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BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2020

Members Present telephonically: Robert Charles, Chip Coffey, Mary Coonrod, Cedric Davis, Gary Goodwin, Meaghan Kramer, Heidi Quinlan, Mark Shen, Gerald Szymanski, Antwan Trotter

Members Absent: Kimberly Bailey

Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director; Marc Harris, A.A.G.; Donna Dalton, Deputy Director; Joey Ordenez, Assistant Director

1. Call to Order

A telephonic meeting of the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners was called to order on April 10, 2020 at 9:06 a.m. with Mr. Coffey presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Minutes: review, consideration and action

A. January 10, 2020, general meeting minutes

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to approve the general meeting minutes for the January 10, 2020 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Charles, Mr. Goodwin and Ms. Quinlan abstained.

B. February 14, 2020, general meeting minutes

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to approve the general meeting minutes for the February 14, 2020 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shen and Mr. Szymanski abstained.

C. February 14, 2020, executive session minutes/agenda item 5A

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to approve the executive session minutes/agenda item 5A for the February 14, 2020 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shen and Mr. Szymanski abstained.

D. February 14, 2020, executive session minutes/agenda item 7B

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to approve the executive session minutes/agenda item 7B for the February 14, 2020 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shen and Mr. Szymanski abstained.

E. February 14, 2020, executive session minutes/agenda item 7E

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Trotter, to approve the executive session minutes/agenda item 7E for the February 14, 2020 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shen and Mr. Szymanski abstained.

F. March 20, 2020, telephonic general meeting minutes

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Quinlan, to approve the telephonic general meeting minutes for the March 20, 2020 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consent Agenda: review, consideration and action

A. Cases recommended for dismissal

1. 2020-0100, *Lisa Dodd, LPC-10205*
2. 2020-0021, *Robert Golden-Dick, LAC-16555*
3. 2019-0142, *Jennifer Gurski, LCSW-16255*
4. 2020-0012, *Debra Lowther, LPC-15863*
5. 2020-0064, *Annette Ruskin, LCSW-10157*
6. 2020-0020, *Terra Schaad, LAC-12676*
7. 2020-0078, *Ronald Schramm, LISAC-11888*
8. 2020-0099, *Julie Skakoon, LPC-13162*

Following discussion, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to approve the consent agenda items 4(A)(1), (3-4) and (6-8). The motion passed unanimously.

2. 2020-0021, *Robert Golden-Dick, LAC-16555*

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

The complainant appeared telephonically and addressed the Board.

The professional appeared telephonically and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Quinlan moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

5. 2020-0064, *Annette Ruskin, LCSW-10157*

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

The complainant and her attorney, John Belt, appeared telephonically and addressed the Board.

The professional and her attorney, Michael Ryan, appeared telephonically and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Goodwin moved, seconded by Mr. Shen, to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Cases recommended for dismissal with a letter of concern.

N/A

C. Cases recommended for release from consent agreements.

1. 2020-0029, *Deborah Carson, LPC-14109*
2. 2018-0115, *Kelley Galeano, LCSW-11454 (active-restricted)*
3. 2016-0115, *Edward Hedinger, LPC-15103*
4. 2020-0044, *Andrew Henry, LPC-12990 (active-restricted)*
5. 2019-0031, *Karen Morse, LPC-10271 (active-restricted)*
6. 2020-0053, *Maria Suarez, LMSW-17839 (active-restricted)*

Following discussion, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Shen, to approve the consent agenda item 4(C). The motion passed unanimously.

D. Cases recommended for opening a complaint and acceptance of a proposed signed non-disciplinary consent agreement.

N/A

E. Cases recommended for opening a complaint and dismissing with a letter of concern.

N/A

F. Cases recommended for acceptance of a proposed signed non-disciplinary consent agreement.

1. 2020-0023, *Tujuan Netters, LAMFT-10565*

Following discussion, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to approve the consent agenda item 4(F). The motion passed unanimously.

5. Administrative Hearings

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-3253(A)(10) and 41-1092.07, the Board will conduct administrative hearings in the following matter(s). During the administrative hearing, the Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

N/A

6. Formal Interviews

N/A

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

A. 2020-0096, *Joseph Broussard, LPC-12927, LISAC-11862*

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but failed to appear.

The professional’s attorney, David Williams, appeared telephonically and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Mr. Shen, to accept the proposed, signed consent agreement for the voluntary surrender of the professional’s license as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

| | Kimberly Bailey | Robert Charles | Chip Coffey | Mary Coonrod | Cedric Davis | Gary Goodwin | Meaghan Kramer | Heidi Quinlan | Mark Shen | Gerald Szymanski | Antwan Trotter |
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| AYE | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| NAY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Absent | X | | | | | | | | | | |

B. *Debra Burklund, LPC-11185, LISAC-10442*

Ms. Zavala summarized the background information.

