

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019 @ 9:00 AM
PUBLIC MINUTES

The regularly scheduled meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice (the “Board”) was held at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (“OPLC”), 121 South Fruit St., Concord, NH on October 18, 2019 beginning at 9:05 a.m., with the following members present:

Unless otherwise indicated, the members present and participating were: Diane Vaccarello, MW, LMFT, Chair; Gary Goodnough, Ph.D., LCMHC, NCC; Dayl Hufford, D.Min. LPP; Nancy Dyer, LICSW, MLADC; Sheryl Reasoner, LCMHC; Paul F. Barry, Public Member; Janet Stevens, Public Member; and Deborah Kennedy, MA, Public Member

Observer, non-voting: Samuel Rosario, LICSW

Absent: Paul Barry, Public Member

Introduction:

Health Division Director, Lindsey Courtney, introduced herself to the Board and provided a brief professional background. The Board introduced themselves to Ms. Courtney, and offered a welcome.

I. MINUTES:

- A. Upon motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Ms. Dyer, the Board approved the minutes from September 20, 2019 as amended. *~Motion Approved*

II. TABLED:

- A. Rules –
- a. Upon a motion by Mr. Goodnough, with a second by Ms. Kennedy, the Board voted to adopt the draft rule for Mhp 402.01 Continuing Education Requirements. This item was tabled from the May 17, 2019 meeting. *~Motion Approved*
 - b. Attorney Thomas Broderick provided initial proposed revisions to the Mental Health Practice administrative rules for review of the Board. Through discussion, and changes the Board reviewed Chapter Mhp 300 License and Registration Requirements, Applications and Fees. These changes will be made and presented at the November 15, 2019 meeting.

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- B. The Board reviewed an email received from the American Association of State Counseling Boards in regards to the National Counselor Licensure Endorsement Process. The Board discussed the current its own use of portability through the fast track licensing process. Mr. Goodnough volunteered to take on responding to this inquiry on portability.
- C. The Board reviewed information from the Board of Family Mediator Certification's website regarding a current opening for a Board member who is a Mental Health Professional. This is informational only, no Board action required.
- D. Ms. Dyer led a discussion regarding out of state supervision that occurs prior to licensure. The Board discussed the concerns regarding not being privy to the supervision tactics, practices, supervisors license status, and/or any potential discipline practiced or implemented by other states. This information the Board would not have access to in order to properly assess when reviewing the clinical experience an applicant is presenting.
- E. Ms. Vaccarello presented information from a recent conference regarding telehealth and how other states are embracing the changes. Virginia, Georgia, and North Carolina have been noted as websites to visit as a model, and for the actions they are taking with legislation. A suggested first step from this conference was to create an advisory sub-committee to work toward bringing states that are not as familiar with telehealth to a level that is in-line with current changes. This would further require preparations to add to the budget in order to provide opportunities to develop and create how the states process and view the task force, or sub-committee's initiatives. This was an informational discussion only, no Board action required.
- F. The Board reviewed sample screenshots regarding implementing an online renewal process. This review was to ensure that the correct information has been included in what will be loaded onto the renewal website for licensees. The Board members requested that a member from the Department of IT who built the program attend the next meeting to discuss the change and process with the Board.

III. HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

A. Disciplinary Hearing - Jennifer Olgiati, LICSW, #1771, license number 1771

In attendance: Sheri Phillips, Esq, Kaylee Doty, UNH Law Intern

Recused: Ms. Hufford, D.Min, LPP

Absent: Jennifer Olgiati, LICSW, and Paul Barry, Public Member

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Chair, Ms. Vaccarrello called to order the Disciplinary hearing of Jennifer Olgiati, LICSW at 10:09 a.m. Ms. Olgiati was requested to appear before the Board regarding her failure to comply with Settlement Agreement signed on April 21, 2017. While Ms. Olgiati was not in attendance, the hearing was held *in absentia*, with Hearing Counsel, Kaylee Doty, and Sheri Phillips, Esq., presenting their witnesses and exhibits.

Ms. Doty waived her opportunity for an opening statement, but made a motion for the Board to accept the exhibits that were presented to the Board.

Witnesses: Ashley Czechowicz, Board Administrator
Jennifer Olgiati, Respondent

Exhibit 1: Settlement Agreement, dated April 21, 2017

Exhibit 2: Order of Compliance with Settlement Agreement, dated May 3, 2018; and

Exhibit 3: Order of Denial, dated July 31, 2018

Witness, Ms. Czechowicz was sworn in and questioned regarding Ms. Olgiati's compliance with the requirements of her Settlement Agreement.

