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BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2014

Members Present: Jerri Shields, Page Gonzales, Kirk Bowden, Mary Coonrod, Patricia Dobratz, Gloria Gabler, Gerald Szymanski, Sally Jones, Mike Jones

Members Absent: Chip Coffey

Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director, Donna Dalton, Assistant Director, Beth Campbell, A.A.G., Marc Harris, A.A.G., Mary Wilson

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners was called to order on September 4, 2014, at 9:05 a.m. with Ms. Shields presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Minutes: review, consideration and action

Ms. Gonzales moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to approve the general meeting minutes from the August 14, 2014, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Gabler, Mr. Jones and Mr. Szymanski abstained from the vote.

4. Notification of Deficiencies

No one addressed the Board.

5. Consent Agenda: review, consideration and action

None

The Board took a break at 9:50 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:10 a.m.

6. Administrative Hearings

A. *Samuel Wolde, LAC applicant*

Diana Day, Solicitor General's Office, appeared telephonically to provide independent legal advice to the Board.

Ms. Campbell, A.A.G., appeared on behalf of the State.

Mr. Wolde appeared on his own behalf and made an opening statement.

Ms. Campbell made an opening statement.

Dr. Waterman was sworn and testified.

Ms. Shields admitted State's exhibits 1 through 6.

Mr. Wolde cross-examined Dr. Waterman.

Mr. Wolde made a closing argument.

Ms. Campbell made a closing argument.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to grant the license. The motion carried with Dr. Bowden, Ms. Gonzales, Ms. Shields and Mr. Szymanski opposed. See roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Sally Jones	Chip Coffey	Patricia Dobratz	Vacant	Vacant
AYE		X	X		X			X		X		
NAY	X			X		X	X					
Absent									X			

The Board took a break at 11:12 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:21 a.m.

7. Formal Interviews

None

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

A. Marnie Arnett, LMSW-12705

Ms. Zavala summarized information regarding the self-report.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to open a complaint and offer a non-disciplinary consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- Professional shall complete 6 clock hours of pre-approved continuing education in anger management
- Professional shall complete 6 clock hours of pre-approved continuing education in blended families
- Continuing education will be completed within 12 months

and to dismiss the complaint with a letter of concern that addresses communication outbursts, domestic violence and reaction to relationship disputes. The motion passed unanimously. See roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Sally Jones	Chip Coffey	Patricia Dobratz	Vacant	Vacant
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
NAY												
Absent									X			

B. 2012-0032, Janet Carpentier, LISAC-10475 interim suspension

Ms. Zavala summarized information regarding the professional's request for release from her Interim Consent Agreement.

The applicant and her attorney, Larry Cohen, appeared and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), offer a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- License will be placed on probation for 24 months
- Professional will continue to see Dr. Sucher and quarterly reports will be submitted
- Professional will attend AA at least weekly and maintain a sponsor who will submit quarterly reports regarding attendance and participation
- Early release available at 12 months if stipulations are met and on recommendation of Dr. Sucher

and release the professional from the interim consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously. See roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Sally Jones	Chip Coffey	Patricia Dobratz	Vacant	Vacant
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
NAY												
Absent									X			

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, that if the consent agreement is not signed to invite the professional to participate in a formal interview and, if not accepted, to remand the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously. See roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Sally Jones	Chip Coffey	Patricia Dobratz	Vacant	Vacant
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
NAY												
Absent									X			

C. 2014-0048, John Cepin, LMFT-0168

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

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the Board.

The professional's attorney, Faren Akins, appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to find that the complaint is without merit pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1), and remove it from the professional's complaint history pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(E). The motion passed unanimously.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:30 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:05 p.m.

D. 2012-0072, Kristi Everett, LMSW-13335

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

The professional appeared and addressed the Board.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Sharon Frick, LPC-10150

Ms. Zavala summarized information regarding the self-report.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to open a complaint, offer a non-disciplinary consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional shall complete a 3-semester college credit course in addictions within 12 months

and to dismiss the complaint with a letter of concern addressing concerns regarding candor with the police and the Board. The motion passed unanimously. See roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Sally Jones	Chip Coffey	Patricia Dobratz	Vacant	Vacant
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
NAY												
Absent									X			

F. 2015-0010, Susan Jantzen, LPC-1034

Ms. Zavala summarized the results of the Board’s investigation.

