

Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Drug Use Professionals

Thursday March 14, 2019 @ 9:00 AM
Public Minutes

The public meeting for the Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals (the “Board”) was called to order by the Board Chair Jacqui Abikoff at 9:08 a.m. at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, 121 South Fruit St., Concord, NH with the following members present:

Chair Jacqui Abikoff, MLADC
Alexandra Hamel, MLADC
Kathleen Russo, LADC
Nicholas Pfeifer, MLADC
Kelly M. Luedtke, MLADC

Absent: Serene Eastman, Public Member

The Board welcomed Board Kelly Luedtke as a new Board member.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Alexandra Hamel with a second by Kathleen Russo, the Board approved the minutes from the February 14, 2019 public meeting. ~ **Motion Approved**

Abstained: Nicholas Pfeifer and Kelly Luedtke

New Business:

The Board was informed that Diane Castrucci’s last Peer Review Committee meeting was March 7, 2019.

The Board Administrator informed the Board that the NH Alcohol and Drug Counselor Licensure Survey will be implemented on the 6/30/2019 renewals. There will be a notation on the postcard stating “New component to online license renewal – 2019 NH Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors Survey, RSA 330-C:9-a”. This survey is being used to collect key practice and capacity data from licensed LADCs during the license renewal cycle. This information will be confidential and protected. The data will be used for statewide healthcare workforce planning, assessment and emergency preparedness. Summaries will be released annually by the Health Professions Data Center for the public.

The Board received notice from International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC & RC) regarding the Board’s Ethical Violation Report reminding the Board to update the contacts and access to the website. Board members Kelly Luedtke and Kathleen Russo volunteered to be contacts.

The Board received a letter from Ross W. Davidson dated January 17, 2019 requesting a waiver to supervise other MLADC candidates for licensure. The Board’s laws and rules do not allow

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for the ability to waive such a request. The Board requested that the Administrator send a letter to Mr. Davidson stating the Board has no jurisdiction to issue a waiver.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed HB 239, as amended by the House, relative to requirements for supervision for licensure of certain mental health and drug counselors. The bill has passed the House and will be going before the Senate. ~ **No Action Needed**

The Board reviewed HB 113, as amended by the House. The bill was presented at a public hearing on March 6, 2019. ~ **No Action Needed**

Public Hearing

Chair Jacqui Abikoff called to order the public hearing for Show Cause at 9:50 a.m. for the application of Christine Clarke-Swift for Licensure as a Master Alcohol and Drug Counselor (MLADC); docket number 19-02. The Board acknowledged receiving documents from Ms. Clark-Swift as follows:

- Exhibit A – Resume
- Exhibit B – Summary of MLADC application
- Exhibit C - Letter of Appeal
- Exhibit D – Course training

Ms. Clark-Swift has a 36-hour Master's degree from Springfield College; Ms. Swift is looking for approval for 24 hours of continuing education and experience to make up the difference. Ms. Clark-Swift addressed the Board explaining that she has 4 years of supervision work, numerous hours of on-the-job experience and additional training that was preapproved in advance by New Hampshire Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors Association (NHAADACA).

Ms. Clark-Swift asked the Board when a decision would be rendered. The Board said she should receive the decision within two weeks.

The Board concluded the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. and thanked Ms. Clark-Swift for coming in to speak with them.

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NEW APPLICANTS RECOMMENDED BY PEER REVIEW

MLADC:

Upon motion by Kathleen Russo, with a second by Kelly Luedtke, the Board voted to approve the following individuals for licensure as MLADC:

Deanna Bradley – Abstained: Nicholas Pfeifer
Christina Minasian Hunt
Audrey Clairmont

~Motion Approved

LADC:

N/A

CRSW:

Upon motion by Nicholas Pfeifer, with a second by Alexandra Hamel, the Board voted to approve the following individuals for certification as CRSW:

Siobhan Slavin
Patricia Eisner
Jodi McElroy – Abstained: Jacqui Abikoff
Tammy Paris

~Motion Approved

REINSTATEMENT CRSW:

N/A

Reciprocity:

N/A

CEU's Recommended by Peer Review:

Upon motion by Kelly Luedtke, with a second by Kathleen Russo, the Board voted to approve the following Continuing Education recommended by Peer Review:

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Peer Recovery Coach Training, NH Recovery Coach Academy, various dates and locations in New Hampshire.

Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in Your Work - NH Children's Trust- 2-Day class, various dates and locations in New Hampshire

Forever Hope: A Two Generation Approach to Families Affected by Substance Use Disorder – Harbor Homes- March 11, 2019, Portsmouth NH & April 8, 2019, Tilton NH

~Motion Approved

Question:

The Board received a question from Nina DeMarco

Q. If we were to hire an outside licensed clinician to come to the office once a week, for one hour at a time for supervision, would that one hour count towards 40 hours a week for clinicians who are working towards their hours for licensure?

A. The Board cannot advise an employer on the hiring practices of their supervisors. The employer is responsible for ensuring the supervisor is adhering to the rules and ethics of their license. The MLADC does not need to be on site for the 40 hours. The employer needs to be mindful that the supervisor needs to review the charts and observe performance and attest that the necessary services for face-to-face supervision have been provided.

Motion to commence Non-Public Session:

Upon motion by Kathleen Russo, at 10:20 a.m., with a second by Alexandra Hamel, 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 session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3 II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 330-C:28, RSA 330-C:29, Murray v. N.H. Div. of State Police, 154 N.H. and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Non-Public Session:

[Minutes kept separately]

Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:

Upon motion by Kathleen Russo, at 12:55 p.m., 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 proposed

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action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Upon motion by Kelly Luedtke, at 12:55 p.m., with a second by Kathleen Russo, the Board voted to go out of non-public session and back into public session.

LADC Application Reviewed by the Board:

Upon motion by Kelly Luedtke, with a second by Kathleen Russo, the Board voted to deny the application of Christine Clark-Swift.

Upon motion by Kelly Luedtke, with a second by Kathleen Russo, the Board voted to approve the application of Matthew Huusko.

Upon motion by Kathleen Russo, at 12:55 p. m., with a second by Kelly Luedtke, the public meeting of the Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals adjourned.