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TOBI ZAVALA  
 Interim Executive Director

BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS MEETING MINUTES  
 February 6, 2014

Members Present: Gloria Gabler, Mary Coonrod, Kirk Bowden, Jerri Shields, Jayne McElfresh, Page Gonzales, Michael Jones, Steve Lankton (in at 2 PM)

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Executive Director, Tobi Zavala, Deputy Director, Donna Dalton, Assistant Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Beth Campbell, A.A.G., Diane Rasner, Solicitor General's Office, Mary Wilson, Elma Brambila

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners was called to order on February 6, 2014, at 12:12 p.m. with Ms. Coonrod presiding.

**2. Roll Call**

See above.

**3. Minutes: review, consideration and action**

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, to approve the general meeting minutes from the January 9, 2014, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jones abstained from the vote.

**4. Notification of Deficiencies**

Sarah Johnson, an applicant from the list of 37, appeared and addressed the Board.

**5. Consent Agenda: review, consideration and action**

A. 2014-0007, Jeffrey Friedman, LISAC-10376

Review, consideration, and action regarding the Board's recommendation to accept the proposed consent agreement.

B. 2011-0175, Jeffery Taylor, LMSW-10568

Review, consideration, and action regarding the professional's request for release from the consent agreement.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Stephen Lankton	Jayne McElfresh	Jerri Shields	Vacant CCC	Vacant SWCC	Vacant SACC	Vacant MFTCC
AYE	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				
NAY												
Absent						X						

*The Board took a break at 12:58 p.m. reconvening its public meeting at 1:10 p.m.*

**5. Administrative Hearings 1:00 PM**

A. Gary Tupper, LPC applicant

Ms. Rasner, Solicitor General's Office, appeared to provide independent legal advice to the Board.

Mr. Tupper appeared, was sworn in and made an opening statement.

Mr. Harris, A.A.G., appeared on behalf of the State and made an opening statement.

Laura de Blank was sworn in and testified as the State's witness.

Ms. Coonrod accepted State's Exhibits 1 through 7 into evidence.

Ms. Coonrod accepted Respondent's Exhibits A and B into evidence.

Mr. Tupper made a closing statement.

Mr. Harris made a closing statement.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to affirm the Counseling Credentialing Committee's recommendation to deny the application based on failure to establish a 3-semester credit hour course in Basic Counseling Skills in the Helping Relationship. The motion passed unanimously. See attached roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Stephen Lankton	Jayne McElfresh	Jerri Shields	Vacant CCC	Vacant SWCC	Vacant SACC	Vacant MFTCC
AYE	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				
NAY												
Absent						X						

**6. Formal Interviews**

None

**7. Disciplinary matters recommended by Credentialing Committees: review, consideration and action**

*A. 2012-0023, Allison Davis, LCSW-13074*

Ms. Zavala summarized information regarding the complaint and the Board's investigation.

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to dismiss the complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion passed unanimously.

*B. Yvette Garms, LMSW applicant*

Ms. Zavala summarized information regarding the background investigation.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to open a complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to offer a consent agreement with the following stipulations:

- To find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice
- To adopt the findings of fact from the investigative report
- Upon passage of the required exam the license shall be issued
- The license shall be placed on probation for 24 months
- The professional shall complete a pre-approved graduate level 3-semester credit hour course in addictions within 12 months
- The professional shall attend at least 12 monthly MADD meetings
- Early release is available after 12 months

and, if the consent agreement is not signed, to deny the license based on a finding of unprofessional conduct. The motion passed unanimously. See roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Stephen Lankton	Jayne McElfresh	Jerri Shields	Vacant CCC	Vacant SWCC	Vacant SACC	Vacant MFTCC
AYE	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				
NAY												
Absent						X						

C. 2012-0024, Charles Learned, LCSW-1861

Ms. Zavala summarized information regarding the complaint and the Board's investigation.

