



# Board of Mental Health Practice

February 16, 2024 at 9:00 AM  
7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

## Attendance

### Members Present:

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

**Staff Present:** Jeanne Webber, Board Administrator; Rahkiya Medley, Esq., Board Counsel; Shane Goulet, Esq., Hearings Examiner

### I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. with a quorum of the Board present.

### II. Approval of Minutes

#### A. January 19, 2024

##### **Motion:**

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by KG, the Board voted to approve the minutes as stated; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote. Abstain: DR

#### B. February 9, 2024 Emergency meeting Public minutes

##### **Motion:**

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by KG, the Board voted to approve the minutes as stated; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote. **Abstain:** SR, CG

**Absent for vote:** DR

### III. Public Appearances

#### A. Davis, Matthew - Show Cause

##### **Motion:**

Hearing proceeded at 10:32 AM. Hearing concluded at 10:45 AM. Upon a motion by DR, with a second by KG, the board voted to approve the application for licensure; motion passed.

#### B. Trowbridge, Nicholas - Show Cause

##### **Motion:**

Hearing proceeded at 10:57 AM. Hearing concluded at 11:23 AM. Upon a motion by DR, with a second by CP, the board voted to approve the waiver of required

supervision documentation and approve the application for licensure; motion passed.

C. Pelikan, John - Show Cause

**Motion:**

Hearing proceeded at 11:32 AM. Hearing concluded at 11:47 AM. Upon a motion by RB, with a second by DR, the board voted to approve of the application for licensure; motion passed.

IV. Board Administrator Updates - Informational

A. ASWB Updates

B. School Social Workers

Meeting with Courtney Porter, Bethany Cottrell, Elizabeth Eaton, and Stephen Appleby scheduled for February 26, 2024

V. Waivers

A. Brown, Brytani, MSW

**Motion:**

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

B. Ferruolo, David

**Recused:** SR

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by DR, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to deny the “exemption” request related to 1099 employment status of supervisees. Motion passed.

C. Gonzalez, Luis, PhD

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by AA, the Board voted to deny the waiver request related to the NCMHCE exam requirement as its a statutory requirement. Motion passed.

D. Rosario, Samuel

Requesting waiver related to 1099 employment status

**Recused:** SR

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by DR, with a second by KG, the Board voted to approve the waiver request related to 1099 employment status of the five listed supervisees

currently under a Board approved Candidate for Licensure: Supervision agreement for the duration of the current agreement. Motion passed.

- E. Snow, Henrietta, MA

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by DR, with a second by KG, the Board voted to issue a notice of show cause hearing. Motion passed.

- F. Turano, Laura, MSW

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by DR, with a second by KG, the Board voted to table the waiver request related to an unapproved supervisor pending further legal review. Motion passed.

- G. Macri, Johanna, LCMHC - Reinstatement

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by RB, the Board voted to deny the waiver request related to the requirement of live CEs for renewal and grant a 90 day extension. Motion passed.

VI. Tabled

VII. New Business

- A. Board Travel – Informational. All Board Members need approval when traveling in Board capacity before booking any travel.
- B. Mhp 305 feedback – The Board reviewed feedback regarding Mhp 305 and will consider the request for future rulemaking. The Board discussed the waiver of substantive rules available for applicants pursuant to Mhp 213.
- C. Licensing Discussion

Licensing requested clarification re: MLADC supervision hours and ASWB exam approval for the recently adopted rules effective December 19, 2023. The Board clarified that up to one year of supervision is included in the hours accepted for licensed MLADCs and that applicants requesting approval to sit for the ASWB exam that have had 18 months or more of supervision and currently have an approved Candidate for Licensure: Supervision Agreement on file with the Board may sit for the exam.

- D. CE Broker – Heather Kelley, Director of Operations, gave an overview of the upcoming implementation of CE Broker for all licensees.

VIII. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

- A. Mhp 305.02, Mhp 307, Mhp 308, and Mhp 309 - Continuing Education, Social Worker, Social Work Associate, and Conditional Licensure

## Conditional Approval Response

### **Motion:**

Upon a motion by DR, with a second by CG, the Board voted to accept the Conditional Approval Response as presented. Motion passed.

