

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE  
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020 @ 9:00 AM  
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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. 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 May 15, 2020 beginning at 9:07 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; 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

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- A. Minutes: Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Ms. Kennedy, the Board approved the minutes from April 17, 2020, 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

**II. TABLED:**

- A. House Bill 1167: *“relative to the type of counseling that may be required by the state”*  
**12/02/19** – Introduced 01/08/2020 and referred to Children and Family Law HJ 1 P.12  
**01/14/20** – Public Hearing: 01/21/2020 10:00 am LOB 206  
**01/21/20** – Subcommittee Work Session: 02/04/2020 9:00 am LOB 206  
**02/19/20** – Executive Session: 03/03/2020 3:00 pm LOB 206  
**03/04/20** – Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2020-0992h for 03/11/2020 (Vote 12-6; RC) HC 10 P. 33  
**03/04/20** – Minority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate

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**03/11/20** – Amendment #2020-0992h; AA VV 03/11/2020

**03/11/20** – Ought to Pass with Amendment 2020-0992h; MA VV 03/11/2020

**04/17/20** – Board to review bill information, Ms. Stevens request

**04/17/20** – All legislative activity has been put on hold, due to COVID-19. Ms. Stevens reached out to bill sponsor Representative Betty Gay, who provided previous explanation and testimony regarding the bill. To be addressed and reviewed at next Board meeting.

**05/15/20** – All legislative activity still on hold, the Board reviewed documentation provided by Ms. Stevens as received from Representative Betty Gay.

**III. HEARINGS/MEETINGS: N/A**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Stephanie Richardson, MA, requesting a waiver of administrative rule Mhp 305.03 regarding practical experience for Clinical Mental Health Counselors. Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to approve the waiver request regarding Ms. Richardson’s prior practical experience. *~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

- B. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Morgan Swift, MA, requesting a waiver of administrative rules Mhp 302.01 and Mhp 305.03 regarding pre-licensure supervised practice and practical experience for Clinical Mental Health Counselors. Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Ms. Kennedy, the Board voted to approve the waiver request regarding Ms. Swift’s pre-licensure clinical experience. *~Motion Approved through roll call vote:*

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

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Ms. Reasoner	Yes
Ms. Stevens	Yes
Ms. Kennedy	Yes

- C. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Colette Vincinanzo (aka Colette Gay), MA, requesting a waiver for previously completed out of state supervision. After review of the information provided, the Board stated with proper documentation, out of state supervision is accepted, but will not be pre-approved by the Board. At the time of submitting her licensure application, Ms. Vincinanzo is to provide supervisor confirmations from her previous supervisors. There was no vote required for this communication.
- D. The Board reviewed the waiver request from James Gamache, LICSW, requesting to become a Board approved supervisor prior to two years of licensure. Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to deny the request for waiving the second year of licensure prior to becoming a Board approved supervisor. ***~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

- E. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Nadine Thompson, MSW, requesting a waiver regarding the required documentation of previous clinical supervision hours due to length of time since supervision. Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to deny this request. ***~Motion Approved through roll call vote:***

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

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Ms. Stevens	Yes
Ms. Kennedy	Yes

- F. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Linda Spenard Perry, LCMHC, requests an extension of license expiration date to complete continuing education requirements. Upon a motion by Ms. Reasoner, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to allow a three-month extension to complete Ms. Spenard Perry's continuing education hours. The Board is extending the time to complete the continuing education only, not the current or future expiration date of Ms. Spenard Perry's license. *~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

- G. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Cecil Edwards, LICSW, requesting a waiver of required in-person continuing education hours. Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to allow the full amount of continuing education hours to be completed online, half of these online hours must be live webinars. *~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

The Board also discusses, in relevance to this decision, that a statement be added to the Board's website information licensees of the option, until further notice, to have all continuing education hours completed online, with at least 20 hours, or half, being live webinars.

