

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE
FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022 @ 9:00 AM
PUBLIC MINUTES

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”) on April 15, 2022, beginning at 9:07 a.m., with the following members present:

Unless otherwise indicated, the members present and participating were: Gary Goodnough, Ph.D., LCMHC, NCC, Chair; Samuel Rosario, LICSW; Sheryl Reasoner, LCMHC, MLADC, Community Mental Health Center; Amy Alletzhauser, LPP; Debbie Robinson, Public Member; and Christina Gribben, Public Member

Absent: Debbie Robinson, and Christina Gribben

I. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A. Minutes:

Upon a motion by Mr. Rosario, with a second by Ms. Reasoner, the Board voted to approve the minutes from March 18, 2022, as stated.

II. TABLED:

- A. OPLC Standing Order request – Order on Failed or Returned Licensee Fee Payments. Upon a motion by Dr. Alletzhauser, with a second by Dr. Goodnough, the Board voted to approve the Standing Order.

III. HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- A. Caitlyn Cook, Show Cause Hearing, RE: Conditional Denial of a Clinical Mental Health Counselor application – **9:30 a.m.**

Hearing Examiner, and Presiding Officer, Attorney Nikolas Frye called to order the Show Cause Hearing of Caitlyn Cook at 9:32 a.m. regarding the conditionally denied application for licensure as a Clinical Mental Health Counselor. Ms. Cook’s submitted exhibits were accepted as full exhibits by the Board. The Applicant testified to holding a comparable license in Maine, as well as an art therapy license in New York.

Hearing Examiner Frye concluded the show cause hearing at 10:11 a.m.

- B. Taylor Cavanaugh, Show Cause Hearing, RE: Conditional Denial of a Candidate for Licensure: Supervision Agreement application – **10:00 a.m.**

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Hearing Examiner, and Presiding Officer, Attorney Nikolas Frye called to order the Show Cause Hearing of Taylor Cavanaugh at 10:13 a.m. regarding the conditionally denied Candidate for Licensure: Supervision Agreement application as a Clinical Mental Health Counselor. Ms. Cavanaugh did not submit any exhibits for consideration by the Board and stated she did not disagree with the Board's decision. Ms Cavanaugh used the time in front of the Board to ask questions regarding her education, and a potential pathway to licensure.

Hearing Examiner Frye concluded the Show Cause Hearing at 10:25 a.m.

C. Lauren Leicht, LICSW, Show Cause Disciplinary Hearing – **1:00 p.m.**

Hearing Examiner, and Presiding Officer, Attorney Nikolas Frye called to order the Show Cause Disciplinary Hearing at 1:01 p.m. Ms. Leicht requested to hold the hearing in non-public. The Board approved this request pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c). The Board further clarified with Ms. Leicht that although the hearing will be held in non-public, the Board's final decision will be a public document. Ms. Leicht stated she understood.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rules – Mhp 300 initial proposal and forms updates – TABLED to May 20, 2022 meeting.
- B. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Alison Kellerman, MA, requesting a waiver of Mhp 305.01 (c), educational requirement. Upon a motion by Dr. Goodnough, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to approve the waiver request.
- C. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Antoinette Moody, requesting a waiver of Mhp 305.01 (c), educational requirement. Upon a motion by Dr. Alletzhauser, with a second by Ms. Reasoner, the Board voted to deny the waiver request. The Board further recommends that Ms. Moody enroll in a 60-credit program, as most will accept previous degrees or transfer credits.
- D. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Daniel Lavigne, MS, requesting backdating of submitted supervision agreement to bridge employment change. Upon a motion by Dr. Alletzhauser, with a second by Ms. Reasoner, the Board voted to deny the waiver request.
- E. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Laura Klein, MA, requesting backdating of approved supervision agreement from January 21, 2022 to November 29, 2021.