- B. Plc 500 Initial Proposal – Informational
- C. Rulemaking – 300’s related to Supervisors, renewal requirements for new license types

### **Motion:**

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by RB, the Board voted to initiate rulemaking for Supervisors and to create renewal requirements for new license types. AA and CG will work with Rulemaking to develop the rules related to Supervisors. Motion passed.

- D. Legislative Updates – Rahkiya Medley, Board Counsel, provided update to the Board on the following legislation:

HB 1131 - relative to mental health practice

HB 1413 - relative to mental health supervision agreements

HB 1272 - relative to occupational license reciprocity

HB 1408 - relative to the merger of and reorganization of various occupational boards

HB 1676 - establishing a sunset commission to evaluate various occupational boards and commissions, and sunsetting various boards and commissions-referred to interim study

HB 1711 - authorizing the state to report mental health data for firearms background check purposes and providing for processes for confiscation of firearms following certain mental health-related court proceedings and for relief from mental health-related firearms disabilities

HB 1190 - relative to adopting the interstate social work licensure compact - Hearing 2/20/24 at 11:30 a.m.

### **Motion:**

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by CG, the Board voted to support HB 1190 and submit written testimony drafted by SR. Motion passed.

## IX. First Non-Public Session

At 10:46 a.m., upon a motion by LGO, with a second by CP, 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].**

X. Resume Public Session

**Motion:**

At 10:54 a.m., upon a motion by LGO, with a second by KG, the Board voted to resume public session.

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

Upon a motion by KG, with a second by CG, 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.

XI. Second Non-Public Session

At 11:24 a.m., upon a motion by LGO, with a second by DR, 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].**

XII. Resume Public Session

**Motion:**

At 11:26 a.m., upon a motion by KG, with a second by DR, the Board voted to resume public session.

A. Seal Minutes from Non-Public Session

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by CG, 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.

XIII. Third Non-Public Session

At 11:48 a.m., upon a motion by KG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to conduct the **3<sup>rd</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].**

XIV. Resume Public Session

**Motion:**

At 1:24 p.m., upon a motion by LGO, with a second by DR, the Board voted to resume public session.

A. Seal Minutes from 3<sup>rd</sup> Non-Public Session

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by KG, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding 3<sup>rd</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.

XV. Licensure Approvals

**I. APPLICATIONS QUALIFICATION & LICENSURE**

**A. MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS**

**1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

- A. GUEST, Kristen, MS
- B. HADAWAY, James, MA
- C. KELLEY, Taylor, MS
- D. MCGRATH-ROMERO, Jaimeanne, MS
- E. POLAND, Kourtney, MA
- F. TROWBRIDGE, Nicholas, MS

**2. APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED**

- A. SAVITCH, Gillian, MA
- B. TIERNEY, Brittany, MS

**3. APPLICATIONS APPROVED THROUGH ENDORSEMENT**

- A. BILLINGSLEY, Ginifer
- B. DAHNKE, Michael
- C. HADAWAY, Jolene
- D. HOSKINS, Laura
- E. LETOURNEAU, Jane

- F. LOWTHER, Sean
- G. MCCLANE, Sarah
- H. NUNEZ, Damaris
- I. ORTEGA, Enmanuel
- J. ROY, Dawn
- K. SCHULTS, Heidi
- L. SMITH, Colleen
- M. SPURWAY, Carolyn
- N. VALIAEVA, Nataliya

**4. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. CLEASBY, Danielle, MA
- B. COOLIDGE, Kathryn, MA
- C. EVANS, Michael, MA
- D. FERLAND, Sarah, MS
- E. FRAINE, Stephanie, MS
- F. GREATHEAD, Melanie, MA
- G. GREGORY, Muriel, MA
- H. HOLDEN, Lindsay, MS
- I. HOWARD, Jaden, MS
- J. HUTCHINS, Elisabeth, MS
- K. MERCHANT, Kylie, MS
- L. MULLER, Emma, MA
- M. RYAN, Corina, MS
- N. SANCHEZ-ABDALLAH, Solana, MA
- O. SMITH, Pamela, MS
- P. TAWNEY, Shannan, MS
- Q. VASQUEZ, Lisa, MS