The professional appeared telephonically.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(1), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice, for the reasons stated in the complaint notice and offer a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional’s license will be placed on probation for 12 months
- The professional shall complete a pre-approved 3-semester credit hour graduate level course in behavioral health ethics
- The professional shall complete a pre-approved 3-semester credit hour graduate level course in documentation
- The professional shall not provide clinical supervision while under the terms of the consent agreement

and, if not signed to invite the professional to participate in a formal interview and, if not accepted, to remand the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously. See roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Sally Jones	Chip Coffey	Patricia Dobratz	Vacant	Vacant
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
NAY												
Absent									X			

G. Arnie Kahn, LISAC-1174

Ms. Zavala summarized information regarding the self-report.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to open a complaint, find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(I), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice, and offer a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional’s license will be placed on probation for 24 months
- The professional shall complete a pre-approved 36-hour domestic violence program
- The professional shall receive therapy at least twice a month
- Therapy will focus on impulse control issues and anger management
- Therapist will submit quarterly reports to the Board
- Early release is available after 12 months if stipulations are met and on recommendation of therapist

and, if not signed to invite the professional to participate in a formal interview and, if not accepted, to remand the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously. See roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Sally Jones	Chip Coffey	Patricia Dobratz	Vacant	Vacant
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
NAY												
Absent									X			

H. 2012-0073, Alicia Lundgren, LCSW-10757

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

The professional appeared and addressed the Board.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took a break at 2:25 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 2:33 p.m.

I. Melissa Mitscher, LMSW-12818

Ms. Zavala summarized information regarding the self-report.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Dobratz, to open a complaint, find violations of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(I), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice, and A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(ii) violating any federal or state law, rule or regulation applicable to the practice of behavioral health, as it relates to A.R.S. §32-3208, based on the investigative report and to offer a consent agreement for an order of censure and, if not signed, to invite the professional to participate in a formal interview and, if not accepted, to remand to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously. See roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Sally Jones	Chip Coffey	Patricia Dobratz	Vacant	Vacant
A YE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
NAY												
Absent									X			

J. 2015-0009, Susan Salmonson, LAC-13111

Ms. Zavala summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

The professional's attorney, Dale Norris, appeared and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to dismiss the complaint with a letter of concern addressing the problems with backdating information particularly when A.A.C. R4-6-212(F)(4) requires the clinical supervision notes to be signed and dated contemporaneously and noting that the hours cannot be used to qualify for an independent license. The motion passed unanimously. See roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Sally Jones	Chip Coffey	Patricia Dobratz	Vacant	Vacant
A YE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
NAY												
Absent									X			

K. 2012-0065, Melanie Sharp, LMSW-12328 suspended

Ms. Zavala summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the Board.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, to dismiss the complaint. The motion carried with Dr. Bowden, Ms. Shields and Mr. Szymanski opposed. See roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Sally Jones	Chip Coffey	Patricia Dobratz	Vacant	Vacant
A YE		X	X	X	X			X		X		
NAY	X					X	X					
Absent									X			

L. Robert Tencer, LCSW-3586

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Gonzales moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to open a complaint and offer a non-disciplinary consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional shall complete a 3-semester college credit course in addictions within 12 months

and to dismiss the complaint with a letter of concern addressing the importance of timely reporting. The motion passed unanimously. See roll call vote.

	Kirk Bowden	Mary Coonrod	Gloria Gabler	Page Gonzales	Michael Jones	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Sally Jones	Chip Coffey	Patricia Dobratz	Vacant	Vacant
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
NAY												
Absent									X			

Members clarified that they allowed the option to complete either an undergraduate or graduate level course based on this being a non-disciplinary matter.

M. 2011-0070, Clyta West, LPC-11593 suspended

Ms. Zavala summarized the results of the Board’s investigation.

