

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 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 July 19, 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; Paul F. Barry, Public Member

Absent: Janet Stevens, Public Member; and Deborah Kennedy, MA, Public Member

I. MINUTES:

- A. Upon motion by Ms. Dyer, with a second by Ms. Hufford, the Board approved the minutes from June 21, 2019 as stated.

- B. Division Director Joseph Shoemaker introduced Executive Director David Grosso to the board; Director Grosso provided his work history and personal background to the Board and expressed the importance of the Board and the work they do for the public and licensees.

Director Grosso discussed with Board Chair Ms. Vaccarello, the first of his series of quarterly meetings with all Board Chairs that operate out of OPLC. The first of these meetings will be taking place on Friday, August 9, 2019.

Ms. Hufford provided information to Director Grosso regarding an upcoming Moral Injury Seminar coming to the area and asked for his support.

II. TABLED:

- A. Rules – Attorney Thomas Broderick was not available for Board meeting, rules up for discussion will be added to September 20, 2019 meeting agenda.

- B. House Bill 2: *“relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures”*
http://gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/Results.aspx?q=1&txbillnumber=HB2&txtsessionyear=2019
This is a very large document; please view from site listed above

- C. House Bill 113: *“relative to qualifications for and exceptions from licensure for mental health practice”*

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Board Action: 1/18/19 - The Board reviewed HB 113.

Board Action: 2/15/19 - No further action.

Board Action: 3/15/19 - The Board requested that HB 113 be put back on the agenda.
4/12/19 – Introduced 04/11/2019 and Referred to Executive Departments and Administration; SJ 13

05/17/19 – Board requests copies for the meetings

04/25/19 - ~~CANCELLED~~ **Hearing: 05/15/2019, Room 101, LOB, 09:00 am; SC 20**

05/02/19 - ~~RESCHEDULED~~ **Hearing: 05/16/2019, Room 101, LOB, 09:00 am; SC 21**

05/16/19 - Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 05/23/2019; Vote 5-0; CC **SC 23**

05/23/19 - **Ought to Pass:** MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/23/2019; **SJ 17**

06/12/19 - Enrolled (In recess 06/06/2019); **SJ 20**; Enrolled 06/06/2019

06/20/19 - Signed by Governor Sununu 06/18/2019; Chapter 74; Eff: 08/17/2019

06/21/19 – The Board reviewed the Bill and discussed the contents within the Bill

D. House Bill 131: “commission on mental health education programs”

Board Action: 1/18/19 – The Board administrator provided a copy of HB 131 for the Board to review.

Board Action: 2/15/19 – Tabled. Upon motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Barry, the Board voted to request Ms. Stevens to compose communication from the Board, copying the Governor’s office, extending the Board’s support and offering assistance to the Commission. **~Motion Approved**

Board Action: 3/15/19 – Ms. Stevens has drafted a letter that will be forwarded to the Board Chair. HB 131 has passed the House and will go to the Senate with amendments. The Board requested that this item remain on the agenda as a tabled item.

03/12/19 – Introduced 3/07/19 and Referred to Education and Workforce Development; SJ 8

4/11/19 – Hearing 04/16/19 Room 103, LOB, 09:00 am; SC 18

05/14/19 - Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment [#2019-1961s](#), 05/23/2019; **SC 23**

05/24/19 - Special Order to to the present time, Without Objection, MA; 05/23/2019; **SJ 17**

05/23/19 - Committee Amendment [#2019-1961s](#), AA, VV; 05/23/2019; **SJ 17**; Sen. Kahn Floor Amendment [#2019-2169s](#), AA, VV; 05/23/2019; **SJ 17**; Sen. Ward Floor Amendment [#2019-2223s](#), AA, VV; 05/23/2019; **SJ 17**; **Ought to Pass with**

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[Amendment](#)s 2019-1961s, 2019-2169s, and 2019-2223s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/23/2019; [SJ 17](#)

06/11/19 - House Non-Concurs with Senate Amendment 1961s/2169s/2223s and Requests CofC (Rep. Myler): MA VV 06/06/2019; Speaker Appoints: Reps. Luneau, Cornell, Doherty, Mullen 06/06/2019