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- H. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Jillian Beverstock, LMFT, requesting an extension of license expiration date to complete continuing education requirements. Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Ms. Reasoner, the Board voted to allow a three-month extension to complete the continuing education only, not the current or future expiration date of Ms. Beverstock’s license date.  
*~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

- I. The Board reviewed a waiver request from Hannah McDuffee, MA, requesting to backdate the commencement date of her supervision agreement. Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, the Board voted to approve the waiver request to backdate Ms. McDuffee’s supervision agreement, but to the date of September 20, 2019. *~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

- J. Mr. Rosario discussed the interest of Elin Pelland, LICSW, LSSW, in the open Licensed School Social Worker Board member position. Ms. Pelland was a recommendation from NASW Executive Director, Lynn Stanley, LICSW. This was informational only, no Board action required.
- K. The Board reviewed a letter received from Capella University letter, regarding “Telehealth and Virtual Supervision during COVID-19 Pandemic.” The Board does not have jurisdiction over what the school chooses to do regarding telehealth and

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virtual supervision for their students. This information will be communicated with Capella University, no further Board action required.

- L. The Board discussed a follow up item from last month's meeting, regarding additional information to be shared on the Board's website regarding COVID-19 resources. The members discussed what and how other states have communicated well on their websites relative to mental health. Further Ms. Vaccarello stated if any members have additional recommendations to send them to the administrator. This was informational only, no Board action required.
  
- M. The Board reviewed the COVID-19 practice status survey information as presented and created by Ms. Stevens. Ms. Stevens reminded the Board members, this an optional survey, but highly recommended that licensees complete it to help relay correct data to the public. Ms. Stevens discussed a conversation she had with Tym Rourke, Director of New Hampshire Tomorrow, regarding resources and funding available to New Hampshire businesses through the state of emergency.

Upon a motion by Ms. Hufford, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to approve the optional survey be sent out via email to all active licensees. *~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

**V. QUESTIONS: N/A**

**VI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

**Motion to commence Non-Public Session:**

At 10:38 a.m., upon a motion by Ms. Vaccarello, with a second by Ms. Kennedy, 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

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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.

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

**Non-Public Session:**

[Minutes kept separately]

**Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:**

Upon a motion by Ms. Vaccarello, with a second by Mr. Goodnough, 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.

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

**Motion to resume public meeting:**

At 12:20 p.m., upon a motion by Ms. Vaccarello, 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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Ms. Vaccarello	Yes
Mr. Goodnough	Yes
Ms. Hufford	Yes
Mr. Rosario	Yes
Ms. Reasoner	Yes
Ms. Stevens	Yes
Ms. Kennedy	Yes

**QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE**

Upon a motion by Ms. Kennedy, with a second by Ms. Hufford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following for licensure, unless otherwise stated. *~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

**MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS**

**1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Mental Health Counselors**

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

- A. DAVIS, Renee, MA
- B. LAUX, Katie, MS
- C. LINDEN, Karin, MA
- D. MICHAUD, Jennifer, MA
- E. RZASA, Jill, MA
- F. WOTTON, Lesley, MS

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**2. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – RATIFY: Mental Health Counselors**

N/A

**3. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – REINSTATEMENT: Mental Health Counselors:**

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

A. ANDERSON, Laurie, LCMHC

**4. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Mental Health Counselors**

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

A. BURNES, Catherine, MS

B. TREMPE, Heather, MS

C. WEST, Glenda, MS

**5. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Mental Health Counselors**

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

A. PIETRANTONIO, Barry, MA

**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS**

**1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Clinical Social Workers**

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

A. ROWE, Erica, MSW

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**2. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – RATIFY: Clinical Social Workers**

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

A. WEINSTEIN, Lisa, MSW

**3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Clinical Social Workers**

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

A. AVILA, Samantha, MSW  
B. OGDEN, Carly, MSW

Upon a motion by Ms. Kennedy, with a second by Ms. Hufford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following supervision agreement:

**Recused:** Mr. Rosario

A. TENNEY, Danielle, MSW

**4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Clinical Social Workers**

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

A. PAGE, Kendra, MSW

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

**1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Marriage and Family Therapists**

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

A. GRASSO, Kristin, MS

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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: 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 12:21 p.m., upon a motion by Ms. Kennedy, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

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