



# Board of Mental Health Practice

April 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM  
7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

## Attendance

### Members Present:

Samuel Rosario, Chair (SR), Christina Gribben (CG), Deborah Robinson *via zoom* (DR), Rebecca Bemis (RB), Kristin Grasso (KG), Courtney Porter *via zoom* (CP), Lara Gruner-Orf (LGO)

### Members Absent:

Amy Alletzhauser (AA)

### Staff Present:

Jeanne Webber, Board Administrator; Michael Gianunzio, Board Administrator; Sheri Phillips, Esq., Board Counsel

#### I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m., with a quorum of the Board present.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

##### A. March 17, 2023

#### **Motion:**

Upon a motion by KG, with a second by CG, the Board voted to approve the minutes as written; motion passed.

#### III. Public Appearances

##### A. Nicole Newell, LCMHC Applicant

#### **Motion:**

Upon a motion by KG, with a second by CG, the Board voted to dismiss the Show Cause hearing; motion passed.

#### IV. Board Administrator Updates

##### A. Counseling Compact - Discussion

#### **Motion:**

Upon a motion by DR, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to designate the Executive Director of OPLC or her designee as representative of the Board for the Counseling Compact; motion passed.

##### B. Social Work Licensure Compact

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by KG, the Board voted to submit a letter in support of the Social Work Compact. SR volunteered to draft the letter; motion passed.

C. Bias in Clinical Exams Article - Informational

D. Renewal Audits - Discussion

Ten percent of renewals will be audited each month by licensing staff. The Board will review any renewals that do not meet the requirements.

V. Tabled - no items

VI. New Business

A. Question regarding degree

TABLED to the May 19, 2023 meeting

B. Lisa Cooney, PhD - Waiver

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by KG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to deny the waiver request related to waiving the MFT examination requirement. Motion passed.

C. Heidi Foisy, MS - Waiver

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to approve the waiver request and grant an extension of the supervision period. Motion passed.

D. Kaleala Ford, MSW - Waiver

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to deny the waiver request related to supervision documentation. Motion passed.

E. Erin Mooney, LICSW - Waiver

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by KG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to deny the waiver request related to waiving the required Supervision training documentation requirement to become an approved supervisor. Motion passed.

- F. Emily O'Brien Holland, MSW - Waiver

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to deny the waiver request related to supervision documentation. Motion passed.

- G. Elizabeth Palmer, MS - Waiver

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by KG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to approve the waiver request related to backdating. Motion passed.

- H. Emily Pavick, MSW - Waiver

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by RB, with a second by CG, the Board voted to deny the waiver request related to backdating. Motion passed.

- I. Dax Peters, MSW - Waiver

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by SR, with a second by CG, the Board voted to approve the waiver request related to supervision documentation. Motion passed.

- J. Sheryl Thompson, MSW - Waiver

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by RB, with a second by CG, the Board voted to approve the waiver request related to waiving the ASWB examination requirement. Motion passed.

- K. Gale Vrtiak, PhD - Waiver

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by RB, with a second by CG, the Board voted to approve the waiver request related to waiving the NCMHCE examination requirement. Motion passed.

- VII. Rules/Legislative Update – TABLED to the May 19, 2023 meeting

- A. Legislative Updates

- SB 44 FN - Relative to license requirements for certain alcohol and other drug use professionals
- HB655 - Relative to the office of professional licensure and certification
- HB2 - Relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures
- HB507 - Relative to unauthorized practice in occupational and professional licensing and certification
- HB321 - Relative to minutes from nonpublic sessions under the right to know law

VIII. First Non-Public Session

At 9:58 a.m., upon a motion by DR, with a second by RB, the Board voted to conduct the **1<sup>st</sup> 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:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

**[Minutes kept separately].**

IX. Resume Public Session

**Motion:**

At 10:33 a.m., upon a motion by LGO, with a second by RB, the Board voted to resume public session.

A. Seal Minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> Non-Public Session

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by RB, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

X. Second Non-Public Session

At 11:35 a.m., upon a motion by LGO, with a second by RB, the Board voted to conduct the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

**[Minutes kept separately].**

XI. Resume Public Session

**Motion:**

At 1:42 p.m., upon a motion by CG, with a second by KG, the Board voted to resume public session.

A. Seal Minutes from Non-Public Session

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by RB, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

XII. Licensure Approvals

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by DR, with a second by CG, the Board voted to approve the following applicants for licensure. Motion passed.