06/12/19 - Sen. Kahn Accedes to House Request for Committee of Conference, MA, VV; (In recess 06/06/2019); [SJ 20](#); President Appoints: Senators Kahn, Dietsch, Ward; (In Recess 06/06/2019); [SJ 20](#)

06/14/19 - Conference Committee Meeting: 06/19/2019 09:30 am LOB 207

06/21/19 – The Board reviewed the Bill and discussed the contents within the Bill; such as the time line in which the Board is to review applications and that there will be no interim license. The Board also has concerns with the word/definition of a “Completed” application. Other concerns discussed were applicants who may jump from state to state and New Hampshire not knowing any disciplinary issues outstanding, and there will be added responsibilities to the administrative staff. The Board discussed the equivalency of other states and New Hampshire. Most states are equivalent however NH requires the National Clinical Mental Health Exam. Licenses may not understand the exam requirement.

06/27/19 - Conference Committee Report [#2019-2605c](#), Adopted, VV; 06/27/2019; [SJ 21](#)

07/12/19 – Enrolled 06/27/19

07/19/19 – Board vote for representative, suggested Board member Ms. Stevens

E. Senate Bill 80: *“relative to applicants to the board of mental health practice from other states”*

The purpose of the bill is to amend RSA 330-A:26, to allow an interim license for out-of-state applicants, to practice, pending final approval or denial from the Board. The applicant will need to meet the requirements of RSA 330-A:26, I and/or III, and have no complaints or other reasons for denial. Ms. Vaccarello attended the public hearing that was held on 3/13/19.

Board Action: 3/15/19 – The Board discussed concerns as to whether the interim license would actually be a “license” and whether the Board will have authority over such a license. This bill has support and was initiated by applicants who have stated that getting a license has been difficult. The Board wants to make the “Fast Track” option more clear and wants more transparency with the licensing process.

The Board requests the Board Administrator to track the number of “Fast Track” applicants vs. “regular” applicants. The Board wants to know how many “Fast Track”

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applications have been received as well as the time frame from the date a completed application is filed to the date the license is issued.

04/01/19 – Introduced 03/20/19 and referred to Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

04/03/19 – Public Hearing 04/09/19 01:45 pm LOB 205

04/10/19 – Division I Subcommittee Work Session: 04/16/19 10 am LOB 104

05/08/19 – Public Hearing

05/14/19 - 10:00 am LOB Room 306

05/16/19 - Subcommittee Work Session: 05/21/2019 10:00 am LOB 306

06/05/19 - Amendment [#2019-2276h](#): AA VV 06/05/2019 [Ought to Pass with Amendment](#) 2019-2276h: MA VV 06/05/2019

06/13/19 - Sen. Carson Moved to Concur with the House Amendment, MA, VV; 06/13/2019; [SJ 20](#)

06/21/19 – The Board reviewed the Bill and discussed the contents within the Bill; Board Member Nancy Dyer gave an update on the bill, a letter was sent to Chair reaching out to the committee.

Chair, Diane Vaccarello discussed concerns regarding monthly reports that have been sent to the Governor through OPLC. There have been no acknowledgements that it has been sent to the Governor’s Office. The Board will be drafting a letter for the Governor bringing issues to light and send an invite to the Board meeting

06/28/19 – Enrolled (in recess 06/27/19); SJ 21

07/19/19 - Signed by the Governor on 07/12/2019; Chapter 228; Effective 09/10/2019

F. *Senate Bill 180 – “relative to privileged communications under the law governing mental health practice.”*

3/19/2019 - Introduced 03/14/2019 and referred to Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs [HJ 9](#) P. 53

05/08/2019 - Division I Subcommittee Work Session: 05/16/2019 10:00 am LOB 104

05/14/2019 - Executive Session: 05/21/2019 10:00 am LOB 205

05/22/2019 - Committee Report: Ought to Pass for 06/05/2019 ([Vote 18-2; CC](#)) [HC 27](#) P. 7

06/5/2019 - [Ought to Pass](#): MA VV 06/05/2019

07/15/19 - Signed by the Governor on 07/10/2019; Chapter 200; Effective 09/08/2019