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional and his attorney, Michelle Thompson, appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to dismiss the complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion passed unanimously.

D. 2013-0077, Elizabeth Moyer, LSAT-12051 and LASAC applicant

Ms. Zavala summarized information regarding the Board's investigation.

The complainant addressed the Board telephonically.

The professional addressed the Board telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, to dismiss the complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Kara Murray, LAC applicant

Tabled

F. 2013-0061, Karen Smith, LISAC-11376

Tabled

G. 2012-0025, Martin Twohill, LCSW-2831 (suspended)

Ms. Zavala summarized information regarding the complaint and the Board's investigation.

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. McElfresh moved, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, to dismiss the complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Complaints and other disciplinary matters: review, consideration and action**

None

**9. Assistant Attorney General's Report: Marc Harris, A.A.G.**

A. *Transition of the Board's legal advisor*

Mr. Harris provided information regarding his transition to the Medical Board and introduced Elizabeth Campbell, the new A.A.G. for the Board.

**10. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action**

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to rescind this Board's January 9, 2014, motion to deny Krishna Bright's application based on not meeting minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

*Social Work*

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to approve 3 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers, 5 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers by endorsement, 21 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers and 1 applicant as a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to deny 3 applications based on failure to take the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

*Counseling*

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to approve 27 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors, 6 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors and 6 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to deny 5 applications based on not meeting minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

*Substance Abuse*

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to approve 3 applicants as Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors, 1 applicant as a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor by endorsement and 7 applicants as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to deny 2 applications based on not meeting minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

*Marriage and Family Therapy*

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to approve 2 applicants as Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapists, 4 applicants as Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists and 5 applicants as Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. Report from Chair**

A. *Chair report*  
No report

**12. Report from the Treasurer**

A. *Monthly Financial Report*  
Members reviewed the monthly financial report.

Following review, Ms. Coonrod moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to accept the monthly financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**13. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff**

A. *General Agency Operations*  
No report.

B. *Review, consideration, and possible action regarding SB1374 update*  
Members reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly report regarding implementation of SB1374. Ms. Zavala provided information regarding SB1077 which corrected the error in SB1374 regarding grandfathering of reciprocal license holders.

C. *Review, consideration, and possible action regarding Rules Subcommittee update*  
Ms. Dalton provided an update on the work of the Rules Subcommittee.

D. *Review, consideration, and possible action regarding customer service surveys*  
Ms. Zavala reminded members that the surveys will be reviewed quarterly.

E. *Review, consideration, and possible action regarding appointment of Executive Director*  
Ms. Rinaudo advised members that SB1374 requires that the Board appoint an Executive Director on or after January 31, 2014. She also advised members she does not want to be considered for this appointment.

Following discussion, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to appoint Ms. Zavala as Executive Director. The motion failed with Dr. Gabler, Ms. McElfresh, Ms. Gonzales and Mr. Jones opposed.

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AYE	X	X				X		X				
NAY			X	X	X		X					

Following further discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to appoint Ms. Zavala as Interim Executive Director for 6 months, at which time the Board will evaluate her performance. The motion passed unanimously.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Stephen Lankton	Jayne McElfresh	Jerri Shields	Vacant CCC	Vacant SWCC	Vacant SACC	Vacant MFTCC
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
NAY												

*F. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding approval of the Board's Fee Schedule*

Ms. Zavala provided information on the changes to the fee schedule. Members discussed adding information that a licensee can renew multiple licenses at the same time even with different expiration dates.

Following discussion by members, Dr. Bowden Steve Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to approve the fee schedule as amended to include information regarding multiple renewals. The motion passed unanimously.

*G. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding taking documents other than syllabi to meet curriculum requirements*

Ms. Rinaudo provided information regarding the request of the Marriage and Family Therapy Credentialing Committee to accept documents to meet curriculum requirements.