Ms. Doty presented her closing statement, stating Ms. Olgiati signed the Settlement Agreement on April 21, 2017, and agreed to the terms, but has yet to comply with the terms listed within the settlement agreement. In subsequent hearings before the Board, the Board suspended the Respondent's license and that she is not to be practicing. Ms. Doty continued, Ms. Olgiati is still not in compliance for this hearing, and Ms. Doty asked that the Board find she is not in compliance.

The Board concluded the Disciplinary Hearing at 10:28 a.m. and thanked Ms. Phillips, Esq. and Ms. Doty for their time.

B. Show Cause Hearing - Wendy Overholt, M.Ed., Candidate for Licensure

In Attendance: Wendy Overholt
Absent: Paul Barry, Public Member

Chair, Ms. Vaccarrello, called to order the Show Cause Hearing of Wendy Overholt, M.Ed., at 11:05 a.m. regarding a conditionally denied Candidate for Licensure: Supervision Agreement. Ms. Overholt was given the opportunity for an opening

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statement in which she discussed the exhibits provided to the Board, her personal and candidate supervisory history, as well as her experience with her graduate school practicum and internships.

Exhibit 1: Letter from Ms. Overholt requesting hearing

Exhibit 2: Goals of supervision between Ms. Overholt and Scott Singleton

Exhibit 3: Letter from the Board, and Order of Conditional Denial

Exhibit 4: Practicum statement from North Carolina Board of License Professional Counselors

Ms. Overholt answered questions from the Board in regards to clarifying information from her opening statement, exhibits, and the approval status from other states that she had previously applied.

The Board concluded the Show Cause hearing at 11:29 a.m., and thanked Ms. Overholt for her time.

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Ms. Stevens, the Board voted to approve Ms. Overholt's Candidate for Licensure: Supervision Agreement. *~Motion Approved*

C. Show Cause Hearing - Idenice Sargut, M.Ed., Clinical Mental Health Counselor Applicant

In Attendance: Idenice Sargut

Absent: Paul Barry, Public Member

Chair, Ms. Vaccarello, called to order the Show Cause Hearing of Idenice Sargut, M.Ed. at 11:34 a.m. regarding a conditionally denied licensure application for Clinical Mental Health Counselor. Ms. Sargut was given the opportunity for an opening statement in which she discussed her coursework relevant to the classes stated as missing in the Order of Conditional Denial, her work experience in the mental health field, and the exhibits she wished to present to the Board.

Exhibit 1: Letter from Ms. Sargut requesting hearing

Exhibit 2: Counseling Psychology graduate program summary

Exhibit 3: Ms. Sargut's student course record from Cambridge College

Exhibit 4: Unofficial transcript from Salem State University

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Exhibit 5: Course details for purposed course in Psychopharmacology in addictions and mental health counseling

Exhibit 6: Academic requirement form from faculty advisor, Jill Cummings and program director, Michael Mobley

Exhibit 7: Additional purposed course details for addictions

Ms. Sargut answered questions from the Board in regards to clarifying her purposed graduate course in addictions, as well as her previous education experience and diagnosis tools learned and experienced.

The Board concluded the Show Cause hearing at 11:59 a.m., and thanked Ms. Sargut for her time.

Upon a motion by Mr. Goodnough, with a second by Ms. Kennedy, the Board voted to uphold the denial, and encourage Ms. Sargut to formally withdraw her application, submit a Candidate for Licensure: Supervision Agreement to be reviewed by the Board. *~Motion Approved*

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Board reviewed the waiver request from James Gamache, LICSW, MLADC requesting to be added to the Board's list of approved supervisors prior to holding a license for two years. Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Ms. Stevens the Board voted to deny the waiver. *~Motion Approved*
- B. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Daniel Greene, MS – Upon a motion by Ms. Kennedy, with a second by Mr. Goodnough the Board voted to deny the waiver. Opposed: Ms. Vaccarrello and Ms. Hufford, motion carries with a 5-2 vote. *~Motion Approved*
- C. The Board reviewed and discussed a letter received from Sandra Zawalick, LICSW, in regards to requesting the reinstatement of her expired license. Upon a motion by Ms. Dyer, with a second by Ms. Stevens the Board voted to deny this request. The Board is standing by their previous recommendation on March 15, 2019 which states she would need to reapply as a new applicant using the fast track option for those licensed in another state for 5 or more years. *~Motion Approved*