The professional’s attorney, Faren Akins, appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Dobratz moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to dismiss the complaint without prejudice. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Discussion regarding the Open Meeting Law as it relates to IT security

Mr. Harris, A.A.G., provided training regarding the open meeting law and how it relates to IT security.

10. Temporary licenses: review, consideration and action

A. Janet Swift, LAC applicant

Members reviewed information regarding the applicant’s background and request for a temporary license.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to approve the temporary license. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

Social Work

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to approve 4 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers, 2 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers by endorsement, 26 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers and 2 applicants as Licensed Bachelor Social Workers. The motion passed unanimously.

Counseling

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to approve 12 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors, 7 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors and 5 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Substance Abuse

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to approve one applicant as a Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Jones, to deny one application 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. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Dobratz recused from the vote.

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

12. Report from Chair

A. Summary of current events

No report

13. Report from the Treasurer

A. Monthly Financial Reports

Members reviewed the monthly financial reports.

Following review, Ms. Gonzales moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to accept the monthly financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

No report.

B. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding SB1374 update

Ms. Zavala reported that implementation is proceeding in a timely manner. Concerns regarding the academic review committees are being addressed with the stakeholders.

C. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding customer service surveys

No report

D. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding updating the Board's website

Members discussed potential changes to the website.

15. Committee reports

A. Personnel Subcommittee update

Ms. Jones reported that the subcommittee met this morning and she was elected Chair. The purpose of the subcommittee will be to develop a job description and evaluation process for the Executive Director position.

The next meeting will be on October 2, 2014, before the Board meeting.

B. Rules Subcommittee update

No report

16. National and regional news regarding the profession(s)

No report.

17. Future agenda items

- Disciplinary reports
- AASCB conference

18. Call for public comment

No one responded to the call for public comment.

19. Establishment of future meeting dates

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 908.

Review and approval of 2015 meeting calendar.

Tabled

20. Adjournment

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Page Gonzales
Secretary/Treasurer

Date

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September 2014 – License Approvals

Licensed Associate Counselor -- 12 --

Linda Bohnet	Jessica Greco	Dalisa Jimenez	Christine Reade
Michelle Cermak	Claudia Howard	Crystal McCabe	Katherine Schwartz
Jennifer Fout	Samuel Jackson	Elaine Mitchell	Rebecca Wilson

Licensed Professional Counselor – 7 -

Derek Allen	Lisa Daughters	Amanda Kraus	Angela Pergola
Jessica Breznak-Higgins	Serap Franz-Under	Marlo Mendez	

Licensed Professional Counselor by endorsement – 5 -

Audrey Autrey	Carolyn Prince	Amy Roza	Jack Simons
Amy Boston			

Licensed Clinical Social Worker – 4 --

Lindsey Arendt	Judy Carran	Christine Cummings	Amber Lee
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Licensed Clinical Social Worker by endorsement – 2 --

Kathleen Lazarick	Michele Neptune
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Licensed Master Social Worker – 26 --

Frank Ambrose	Danielle Delgado	Alfonzo Lopez	Lisa Plascencia
Shannon Black-Franklin	Tajia Diggs	Jeanrico Luxama	Gabriela Reyes
Melissa Cable	Laurie DiLorenzo	Jenifer Macove	Kristy Schutt
Jonathan Case	Danielle Duarte	Ingrid Mejia-Moreno	Valerie Soza-Carter
Zachary Clark	Melissa Eastep	Heather Noble	Veronica Volcan
Carol Colmenero	Cara Jones	Joshua Oehler	Rena Wallace
Rachel Cutler	Heidi Knepper		

Licensed Bachelor Social Worker – 2 --

Lauren Drucker	Wilhelmina Ohlson
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Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor -- 1 –

Michele Sarrett

Licensed Associate Marriage & Family Therapist - 2 -

Drew Pease	Heather Schallau
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Substance Abuse -- failure to meet minimum requirements (1)

Tanya Hillman

Marriage & Family Therapy -- failure to meet minimum requirements (2)

Melissa Savage

Marshell Walters