The professional and her attorney, Brian Cieniawski, appeared telephonically and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Goodwin moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to open a complaint for further investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2019-0132, *Renee Deyden, LMSW-16556*

Mr. Ordenez summarized the results of the Board’s investigation.

The complainant appeared telephonically and addressed the Board.

The professional appeared telephonically and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Shen moved, seconded by Mr. Trotter, to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(l), engaging in any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice the licensee's profession

E. *Wendy Pipentacos, LCSW-1316*

Ms. Zavala summarized the background information.

The professional was properly noticed, but failed to appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Coonrod moved, seconded by Mr. Trotter, to open a complaint for further investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

F. *2020-0113, Teresa Wood, LAC-14493*

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but failed to appear.

The professional was properly noticed, but failed to appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to accept the proposed, signed consent agreement for the voluntary surrender of the professional’s license as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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| AYE | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| NAY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Absent | X | | | | | | | | | | |

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

N/A

9. Temporary licenses: review, consideration and action

N/A

10. Applications for licensure and educational programs: review, consideration and action

A. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding applications for licensure

Counseling

Mr. Shen moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to deny 5 applications based on a failure to pass the required examination, 1 application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct and 2 applications based on a failure to meet minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Marriage and Family Therapy

Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Trotter, to deny 1 application based on a failure to meet minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Social Work

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Quinlan, to deny 11 applications based on a failure to pass the required examination and 4 applications based on a failure to take the required examination. The motion passed unanimously.

Substance Abuse

Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Ms. Quinlan, to deny 1 application based on a failure to pass the required examination, 1 application based on a failure to take the required examination and 1 application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct and failure to take the required examination. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding applications for educational programs

1. Fuller Theological Seminary – AZ, Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy – change request

Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Trotter, to approve the academic program change request. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Report from Chair

A. Summary of current events

No Report.

12. Report from the Treasurer

A. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding February financial report

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Shen, to accept the February financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding March financial report

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Shen, to accept the March financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

Ms. Zavala and Mr. Coffey thanked Mr. Goodwin for his service and wished him well.

B. Update to the Board's response to COVID-19

Ms. Zavala updated members regarding the Board's response to COVID-19. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-17 ("EO 2020-17"), the following actions were taken:

- Issuance fees were waived effective immediately
- Applicants who were not eligible for a temporary license were notified about their potential eligibility for a provisional license, and
- Fees for temporary and/or provisional licenses were waived immediately.

Pursuant to the DHS Administrative Order 2020-01, the following actions were taken:

- Licenses expiring on March 31st, April 30th, and May 31st were given a 90 day extension to gain CEU and secure the financial resources for their renewal application
- Applicants who are waiting to test were given a 90 day extension to their testing authorization period and to their temporary license if applicable
- Temporarily waiving requirements or allowing extensions where allowable such as notaries, official transcripts and fingerprinting

In addition, Board staff continues to provide communication and resources to licensees such as:

- Information on the website related to COVID-19 and telepractice
- Mass emails with COVID-19 information to all licensees
- Public outreach through webinars
- Fielding a multitude of inquiries via phone and email

To address safety concerns and comply with recommendations for social distancing, many staff are telecommuting and Board and Committee meetings are being held electronically.

C. Update on communications from Eric Wanders

Ms. Zavala provided a history of communications with Mr. Wanders and the safety concerns he presented. She notified members that authorities had taken appropriate actions to ensure those safety concerns were addressed.

14. Request for extension of inactive status: review, consideration and action

N/A

15. Future agenda items

None

16. Call for public comment

None

17. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 W. Adams St., Board Room C.

18. Adjournment

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Shen, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Cedric Davis
Secretary/Treasurer

Date

Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners
Licenses recommended for denial - April 10, 2020 meeting

COUNSELING - 8

Failure to pass the required exam - 5

Patxi Peguero
Makeda Webb
Paula Garcia
Elder Perez
Hilda Cordoba

Failure to meet minimum requirements - 2

Aedan Hanley
Deanaha Romero

Finding of unprofessional conduct - 1

Daniel Annett

SOCIAL WORK - 15

Failure to pass the required exam - 11

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| Ana Delia Garcia | Justin Roberts | Filomeno Cajigas Jr |
| Jennifer Zamudio | Erika Fierros | Eboni Anderson |
| Daniel Issa | Diamond Lozano-Gomez | April Gonzalez |
| Brian Rankin | Kristen Stone | |

Failure to take the required exam - 4

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| Maria Peralta | Francis Pacaja |
| Katie Espinoza | Ashia Williams |

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING - 3

Failure to pass the required exam - 1

Terence Berry

Failure to take the required exam - 1

Sylvia Harkins

Finding of unprofessional conduct and failure to take the required exam - 1

Daniel Annett

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY - 1

Failure to meet minimum requirements - 1

Ashley Hidalgo