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

- A. ALLEN, Alissa, MA
- B. DAVIS, Keely, MA
- C. DEWITT, Zachary, MS
- D. KENNEDY, Aoife, MS
- E. LEE, Kelly, MA
- F. LISEMBEE, Lauren, MA
- G. MILLS, Whitney, MS
- H. OLSEN, James, MS
- I. WALALIS, Felicia, MA
- J. WHITE, Johanna, MA

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE - REINSTATEMENT**

- A. N/A

**B. SOCIAL WORKERS**

**1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

- A. BLANCHETTE, Lauren, MSW
- B. BROADHURST, Ashley, MSW
- C. DAVIS, Matthew, MSW
- D. KERRIGAN, George, MSW
- E. PELIKAN, John, MSW
- F. RAINE, Candace, MSW

**2. APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED**

- A. JOHNSON, Samantha, MSW

**3. APPLICATIONS APPROVED THROUGH ENDORSEMENT**

- A. BAKER, Stacy, MSW
- B. BLACK, Allison, MSW
- C. CARTER, Brianne, MSW
- D. CORBETT, Josey, MSW
- E. DAVIDSON, Allison, MSW
- F. ECKLES, Laurie, MSW
- G. HILL, Shykita, MSW
- H. KOUMANTZELIS, Gia, MSW
- I. LANE, Mark, MSW
- J. MARTIN, Kellie, MSW
- K. MONAHAN, Heather, MSW
- L. MOORE, Penelope, MSW
- M. PUMROY, Twyla, MSW
- N. SARGENT, Alexis, MSW
- O. SPADARO, Joanne, MSW
- P. STOLZENBACH, Stephanie, MSW
- Q. TAYLOR, Akira, MSW
- R. VALTEAU-WILLIAMS, Karen, MSW
- S. WENDEL, Lane, MSW
- T. WILLETT, Monique, MSW
- U. WOODMAN, Christopher, MSW
- V. YAWGER, Jenifer, MSW

**4. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. ALLARD, Heather, MSW
- B. ALTIT, Alix, MSW
- C. BLUMENTHAL, Ellison, MSW
- D. BOMBACI, Tracey, MSW



- E. BRANON, Staci, MSW
- F. CAPSTAFF, Elizabeth, MSW
- G. CORKHUM, Jena, MSW
- H. LUCKE, Tammy, MSW
- I. REOPEL, Melissa, MSW
- J. VANDEWEGHE, Breanne, MSW

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

- A. BARCHI, Zanetta, MSW
- B. BROWN, Brytani, MSW
- C. CHIARELLA, Karen, MSW
- D. LITTLE, Alyson, MSW
- E. LOVEJOY, Danielle, MSW
- F. MOORE, Adrienne, MSW
- G. NICKERSON, Caroline, MSW
- H. TESTERMAN, Holloway, MSW

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE - REINSTATEMENT**

- A. DECKER, Morgan, MSW
- B. MOELLER, Katherine, MSW
- C. SNOOK, Jason, MSW

**C. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

**1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

- A. N/A

**2. APPLICATIONS TO BE RATIFIED**

- A. N/A

**3. APPLICATIONS APPROVED THROUGH ENDORSEMENT**

- A. JONES, Jessica
- B. MCCLARY, Wendy
- C. MCFARLAND, Breonna, MA
- D. RODRIGUE, Paul
- E. TALLON-HICKS, Yana

**4. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. N/A

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

A. GALIANO, Ashleigh, MA

**6. REINSTATEMENT:**

A. N/A

**D. PASTORAL PSYCHOTHERAPISTS**

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

**2. APPLICATIONS APPROVED THROUGH ENDORSEMENT: N/A**

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

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

XVI. Adjournment

**Motion:**

At 1:51 p.m., upon a motion by LGO, with a second by SR, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.