

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE  
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020 @ 3:15 PM  
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

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Due to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Sununu as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. An emergency meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice (the "Board") was held through zoom videoconference through the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification ("OPLC"), 121 South Fruit St., Concord, NH on March 27, 2020 beginning at 3:18 p.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; Samuel Rosario, LICSW; Sheryl Reasoner, LCMHC, MLADC, Community Mental Health Center; Janet Stevens, Public Member; and Deborah Kennedy, MA, Public Member

Absent: All members present

Ms. Vaccarello called to order the emergency meeting on March 27, 2020 at 3:18 p.m.

- A. The Board discussed New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu's Emergency Order #15: Temporary authorization for out of state medical providers to provide medically necessary services and provide services through telehealth. Ms. Vaccarello expressed that if Board members have any concerns regarding this or any other emergency orders issued by the Governor to put them in writing for them to be reviewed by the other Board members and submitted to the Governor.

There was further discussion equating the COVID-19 pandemic, and emergency orders to that of the opioid crisis, regarding individuals coming into the state to provide services. This was informational only, no Board action required.

- B. The Board reviewed and discussed any changes or suggestions to the emergency administrative rule Mhp 501.02 (d) being purposed:

Mhp 501.02 Code of Ethics

*(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of the ethical codes in (a) above, during the State of Emergency declared by the Governor, a New Hampshire licensed mental health provider will not be disciplined in New Hampshire for providing inter-state services through telehealth, consistent with the requirements for telehealth set forth in the Governor's Emergency Order #8, dated March 18, 2020, and the Governor's Emergency Order #15, dated March 23, 2020. Before providing such services, licensees shall review the laws*

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*and rules of the jurisdiction where the client is receiving the services to determine whether the licensee needs to also be licensed in that jurisdiction.*

Upon a motion by Mr. Goodnough, with a second by Ms. Hufford, the Board voted to approve emergency rule change as amended. ***~Motion Approved through roll call vote:***

Ms. Vaccarello	Yes
Mr. Goodnough	Yes
Ms. Hufford	Yes
Mr. Rosario	Yes
Ms. Reasoner	Yes
Ms. Stevens	Yes
Ms. Kennedy	Yes

- C. The Board discussed Senate Bill 684, and the document drafted by Mr. Rosario regarding the licensing requirements for Licensed School Social Worker applicants. This was informational only and will be discussed further at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on April 17, 2020.

*\*\*Ms. Reasoner left the videoconference meeting at 4:03 p.m.\*\**

- D. Ms. Stevens discussed information found on the Department of Health and Human Services regarding mental health. Many of the links attempted did not lead to any information, and there was no note regarding COVID-19 and the available resources. Ms. Stevens discussed the availability of general funds, and asked members if they knew of any practices that may need financial help during this pandemic, and to further alert them of this availability. This was informational only, no Board action required.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:**

At 4:16 p.m., upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Vaccarello	Yes
Mr. Goodnough	Yes
Ms. Hufford	Yes
Mr. Rosario	Yes

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Ms. Kennedy	Yes
Ms. Stevens	Yes