Following discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to deny the request of the Marriage and Family Therapy Credentialing Committee to be able to accept additional papers to supplement syllabi/course descriptions when considering curriculum. The motion carried with Dr. Gabler and Ms. McElfresh opposed.

**14. Committee reports**

No report

**15. National and regional news regarding the profession(s)**

None

**16. Future agenda items**

None

**17. Call for public comment**

Elizabeth Forsyth addressed the Board on behalf of the Arizona Counselor's Association. Ms. Forsythe indicated that it is the position of the ACA that the Board should open up the Executive Director position and conduct a search before appointing an Executive Director. She also expressed concern regarding the Board's fees.

**18. Establishment of future meeting dates**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 908.

**19. Adjournment**

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

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Mary Coonrod  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date

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February 2014 -- License Approvals

**Licensed Associate Counselor -- 27 --**

Angela Berry	Patrick Edwards	Karisa Kloscak	Shannon Scates
Allison Blitz	Melissa Evans Greene	Zoe Leonard	Crystal Sheard
Lucille Bugden-Kelley	Elizabeth Forsyth	Nicholas Martinez	Russell Silverberg
Kayla Campbell	Rebecca Gard	Katherine Marwitz	Stephanie Thomas
Kristi Cesare	Jennifer Garrison	Malia Monaco	Heidi Vance
Robert DiCarlo	Sandra Gerdes	Angel Montemayor	Jennifer Wieck
	Joshua Harper	Erin Paige	Christina Zeman

**Licensed Professional Counselor -- 6 --**

Kathleen Buri-Baca	Theresa Cole	Sarah Cosley	Anna Gilmore
Marna Petersen	Carlos Quijada		

**Licensed Professional Counselor by endorsement -- 6 --**

Suellen Dicker	Erin Hopper	Mario Sanchez	Evangeline Mwangi
Robert Wilkinson	Karen Wolfendon		

**Licensed Bachelor Social Worker -- 1 --**

Andree Sidwell

**Licensed Master Social Worker -- 21 --**

Karen Basilotta	Jennifer Franco-Rodriguez	Sarah Kelsey	Sharla Personey
Danielle Brownrigg	Kelley Heffernan	Alison Laughlin	Andrea Santillan
Kathleen Chandler	Ashley Hodge	Patricia Martinez	Laura Senften
Randi Cooper	Neal Holden	Erica Missicano	Elizabeth Sexton
Deborah Cunningham	Danielle Japenga	Sara Paxton	Linda Swan
Mia Eriksson			

**Licensed Clinical Social Worker -- 3 --**

Noelle Campbell	Victoria Cannon	Elena Sassard
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**Licensed Clinical Social Worker by endorsement -- 5 --**

Stephanie Despina-Daly	Denise Howley	David Mack
Maureen Guilfoyle	Barbara Lopate	

**Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist -- 2 --**

Loivia Klotz	Krystal Mazzola
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**Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist by endorsement -- 5 --**

Erica Gores	Keith Cross	Stephanie Neidermyer-Stephenson	Janet Rosenberg
Ellen Turner			

**Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist -- 4 --**

Kierra Aboul-Nsar	Mark Bell	Alisha McGady	Jessica Shaw
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**Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor by endorsement --1 --**

Janet Rosenberg

**Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor -- 3 --**

Anthony Bratko	Patricia Davis	Jacqueline Jeffries
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**Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor -- 7 --**

Daniel Blew	Anne Douglas	Jackie Powell	Brigitte Wangberg
Allison Blitz	Wendy Pethybridge	Adrian Russell	

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**Counseling** -- did not meet minimum requirements 5

Ruth Garnett	Jennifer Holland	Lori Magoffin
Karen Moats	Louis Sweet	

**Social Work** -- failure to take the required exam (3)

Gelyce Connelly	Desire Firle	David Hunts
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**Substance Abuse** -- did not meet minimum requirements (2)

Yvonna Fields	Cynthia McCall
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