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- Upon a motion by Ms. Reasoner, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to deny the waiver request.
- F. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Danielle MacDonald, MSW, requesting backdating of approved supervision agreement from February 18, 2022 to January 10, 2022. Upon a motion by Dr. Goodnough, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to deny the waiver request.
- G. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Rachel McLeod, MA, requesting use of Massachusetts clinical experience form. Upon a motion by Mr. Rosario, with a second by Dr. Alletzhauser, the Board voted to approve the waiver request.
- H. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Patrick Lincoln, MA, LPC, requesting a waiver of Mhp 305.04 (a), NCMHCE requirement. Upon a motion by Dr. Goodnough, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to approve the waiver request.
- I. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Geralyn Cleary, MSW, LICW-S, LCDC III, requesting a waiver of Mhp 304.03 (a), ASWB Clinical Exam requirement. Upon a motion by Mr. Rosario, with a second by Dr. Alletzhauser, the Board voted to approve the waiver request.
- J. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Kelley Binette, LICSW, requesting a waiver of Mhp 302.01 (c)(6), requirement to be independently licensed for two or more years to become approved supervisor. Upon a motion by Ms. Reasoner, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted to deny the waiver request.
- K. The Board reviewed the waiver request from Heather Shields, LMHC, requesting a waiver of Mhp 305.02 (a)(8 & 11), addictive behaviors required course. Upon a motion by Dr. Goodnough, with a second by Dr. Alletzhauser, the Board voted to approve in part, and deny in part, this request. The Board accepts and approves the documentation submitted for the addictive behaviors course requirement. The Board denies the documentation submitted for the career and lifestyle development requirement.
- L. Dr. Goodnough provided the Board with an update from the most recent Board Chair meeting, which included discussion of OPLC's initiatives and strategic plan.

V. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion to commence 1st Non-Public Session:

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At 10:56 a.m., upon a motion by Ms. Reasoner, with a second by Dr. Goodnough, 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 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.

Non-Public Session:

[Minutes kept separately]

Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:

Upon a motion by Dr. Goodnough, with a second by Ms. Reasoner, 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.

Motion to commence 2nd Non-Public Session:

At 1:05 p.m., upon a motion by Ms. Reasoner, with a second by Dr. Alletzhauer, 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 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.

Non-Public Session:

[Minutes kept separately]

Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:

Upon a motion by Ms. Reasoner with a second by Mr. Rosario, 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.

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QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

Upon a motion by Dr. Goodnough, with a second by Mr. Rosario, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the following applicants for licensure.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Mental Health Counselors:

- A. ANASTACIO, Apryl, MS
- B. BALLARD, Mark, MA
- C. ESCOBAR, Sarah, MS
- D. HICKEY, Gerardine, MA
- E. TAYLOR, Nathaniel, MA

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

- A. LINCOLN, Patrick, MA
- B. RUSSO, Nerissa, MA

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Mental Health Counselors:

- A. ANDERSON, Kayla, MA
- B. CONDUCT, Sarah, MS
- C. DROSS, Renee, MS
- D. FRIEDMAN, Benjamin, MA
- E. PHELPS, Kristen, MS
- F. SNODGRASS, Carly, MA

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Mental Health Counselors:

- A. CROMWELL, Joy, MS
- B. DEWITT, Zachary, MS
- C. HELFRICH, Allie, MS
- D. ISBELL, Porsha, MA
- E. NIELSEN, Carly, MA
- F. ROBINSON, Margaret, MS

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SOCIAL WORKERS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Social Workers:

- A. ADLER-ROTH, Camille, MSW
- B. BLAKE, Kara, MSW
- C. BRUCE, Kathleen, MSW
- D. SEELY, Mackenzie, MSW
- E. WARE, Alexis, MSW
- F. WELCH, Jessica, MSW

2. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – RATIFY: Social Workers:

- A. BASSO, Amanda, MSW
- B. CAPRARO, Karen, MSW
- C. CHISLETT, Jennifer, MSW
- D. CLEARY, Geralyn, MSW
- E. CONLON, Brenda, MSW
- F. HAWKINS, Pamela, MSW
- G. JACOBS, Alicia, MSW
- H. LAFONT-LEAMEY, Krista, MSW
- I. RODNEY, Katherine, MSW
- J. NEELEY, Jennifer, MSW
- K. SINOTTE, Pamela, MSW
- L. VANDERLINDEN, Jennifer, MSW

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Social Workers:

- A. APPEGATE, Dea, MSW
- B. DELOTTO, Julia, MSW
- C. DINEN, Elyse, MSW
- D. FALZARANO, Kate, MSW
- E. KREPPS, Bryann, MSW
- F. KRUMPE, Erin, MSW
- G. OTIS, Naomi, MSW
- H. STAUDT, Bianca, MSW
- I. WARDROP, Erin, MSW

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

- A. ASHEY, Emily, MSW

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- B. BEAUREGARD, Christa, MSW
- C. LAMONTAGNE, Edmund, MSW
- D. LAURO, Jennifer, MSW

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: Marriage and Family Therapists:

- A. McLEOD, Rachel, MA – waiver

2. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – RATIFY: N/A

3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: Marriage and Family Therapists:

- A. MYERS-SANTOS, Hannah, MS

B. 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 2:43 p.m., upon a motion by Dr. Goodnough, with a second Ms. Reasoner, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adjourn the meeting.