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G. *House Bill 239 – “relative to requirements for supervision for licensure of certain mental health and drug counselors”*

12/27/2018 - Introduced 01/02/2019 and referred to Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

01/10/2019 - Public Hearing: 01/15/2019 11:00 am LOB 303

01/23/2019 - Division I Subcommittee Work Session: 01/29/2019 10:30 am LOB 104

01/31/2019 - Division I Subcommittee Work Session: 02/07/2019 10:00 am LOB 212

01/30/2019 - Executive Session: 02/07/2019 01:00 pm LOB 205

02/12/2019 - Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2019-0011h (NT) for

02/27/2019 - (Vote 20-0; CC) HC 13 P. 10

02/27/2019 - Amendment #2019-0011h (NT): AA VV 02/27/2019 HJ 6 P. 15

02/27/2019 - Ought to Pass with Amendment 2019-0011h (NT): MA VV 02/27/2019 HJ 6 P. 15

03/18/2019 - Introduced 03/14/2019 and Referred to Executive Departments and Administration; SJ 9

04/25/2019 ==CANCELLED== Hearing: 05/15/2019, Room 101, LOB, 09:30 am; SC 20

05/02/2019 ==RESCHEDULED== Hearing: 05/16/2019, Room 101, LOB, 09:30 am; SC 21

05/16/2019 - Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2019-2041s,

05/23/2019 - Vote 5-0; CC; SC 23

05/23/2019 - Sen. Carson Moved to Remove HB 239 from the Consent Calendar;

05/23/2019 - SJ 17

05/23/2019 - Special Order to the next session, Without Objection, MA; 05/23/2019; SJ 17

05/23/2019 - Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2019-2041s,

05/30/2019- SC 24

05/30/2019 - Committee Amendment #2019-2041s, AA, VV; 05/30/2019; SJ 18

05/30/2019 - Sen. Carson Floor Amendment #2019-2047s, AA, VV; 05/30/2019; SJ 18

05/30/2019 - Ought to Pass with Amendments 2019-2041s and 2019-2047s, MA, VV; OT3rdg;

05/30/2019 - SJ 18

06/13/2019 - House Concurs with Senate Amendment 2041s and 2047s (Rep. Weber): MA VV 06/13/2019

06/27/2019 - Enrolled (In recess 06/27/2019); SJ 21

06/27/2019 - Enrolled 06/27/2019

07/16/2019 - Signed by Governor Sununu 07/12/2019; Chapter 207; Eff: 09/10/2019

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07/21/2019 – The Board reviewed the Bill and discussed the contents within the bill; Board Chair Diane Vaccarello requested Attorney Thomas Broderick to discuss the bill as it will need to amend and add comment into the administrative rules.

III. HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

N/A

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hallie Pentheny, Finance Director for OPLC, introduced herself to the Board, and discussed the fiscal budget and how it effects the operations at OPLC and the Boards. Ms. Pentheny further discussed previous requests for Board members to attend conferences as it relates to Board business, but those requests were denied as all extras were cut from the fiscal budget.

Board Chair Dianne Vaccarello asked for clarification in regards to OPLC being self-funded and the change of Board funds now being added to the general fund; Ms. Pentheny provided the requested explanation as it is in relation to the State of New Hampshire's budget not being approved and OPLC operating in a continued resolution budget for 2020-2021.

- B. The Board reviewed the email sent from Bryan Randolph in regards to Jay Knower for Governor, the Board discussed the importance of staying a-political and suggested Mr. Randolph go to the professional association of professionals. The Board does not need to take any action on this.
- C. The Board reviewed an email received from American Association of State Counseling Boards in regards to NCLEP 2.0 Feedback. The information was not complete and the Board was not able to review the information digitally, this item was tabled until the September 20, 2019 meeting.
- D. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Amaris Jones, MA – Upon motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Ms. Dyer, the Board approved the waiver. *~Motion Approved*
- E. The Board discussed the waiver request from Erin Richardson Candidate for Licensure: Supervision Request. Upon motion by Mr. Goodnough, with a second from Ms. Dyer, the waiver was not approved by the Board. The Board's response,