A. **MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS**

**1.APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

- A. ANDERSON, Kayla, MA
- B. CORBIN, Christine, MS
- C. CORSETTI, Kayla, MA
- D. FOISY, Heidi, MS
- E. GERHARDT, Makayla MA
- F. KELLY, Stephanie, MA
- G. NEWELL, Nicole, MA

**2. APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED**

- A. DWYER, Michael, MA
- B. ELIZABETH, Seren MA
- C. FORAKER, Michelle, MS
- D. HINSON, Cynthia, MS
- E. JANUS, Jessica, MA
- F. LOWELL, Echo, MS
- G. LYLYK, Lisa, MS
- H. NIELSEN, Carly, MA
- I. STINTON, Christy, MA
- J. TWOMBLY, Heather, MA
- K. UNDERDAHL, Jessica, MA
- L. VRTIAK, Gale, PhD

**3.CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. BEAULIEU, Jessica, MA
- B. DOUCET, Kathryn, MS

- C. GREENE, Julie, MEd
- D. HAHS, Ingrid, MS
- E. HEBERT, Michelle, MS
- F. STEPHEN, Sharlina, MA
- G. SULLIVAN, Kevin, MS
- H. TENERIELLO-COMBS, Tammy, MS

**4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. DEWITT, Zachary, MS
- B. HOLLENBACK-YIN, Ashley, MS
- C. LIEVENS, Susan, MS
- D. MCGRATH-ROMERO, Jaimeanne, MS
- E. METZ, Ashley, MS
- F. REILLY, Alexandra, MA
- G. VENTRE, Katelyn, MA
- H. WEST, Glenda, MS

**5. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE - REINSTATEMENT**

- A. JELINEK, Mary Lou

**B. SOCIAL WORKERS**

**1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

- A. BENNING, Francesca, MSW
- B. BIBBO, Melissa, MSW
- C. FERRELL, Holly Ann, MSW
- D. PETERS, Dax, MSW

**2. APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED**

- A. ALLEN, Michelle, MSW
- B. BEAUREGARD, Christina, MSW
- C. BROOKS, Mackenzie, MSW
- D. BUCHANAN-CAIN, April, MSW
- E. DIETZMAN, Skyler, MSW
- F. DUBOIS, Leah, MSW
- G. HANSON, Robert, MSW
- H. HUTH, Lee, MSW
- I. JOYCE, Lauren, MSW
- J. LEVINE, Ilona, MSW
- K. MACKINNON, Angela, MSW
- L. MOSKOWITZ, Jennie, MSW
- M. PAPP, Veronika, MSW

- N. PEARCE, Rebecca, MSW
- O. RECCHIA, Stephanie, MSW
- P. ROBINSON, Makayla, MSW
- Q. SANTA CLARA, Kaleigh, MSW
- R. SHERR, Leah, MSW
- S. STEINBAUGH, Alexandra, MSW
- T. THOMPSON, Sheryl, MSW
- U. TORRES-MALDONADO, Eva, MSW
- V. WARD, David, MSW

### **3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. BAKER, Danielle, MSW
- B. BARCHI, Zanetta, MSW
- C. BAUER, Pilara, MSW
- D. BISHOP, Jennifer, MSW
- E. BLATTSTEIN, Rachel, MSW
- F. COLE, Lindsey, MSW
- G. DESOUSA, Amanda, MSW
- H. HARRIS, David, MSW
- I. HOOK, Debra, MSW
- J. JAMISON II, John, MSW
- K. LOPEZ, Geysel, MSW
- L. MCKAY, Carly, MSW
- M. MUSUMANO, Peter, MSW
- N. NIELSON, Natalie, MSW
- O. RAMSAY, Emily, MSW
- P. RAVENELLE, Arianna, MSW

### **4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. BYRNE, John, MSW
- B. FISK, Stacy, MSW
- C. KELBY, Emerson, MSW
- D. MACDUFFIE, Sandra, MSW
- E. MCGUIRE, Christine, MSW
- F. PAVICK, Emily, MSW
- G. WHITTICK, Laura, MSW

### **6. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE - REINSTATEMENT**

- A. N/A

### **C. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

#### **1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

A. TORRENS, Heather, MS

2. **APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED: N/A**

3. **CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: N/A**

4. **APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

A. PALMER, Elizabeth, MS

5. **REINSTATEMENT: N/A**

**D. PASTORAL PSYCHOTHERAPISTS**

1. **APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: N/A**

2. **APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED: N/A**

3. **CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS:  
N/A**

4. **APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: N/A**

XIII. Adjournment

**Motion:**

At 1:44 p.m., upon a motion by CG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.