6 hours of actual supervision training “hands on”.*

Old Business:

- None

CEU’S:

Upon motion by Kathleen Russo, with a second by Nicholas Pfeifer the Board voted to approve the following Continuing Educational Units:

Hope Starts Here: The Prevention Connection 2019 Strengthening Families Summit, April 1, 2019, NH Children’s Trust, Inc., Grappone Conference Center Concord, NH

~Motion Approved

Upon motion by Nicholas Pfeifer, with a second by Alexandra the Board voted to approve the following Certified Educational Units:

Creating Successful Environments for Individuals with Co-Occurring Conditions, February 4, 2018, SOS Recovery Community Organization/Goodwin Community Health, Dover SOS Recovery Community Center, Dover NH -

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NADA AcuDetox/Acu Wellness Training, Various dates 2019, National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA), Various Locations in New Hampshire

~Motion Approved

The Board Chair opened up the meeting for public comments. As a member of the audience, applicant Raymond Yanklowitz addressed the Board. He stated his application was sent to OPLC in July and he is looking to be licensed in New Hampshire. He is currently licensed in Vermont but working in New Hampshire. He stated that he asked for clarification of what additional information he needed to submit to get licensed and why he is not being licensed by reciprocity numerous times and has not received any so he decided to come and speak to the Board. He stated he can't get a straight answer and has talked with Senator Jeanne Shaheen.

Board Chair Jacqui Abikoff asked Mr. Yanklowitz if he was asking for the status of his application. Mr. Yanklowitz responded yes.

Board Chair Jacqui Abikoff replied to Mr. Yanklowitz' s question stating his application has been conditionally denied because several parts of the application are missing despite requests for them from Board staff; Mr. Yanklowitz was told he would be able to request a hearing before the Board to appeal the decision.

Mr. Yanklowitz also asked who is held accountable for miscommunication and by whom. Who should he contact? Board Chair Jacqui Abikoff stated he needed to contact the Administrator for the Board Michelle Thibeault.

Motion to commence 2nd non-public session:

On motion at 11:40 a.m. by Kathleen Russo and a seconded by Nicholas Pfeifer the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public sessions authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 330-C:28, RSA 330-C:29, Murray v. N.H. Div. of State Police, 154 N.H.

Roll Call

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Nick Pfeifer – Yes
Kathleen Russo – Yes
Alexandra Hamel – Yes

2nd Non-Public Session:

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Motion to keep minutes of 2nd non-public session confidential:

Upon motion at 1:29 p.m. by Kathleen Russo with a second by Alexandra Hamel, the Board voted to withhold and seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 III, that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Board member and to render the propose action ineffective.

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Jacqui Abikoff – Yes

Nick Pfeifer – Yes

Kathleen Russo – Yes

Alexandra Hamel – Yes

On motion of Kathleen Russo, with a second by Alexandra Hamel, the Board voted to go into public session.

Actions authorized during the 2nd non-public session:

Upon a motion by Kathleen Russo, with a second by Nick Pfeifer the Board voted to approve the application of Eli Roberts for LADC. *~Motion Approved*

CRSW:

Upon motion by Kathleen Russo, with a second by Nick Pfeifer the Board voted to approve the certification of Elisabeth Rayner and Michelle Leclerc as a CRSW. *~Motion Approved*

Upon motion at 1:29 p.m. by Kathleen Russo with a second by Nicholas Pfeifer, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting February 14, 2019