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when there is a change in site of supervision it requires a new application for supervision agreement, with new signed goals. The Board is also noting that the agreement between Ms. Richardson's proposed supervisor and Milford Middle School is unsigned. *~Motion Approved*

- F. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Erica Gaizetis, MA – Upon motion by Mr. Goodnough, with a second by Ms. Hufford, the Board approved the waiver. *~Motion Approved*
- G. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Kerin Riley, MFT – Upon motion by Ms. Vaccarello, with a second by Mr. Barry, the Board approved the waiver. *~Motion Approved*
- H. Correspondence from Springfield College in regards to partnership of The Vermont Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners and Springfield College; this information is for the Board to review. The Board does not need to take action on this item.
- I. The Board discussed the proposal on seminar: Moral Injury Seminar on October 11, 2019. Ms. Hufford requested the information go out to professionals known within Board members guilds to incorporate them into the seminar. The Board requested that the information be sent to them electronically, Ms. Hufford agreed to send.

V. QUESTIONS:

1A- Forrest Lien, LCSW

Q. Mental Health Board Administer,

I have been asked to present a professional workshop at the University of New Hampshire this fall. I will be charging for the workshop and would like to provide continuing education for professionals. I will attach the workshop outline with goals and objectives. I know that your Board accepts education hours for nationally endorsed workshops and also workshops that are approved in your state. Can you please direct me to the person that can help me with this process? Thank you.

A. *Board member Ms. Dyer will contact Mr. Lien directly, in regards to using the ASWB website.*

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There was additional discussion in regards to adding a similar question to the OPLC website under the FAQ section to better direct individuals to contact their professional guild.

VI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion to commence Non-Public Session:

At 10:25 a.m., upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, 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.

Non-Public Session:

[Minutes kept separately]

Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:

Upon a motion by Ms. Vaccareelo, with a second by Ms. Hufford, 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 12:42 p.m., upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, the Board voted to go out of non-public session and resume the public session.

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QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

MENTAL HEALTH

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Mental Health Counselors

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

- A. JONES, Amaris, MA
- B. NEARY, Catherine, MS
- C. PIERCE, Jessica, MS

2. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE - RATIFY

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

- A. WILSON, Marianne, MA

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Mental Health Counselors

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

- A. DARCY, Christopher, MS – Approved, with clear communication of completion of additional graduate level course prior to licensure
- B. LAVOIE, Kathleen, MHC

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

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

- A. CHRISTENSEN, Kathleen, MS

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- B. GAIZETIS, Erica, MA
- C. LIVINGSTON, Courtney, CMHC
- D. SANBORN, Jaime, MA
- E. SMITH, Hannah, MA
- F. THORPE, Elisabeth, MA – Approved, pending updated goals sheet

SOCIAL WORKERS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Social Workers

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

- A. BERG, Evan, MSW
- B. BLACKADAR, Samantha, MSW
- C. CHASIN, Jeanette, MSW
- D. MARCHAND, Courtney, MSW
- E. NEMITZ, Sara, MSW
- F. REID, Chelsea, MSW
- G. TUBBS, Cynthia, MSW
- H. WALERYSZAK, Kathleen, MSW

2. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – RATIFY

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

- A. DIMOPLON, David, MSW
- B. HOLBROOK, Corrine, MSW
- C. FISH, Victoria, MSW
- D. FARID, Susan, MSW

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Social Workers

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

- A. HARRIS, Kelly
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- B. IOSUE, Brodie, MSW
- C. KILLERBY, Darcy, MSW
- D. MUNROE, Deanna, MSW
- E. SNYDER, Amanda, MSW
- F. SPINA, Ryan, MSW

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

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

- A. CLEVELAND, Sara, MSW
- B. RUSH, Ruby, MSW

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Marriage and Family Therapists

N/A

2. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – RATIFY

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

PASTORAL PSYCHOTHERAPIST

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Pastoral Psychotherapists

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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 meeting:

At 12:44 p.m., upon a motion by Mr. Goodnough, with a second by Ms. Dyer, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.