

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF
MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 21, 2014

Present: Shawn Hassell, MS, LMFT, Richard Phelps, MSW, LICSW, Dayl H. Hufford, D.Min., LPP, Alan Goodman, Ph.D., LCMHC, Jane Power Kilcoyne, Ed.D., Kathleen Skinner Shulman, Public member and Honorable Joseph P. Nadeau, Public Member present by teleconference call as allowed by RSA 91-A:2 III.

Not present: ---

Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

Draft minutes of the February 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion was made by Kathleen Skinner Shulman and seconded by Richard Phelps to approve the minutes as recorded.

Vote: For: SH, RP, JN, KSS, JK, DH
Opposed: 0
Recused: AG

- I. CORRESPONDENCE – no correspondence this month
- II. LEGISLATION UPDATE
 - A. HB 1442 relative to mental health courts – This bill passed the House with amendment and is currently with the judiciary committee of the Senate. The Board discussed the bill as written. Motion as made by Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Dayl Hufford send a letter to Representative Laurie Harding supporting the general purpose of the bill but informing her of concerns the Board has with the language of Chapter 490-H:2 III. It appears to the Board that if this bill is passed as written a person could apply for a license without having to reveal mental health issues. Such a result might lead to someone getting a license who might not be suitable to deal with people seeking treatment from mental health practitioners. Motion passed unanimously.
 - SB 270 – The Board has not received a response from the letter it sent to Senator Fuller Clark informing her that the Board would strongly support the appointment of one or more representatives from persons licensed with the Board of Mental Health Practice to the commission to study mental health implementation in NH.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Emergency coverage for Board office – Board phone message would be changed to explain the office closure and messages would be checked on a daily basis.
- B. Supervision agreements for doctoral MFT students – the Board reviewed the rules and regulations on this matter and determined that MFT doctoral students at Antioch University do not need an approved Candidate Agreement on file for those hours. Supervisors designated by the doctoral program take on ethical responsibility of the doctoral students' clinical work. As such, doctoral students can apply for licensure at the time they qualify without having a Candidate Agreement in place.
- C. Requirements for licensed clinical mental health counselors – Dr. Alan Goodman addressed the Board with concerns about waiving licensure requirements for clinical mental health counselor applicants. The Board thanked Dr. Goodman and received his suggestions to uphold the integrity of the profession and remain respectful of the discipline.

Upon the motion of Shawn Hassell and seconded by Alan Goodman, the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing applications, investigations of alleged misconduct of licensees, final disciplinary action and other adjudicatory decisions, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 118 N.H. 574 (1978), RSA 330-A:29, V, and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

[Non-public minutes held separately]

Upon the motion of Shawn Hassell and the second of Alan Goodman, the Board by roll call vote, resolved to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session, with the exception of approved applications, responses to motions and disciplinary actions until they are served, and CEU's for Professional Conduct Investigators 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 to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

I. APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR LICENSURE

- A. Approved mental health counselors: Kimberly Godfrey and Stephanie Spiedel.

- B. Approved clinical social workers: Johanna Helwig, Allan Monica and Tracy Thompson.
- C. Approved marriage & family therapists – no applications for review this month
- D. Approved pastoral psychotherapists – no applications for review this month

II. APPROVED CANDIDATE FOR LICENSURE: SUPERVISORY AGREEMENTS

- A. Mental Health Counselors: Carmen Bertran, Doreen Boutin, Darlene Bussiere, Amy Ferri, Alisa Gallo, Maureen Massman, Barbara O'Brien, Latazewanna Pierre, Samantha Puchacz and Juliane Theriault.
- B. Social Workers: Kelly King, Alexcia Smith and Alison Parodi-Bieling.
- C. Marriage & Family Therapists: Christine Lazdowski
- D. Pastoral Psychotherapists: no agreements for review

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM

Next meeting scheduled for April 11, 2014