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- D. The Board reviewed a letter received from St. Bonaventure University regarding their online program. The Board does not approve programs; the program is CACREP – accredited which is required for licensure in New Hampshire.
- E. The Board reviewed the information provided regarding the Licensed professions requirements summations, from The Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau of New Hampshire Employment Security. They have made the needed changes and updates and the administrator will send those corrections to the Bureau of New Hampshire Employment Security as amended.
- F. The Board reviewed information regarding the ASWB Annual meeting, this was informational only, no Board action required.
- G. The Board reviewed information provided by Ms. Stevens regarding the Medicaid in Schools meeting that took place October 17, 2019.

V. QUESTIONS:

N/A

VI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion to commence Non-Public Session:

At 1:39 p.m., upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Ms. Stevens, the Board voted to conduct a 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:18, RSA 330-A:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

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Non-Public Session:

[Minutes kept separately]

Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Ms. Kennedy, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding 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.

Motion to resume public meeting:

At 3:23 p.m., upon a motion by Ms. Kennedy, with a second by Ms. Dyer, the Board voted to go out of non-public session and resume the public session.

QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Mental Health Counselors

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following for licensure:

- A. BUCK, Shawn, MS
- B. CARE, Lucille, MA
- C. FAULHABER, Jamie, MA
- D. GILCHRIST, Cody, MS
- E. GOLDFUSS, Cecilia, MA
- F. KENDALL, Doris, MA
- G. MARSHALL, Kathryn, MS
- H. MIZULA, Molly, MA
- I. STEINBERG, Christine, MA
- J. STONE-PORRECA, Terry, MA

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2. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – RATIFY: Mental Health Counselors

N/A

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Mental Health Counselors

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following supervision agreements:

- A. BOVA, Melanie, MS
- B. DEADY, Gared, MS
- C. DUNN, John, MS
- D. EATON, Emily, MA
- E. ELLIS, Emily, MA
- F. HEBERT, Alan, MA
- G. HUTCHINSON, Robert, MS
- H. JACQUES, Natalie, MS
- I. JOY, Christopher, MS
- J. LAVIGNE, Daniel, MS
- K. LIEVENS, Susan, MS

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Mental Health Counselors

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following change in supervision agreements:

- A. HOYOS, Jessica, MS
- B. HOYT, John, MS
- C. MAZOR-THOMAS, Yevgeniy, MA
- D. SAUER, Catharine, MS
- E. ZAHN, Asra, MS

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SOCIAL WORKERS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Social Workers

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following for licensure:

- A. BOUCHARD, Alexandria, MSW
- B. WUNDERL, Grada-Anjo, MSW

2. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – RATIFY: Social Workers

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following for licensure:

- A. BARBINI, Julie, MSW
- B. COSTELLO, Carrie, MSW
- C. SICHELSTIEL, Julie, MSW

3. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – REINSTATEMENT: Social Workers

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following for licensure:

- A. BIRD, Paul, LICSW

4. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Social Workers

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following supervision agreements:

- A. BURNS, Kathryn, MSW
- B. CARR, Clara, MSW
- C. COVEY, Cara, MSW
- D. DILLION, Patricia, MSW
- E. GLAZE, Rebecca, MSW
- F. KOZEY, Kristen, MSW
- G. MAY, Kirsten, MSW
- H. NEWMAN, Melissa, MSW
- I. PADECKY, Katherine, MSW

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J. POWERS, Elizabeth, MSW

5. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Social Workers

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following change in supervision agreements:

- B. BIANCHI, Tara, MSW
- C. CRAIG, Meghan, MSW

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Marriage and Family Therapists

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following for licensure:

- A. BECKER, Katelyn, MFT
- B. HAMILTON, Brian, MFT

2. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – RATIFY

N/A

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Marriage and Family Therapists

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following supervision agreements:

- A. MANIGAULT, Alexandra, MFT

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Marriage and Family Therapists

N/A

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PASTORAL PSYCHOTHERAPIST

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Pastoral Psychotherapists

N/A

2. APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT: Pastoral Psychotherapists

N/A

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Pastoral Psychotherapists

N/A

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Pastoral Psychotherapists

N/A

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

At 3:23 p.m., upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second Ms. Dyer, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.