



Board of Mental Health Practice

October 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM EDT
7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

Attendance

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Rebecca Bemis

Courtney Porter arrived at 12:05 p.m. via Zoom

Deborah Robinson left at 12:25 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m., with a quorum of the Board present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. September 15, 2023

Motion:

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

III. Public Appearances

A. Emily Pavick- Show Cause

Motion:

Hearing proceeded at 10:17 AM. The applicant did not appear in person or by zoom after being provided notice of the hearing date and time. Upon a motion by DR, with a second by CG, the Board voted to hold the hearing *in absentia*.

Hearing concluded at 10:23 AM. Upon a motion by AA, with a second by LGO, the board voted to deny the appeal based on statute; motion passed.

IV. Board Administrator Updates - Informational

A. Schedule

B. ASWB Exam Update

C. Council on Social Work Education memo

D. MFT Compact – KG reported the possibility of portability instead of compact.

V. Waivers

- A. Kaczenski, Sarah, MSW

Motion:

Upon a motion by DR, with a second by AA, the Board voted to deny the waiver request related to the minimum required period of supervision as the requirement is established through statute and cannot be waived. Motion passed.

- B. Lester, Sean

Motion:

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

- C. Woodhouse, Caitlyn, MA

Motion:

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by AA, the Board voted to dismiss the waiver request of submitting all supervision documents as the applicant is eligible for licensure pursuant to Plc 313.39. Motion passed.

- D. Bowden, Kayleen, MA

Motion:

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by DR, the Board voted to deny the waiver request of submitting supervision documents and issue a notice of hearing. Motion passed.

- E. Merrigan, Sarah, MS

Motion:

Upon a motion by KG, with a second by AA, the Board voted to approve the waiver request related to waiver of official undergraduate transcripts. Motion passed.

- F. Cramer, William, MA

Motion:

Upon a motion by DR, with a second by KG, the Board voted to deny the waiver request of submitting supervision documents and issue a notice of hearing. Motion passed.

VI. Tabled – No items

VII. New Business

- A. Licensing Discussion – Ashley Czechowicz, Lexy Biskadurous and Jenna Hallee jointed the Board for a discussion regarding the approval of applications under HB655.
- B. Clinical Inquiry – The Board took no position regarding this inquiry and directs the requestor to the new rules which will be in effect 12/2023.
- C. Request - Kristin Grasso, MFT

Motion:

Upon a motion by AA, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to approve KG’s request to provide an overview of board member duties to the New Hampshire Assocation of Marriage and Family Therapy. Motion passed.

- D. Courtney Porter remote attendance

Motion:

Upon a motion by KG, with a second by DR, the Board voted to approve remote participation by CP as attending in person is not practicable. Motion passed.

- E. Standing Order

Motion:

Upon a motion by LGO with a second by KG, the Board voted to approve the standing order related to renewal audits. Motion passed.

VIII. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

- A. Rules Hearing - Mhp 305.02, 307, 308, and 309

The Board of Mental Health Practice held a public rules hearing regarding Mhp 305.02, 307, 308, and 309 beginning at 9:12 am and ending at 9:34 am. There were no public present, and no one provided oral testimony at the hearing.

- B. Mhp 300s various

Motion:

Upon a motion by DR, with a second by CG, the Board voted to adopt the rules as presented. Motion passed.

- C. Plc 313 – Elizabeth Eaton, Esq, Board Counsel gave an overview of Plc 313.39 related to reciprocity licensing of mental health professionals.

- D. Legislative Updates - Informational

- 1. HB 594

Relative to the licensure of out-of-state applicants to boards or commissions organized under the office of professional licensure and certification.

2. HB 321

Relative to minutes from nonpublic sessions under the right to know law.

IX. Non- First Non-Public Session

At 10:24 a.m., upon a motion by DR, with a second by CG, the Board voted to conduct the **1st 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].

X. Resume Public Session

Motion:

At 11:01 a.m., upon a motion by KG, with a second by CG, the Board voted to resume public session.

A. Seal Minutes from 1st Non-Public Session

Upon a motion by DR, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding **1st 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.

XI. Second Non-Public Session

At 11:19 a.m., upon a motion by LGO, with a second by DR, the Board voted to conduct the **2nd 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].

XII. Resume Public Session

Motion:

At 1:10 p.m., upon a motion by CG, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to resume public session.

A. Seal Minutes from Non-Public Session

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding 2nd 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.

