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BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS MEETING MINUTES  
April 3, 2014

Members Present: Steve Lankton, Gloria Gabler, Mary Coonrod, Kirk Bowden, Jerri Shields, Page Gonzales, Michael Jones

Members Absent: Jayne McElfresh

Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Interim Executive Director, Donna Dalton, Assistant Director, Beth Campbell, A.A.G., Mary Wilson, Elma Brambila

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners was called to order on April 3, 2014, at 9:10 a.m. with Mr. Lankton 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 February 6, 2014, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to approve the general meeting minutes from the March 10, 2014, teleconference as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jones abstained from the vote.

Ms. Coonrod moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to approve the executive session minutes from the March 10, 2014, teleconference as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jones abstained from the vote.

**4. Notification of Deficiencies**

Andrea Borum, Thomas Lewis and Kara Thomas, applicants from the list of 106, appeared and addressed the Board.

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

A. *Da'Mond Gadson, LAC-13467 (active-restricted)*

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to release the professional from the consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

*B. Nicole Heim, LPC-13503*

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

*C. Robert Lovett, LAC-14148 (active-restricted)*

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

*D. Andrea March, LMSW-12753 (active-restricted)*

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

*E. Heather Schamis (Addington), LPC-12954 (active-restricted)*

Initial 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 items B through E as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Administrative Hearings 9:00 AM**

*A. Liza Bozik, LPC applicant*

Mr. Harris, A.A.G., appeared on behalf of the State and provided information regarding the request for a formal hearing and the subsequent negotiations.

Ms. Bozik's attorney, Tom Rogers, appeared on her behalf and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to accept the final denial letter dated April 3, 2014, as the reasons for denial of the application. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to accept the professional's motion to withdraw her request for formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

*The Board took a break at 10:39 a.m. reconvening its public meeting at 10:51 a.m.*

**7. Formal Interviews**

None

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

None

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

*A. Mark Goldthorpe, LMSW applicant*

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

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to go into executive session to discuss confidential medical information pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2). The motion passed unanimously and the Board went into executive session at 11:40 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to open a complaint, find violations of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(d), A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), and A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(b), and to deny the license based on a finding of unprofessional conduct. 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					

*B. Efron Hollis, LAC applicant*

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

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, members agreed no further action is necessary regarding the background.

*C. Frank Jesus, LISAC-0048*

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

Board staff could not contact the professional at the numbers provided.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, 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. 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					

Following further discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to offer an Interim Consent Agreement and, if not signed, to remand the matter to formal hearing. 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					

*D. Scott Kohner, LMSW-13737*

Ms. Zavala summarized information regarding the self-report.

The professional and his attorney, Barry Mitchell, appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the professional to safely and competently practice. The motion carried with Dr. Gabler and Ms. Shields opposed.

	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						
NAY			X					X				
Absent							X					

Following further discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, to offer a consent agreement for a decree of censure and attendance at 12 monthly MADD meetings

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to offer a non-disciplinary consent agreement for completion of 36 hours of alcohol education. The motion passed unanimously.

*E. Victoria Meier, LASAC applicant*

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

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, members agreed no further action is necessary regarding the background.

*F. Kara Murray, LAC applicant*

Ms. Campbell provided information regarding the process for withdrawal of an application with a pending investigation pursuant to SB1374.

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to deny the applicant's request to withdraw her application. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to open a complaint, find violations of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(f), A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(c)(i), and deny the application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct. 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					

*G. 2014-0022, Brittany Poole, LMSW-13718*

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

The professional and her attorney, Jonathan DeSalt, appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(I), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the professional to safely and competently practice. 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					

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to offer a non-disciplinary consent agreement to complete 6-clock hours of the NASW Staying Out of Trouble course and 6-clock hours of continuing education in boundary issues or professional behavior within 12 months. The motion passed unanimously.

*H. 2013-0061, Karen Smith, LISAC-11376*

Ms. Campbell provided information to the Board regarding the difference in this Board’s statute from the Boards’ used in the applicant’s defense.

The professional and her attorney, Steven Myers, appeared and addressed the Board.

Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to vacate the Board’s November 2013 motion to find a violation. The motion passed unanimously.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(K), as it relates to the NAADAC Code of Ethics IV, Standard 2: Professional Responsibility. 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					

Following further discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, to offer a non-disciplinary consent agreement for completion of 3-clock hours of the NASW Staying Out of Trouble course within 12 months, and accept the 6 hours of ethics already completed. The motion passed unanimously.

*I. 2014-0020, Stephanie Sundseth, LPC-13327*

Ms. Zavala summarized information regarding what the professional has changed since the last meeting and the possibility of a cease and desist order.

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional’s sister-in-law appeared telephonically.

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to issue a cease and desist order regarding the unlicensed practice of behavioral health. The motion passed unanimously.

*J. Laura Tomaszewski, LAC applicant*

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

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, members agreed no further action is necessary regarding the background.

*K. Tyler Willis, LMSW applicant*

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

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to open a complaint, find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(1), and to deny the application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct. 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 12:20 p.m. reconvening its public meeting at 12:30 p.m.*

**10. Assistant Attorney General’s Report: Beth Campbell, A.A.G.**

*A. Review, consideration and possible action regarding approval of complaint and application for preliminary and permanent injunctions against Yvette Saint Thomas, aka Eunice Bunddrage.*

Ms. Campbell provided information regarding the Medical Board’s review of this unlicensed person.

Ms. Coonrod moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to approve of the complaint application, authorize the Interim Executive Director to sign on behalf of the Board, and authorize Mr. Harris and Ms. Campbell to seek a permanent injunction as resolution to the matter. The motion passed unanimously.