XIII. Licensure Approvals

Motion:

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

I. APPLICATIONS QUALIFICATION & LICENSURE

A. MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

- A. ALVES, Michael, MS
- B. ANGELO, Lynn, MA
- C. ARZAVALA-REED, Stephanie, MA
- D. HARRISON, Jermai, MS
- E. MORIN, Sara Ann, MA
- F. WHEELOCK, Amanda, MA
- G. WOODHOUSE, Caitlyn, MA

2. APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED

- A. CRAWFORD, Ayesha, MA
- B. DARRAH, Rebecca, MS
- C. DAVIS, Kaitlyn, MEd
- D. DAVIES SMITH, Amy, MA
- E. MAXANT Christa, MS
- F. MORRIS, Amy, MEd
- G. PENNINGTON, John, MA
- H. SANDO, Keisha, MS
- I. SCHLENZ, Heidi, MS

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. CHAPMAN, Michele, MS
- B. DAVIS, Thomas, MS
- C. DWYER, Adrienne, MA

- D. GOLD, Emily, MA
- E. IAQUINTA, Samantha, MA
- F. JELLEY, Brianna, MA
- G. MICELI, Jennifer, MS
- H. VOGELAAR, Kristen, MA
- I. WHITEHEAD, Jennifer, MA

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. BOWDEN, Kayleen, MA
- B. CRAMER, William, MA
- C. DAVIS, Keely, MA
- D. DRISCOLL, Patricia, MS
- E. GRABIEC, Christine, MA
- F. KENNEDY, Aoife, MS
- G. MCLAUGHLIN, Patrick, MEd
- H. METZ, Ashley, MS
- I. MOORE, Emily, MA
- J. SCHILLING, Scott, MS
- K. SNODGRASS, Carly, MA

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE - REINSTATEMENT

- A. LUNT, Susan, MA
- B. THURSTON, Christina, MA

B. SOCIAL WORKERS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

- A. CHABOT, Gwen, MSW
- B. COTNOIR, Chelsea, MSW
- C. MERRIGAN, Sarah, MSW
- D. MIKALSON, Terra, MSW
- E. SLONE, Theodora, MSW
- F. TAGGART MELIA, Rebecca, MSW
- G. TUCKER, Adina, MSW

2. APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED

- A. AYERS, Steven, MSW

- B. BRUNELL, McKenna, MSW
- C. CONNIFEY, Kasey, MSW
- D. GARSTAD, Cheyenne, MSW
- E. MAHLER, Keeleigh, MSW
- F. PRITCHARD, Daniel, MSW
- G. PROVENCHER, Kallie, MSW
- H. ZENKUS, Brianna, MSW

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. ANTOINE, Danica, MSW
- B. CADDELL, Julia, MSW
- C. DILLE III, Stephen, MSW
- D. DOUCET, Gabrielle, MSW
- E. LYLE, Kristin, MSW
- F. MARTIN, Katherine, MSW
- G. MCLAUGHLIN, Joshua, MSW
- H. MORRIS, Michael, MSW
- I. PAYNE, Delaney, MSW
- J. READ, Morgan, MSW
- K. THOMAS, Rachel, MSW

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. BIEDRZYCKI, Jocelyn, MSW
- B. COMPAGNA, Alexis, MSW
- C. DUFFEY, Lisa, MSW
- D. GUTH, Sarah, MSW
- E. HUTTON, Liza, MSW
- F. LITTLE, Alyson, MSW
- G. LOVE, Bridget, MSW
- H. MACDONALD, Danielle, MSW
- I. MCKAY, Carly, MSW
- J. MIERZWA-WINTERS, Morgan, MSW
- K. PASANEN-FRANKLIN, Julia, MSW

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE - REINSTATEMENT

- A. ANGLE-ERIN, Erin, MSW
- B. BLACKADAR, Samantha, MSW
- C. HOLT, Janine, MSW

C.MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

- A. GIOIA, Dana, MS
- B. WANG, Yu-Wei, MS

2. APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED

- A. N/A

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. DOYLE, Kayla, MA
- B. GALIANO, Ashleigh, MA
- C. ROWE, Travis, MA

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. N/A

5. REINSTATEMENT:

- A. N/A

D.PASTORAL PSYCHOTHERAPISTS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: N/A

2. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: N/A

3. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: N/A

XIV. Adjournment

Motion:

At 1:11 p.m., upon a motion by LGO, with a second by SR, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.