## **11. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action**

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to rescind this Board's February 6, 2014, motion to deny Louis Sweet's application based on not meeting minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

### *Social Work*

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to approve 3 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers by endorsement, 22 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers and one applicant as a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to deny 3 applicants based on failure to take the required exam and 2 applicants based on failure to pass the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

### *Counseling*

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to approve 32 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors, 2 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors and 6 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to deny 4 applications based on not meeting minimum requirements 3 applications based on failure to take the required exam. 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.

### *Marriage and Family Therapy*

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to approve 8 applicants as Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapists, one applicant as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and one applicant as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

## **12. Report from Chair**

### *A. Chair report*

No report

## **13. Report from the Treasurer**

### *A. Monthly Financial Reports*

Members reviewed the monthly financial reports.

Following review, Ms. Coonrod moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to accept the monthly financial reports 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*

No report.

*C. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding Rules Subcommittee update*

No report.

*D. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding customer service surveys*

Ms. Zavala provided information regarding the customer service surveys for the past quarter.

Members discussed having a question of the month, a team member of the month, and a message from the ED to add to the website. Members also discussed the possibility of a quarterly newsletter that would include disciplinary action numbers.

*E. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding acceptance of documents other than syllabi to meet curriculum requirements*

Dr. Gabler discussed the request by the Marriage and Family Therapy Credentialing Committee to take specific continuing education regarding MFT evidence based outcomes when an applicant's information submitted is not clear.

Dr. Gabler reminded members this is for Marriage and Family Therapy applicants only and should not affect the other disciplines. She added that MFT committee members can identify evidence of completion of satisfactory coursework in research by an applicant.

Ms. Campbell advised that if you change one committee it is not legally defensible – even though each committee has curriculum requirements they are evaluated the same way, based on syllabi – if one committee changes it will open the door for challenges in other areas.

Members agreed that this should be addressed by the Rules Subcommittee.

*F. Review and discussion regarding members visiting the Board's office*

Ms. Zavala reminded members that there is an open invitation for members to come to the office and see how the agency operates and meet staff.

Ms. Shields reported that she did visit the office and found it very informative and educational.

*G. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding Board member training required by SB1374*

Ms. Dalton reminded members that the Board is developing the other 7 hours of training that will be in addition to the required online CLEAR training. She is requesting suggestions from members regarding what would be beneficial to new members.

The training will be on video and audio.

*H. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding the records retention policy*

Ms. Zavala provided information regarding the Board's record retention policy.

Currently, per records retention, the Board maintains hard copy files and scanned files for complaints. Ms. Zavala is requesting permission to change the retention to electronic records.

Members agreed to electronic files with a backup.

**15. Committee reports**

No report.

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

No report.

**17. Future agenda items**

None

**18. Call for public comment**

No one was present to respond to the call for public comment.

**19. Establishment of future meeting dates**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 908.

The July meeting is rescheduled to Thursday, the 10<sup>th</sup> with the knowledge that Page cannot attend.

**20. Adjournment**

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

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Mary Coonrod  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date

Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners  
April 2014 – License Approvals

**Licensed Associate Counselor -- 32--**

Shawn Backs	Victoria Del Vecchio	Katherine Kandararis	Angela Rees
Gina Beyer	Shannon Engel	Rhonda Lake	Cathy Sanchez
Amt Campbell	Hayley Evans	Christina Lanoue	Brian Savery
Colleen Casson	Zachary Fredstrom	Janis McCollum	Jay Seppanen
Carrie Christiansen	Elizabeth Heinz	Georgette McNally	Maria Serrano
Jared Crouse	Lauren Hinson	Jena Newberry	Jennifer Sexton
Ayesha Davenport	Caitlin Jacobs	Andrea Parks	Lindsay Van Gorder
Kristine Davis	Lakeisha Johnson	Alyssa Palty	Kelly Weber

**Licensed Professional Counselor -- 2 -**

Amy Lounsbury-Enk          Walter Tucker

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

Sandra Broz	Deborah Engel	Marcia Hill-Hernandez
Diane Clodi	Barbara Hatton	Rebecca Jensen

**Licensed Bachelor Social Worker by endorsement – 1 -**

Viaretta Keith

**Licensed Master Social Worker – 22 --**

Salina Bahk	Cynthia Edwards	Katherine Lord	Frances Pingry
Nicholas Beltran	Jenifer Espinoza	Maura McGarry	Jane Ramirez
Jean Butler	Courtney Funk	Tabitha Miranda	Jose Ramirez
Helena Caldwell	Jessica Gennaro	Kathrine Muto	Patricia Schach
Veronica Cardiel	Allison Ghan	Rebecca Newcombe	Holly Wagner
Eileen Devlin			Jennifer Wilder

**Licensed Clinical Social Worker by endorsement – 3 --**

Mari Cintron          Susan McQuirk          Jack Roddy

**Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist -- 1 --**

Zachariah Clay

**Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist by endorsement -- 1 --**

Wendy Cova

**Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist --8 - -**

Danielle Corrales	Michelle Lorenzana	Lindsay Rayball	Laura Sergent
Sarah Courtney	Arkady Petrosyan	Jessica Reynoso	Jacqueline Sullivan

**Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor-- 1 -**

Aaron Hallstrom

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**Counseling** -- failure to meet minimum requirements (4 )

Loreina Guerra            Amber Herres            Danielle Kim            Nathan Mitchell

**Counseling** -- failure to take the required exam (3)

Ricky Peacock            Frederick Westby            Kevin Wheeler

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

Rachelle Burt            Tanisha Girley            Katie Weinzimmer

**Social Work** -- failure to pass the required exam ( 2 )

Jenelle Staub            Cheryl Stevens Morning