

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF
MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – September 19, 2014

Present: Shawn Hassell, MS, LMFT, Richard Phelps, MSW, LICSW, Alan Goodman, Ph.D., LCMHC, Dayl H. Hufford, D.Min., LPP, Jane Power Kilcoyne, Ed.D., Public Member, Kathleen Skinner Shulman, Ed.D., public member and Honorable Joseph P. Nadeau, Public Member.

Not present: ---

Board meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM

Draft minutes of the July 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion was made by Alan Goodman and seconded by Richard Phelps to approve the minutes as recorded.

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

I. CORRESPONDENCE – no correspondence for review

II. RULES

A. **Final Proposals** – The Board reviewed Final Proposals of Mhp 200, Mhp 300, Mhp 400 and Mhp 500.

Mhp 200 – Motion was made by Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Shawn Hassell to approve the final proposal of Mhp 200.. Motion passed unanimously.

Mhp 300 – Motion was made by Kathleen Skinner Shulman and seconded by Joseph Nadeau to delete Mhp 303.11 (d) (h). Motion failed.

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

Mhp 300 – Motion was made by Alan Goodman to delete Mhp 303.11 (h) and delete “in accordance with “h” below” from (d) so it reads as follows: Have an identifiable mental health professional with a doctoral

degree in mental health counseling or counselor education and a supervisor who shall be responsible for the program. Motion passed.

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

Mhp 300 – Motion was made by Shawn Hassell and seconded by Alan Goodman to remove the word “paid” from Mhp 303.09 (a), Mhp 303.13 (a) and to remove the word “normally” from Mhp 303.13 (j). Motion passed unanimously.

Mhp 300 – Motion was made by Richard Phelps and seconded by Alan Goodman to approve the final proposal of Mhp 300 with the changes approved above. Motion passed unanimously.

Mhp 400 – Motion was made by Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Kathleen Skinner Shulman to remove the words “hours of” from Mhp 402.01 (a). Motion passed unanimously.

Mhp 400 – Motion was made by Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Kathleen Skinner Shulman to approve the final proposal of Mhp 400, with the change approved above. Motion passed unanimously.

Mhp 500 – Motion was made by Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Richard Phelps to approve the final proposal of Mhp 500. Motion passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Possible rule changes – Motion was made by Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Shawn Hassell to consider future rule changes and public comment in the following areas:

1. Patient’s Bill of Rights
2. Interstate (reciprocity) licensure
3. On-line education
4. Specificity of required CEU’s (re: suicide, specific issues at large)

Motion passed unanimously

B. Possible statute changes – Motion was made Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Alan Goodman to consider housekeeping changes to:

1. RSA 330-A – 9 – change the quorum required from 5 to 4 due to the Board is now comprised of 7 members
2. RSA 330-A:31 II – remove the word “retroactive”
3. Further study on adding language regarding “fines” similar to that in RSA 328-I:14 (Med Tech law)

C. Corrective Supervisors – The Board discussed providing a list of names of corrective supervisor’s to licensees under Settlement Agreements.

IV. APPEARANCE

A. Michal Eakin, Ph.D., Assistant Academic Coordinator and Annamarie Cioffari, Ph.D., Director, SNHU Graduate Program in Community Mental Health & Mental Health Counseling presented their concerns to the Board about course categories listed in Mhp 302.17 (2) abnormal psychology/psychopathology and (11) addictive behaviors. Dr. Eakin and Dr. Cioffari also commented on changes made to the mental health counselor section in final proposal Mhp 300.

Upon the motion of Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Richard Phelps, 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 Joseph Nadeau and the second of Richard Phelps, 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: Thomas Dinsmore, Diane Gregory, Elisabeth Kryskow, Meagan McCulla, Philip Meher, Lindsey Roy and Tyler Bristol.

- B. Approved clinical social workers: Sarah Ake, Jane Bogursky, Julie Brown-Nierman, Mearlene Filkins, Sarah Hanson, Linda Kelly, Lisa Kletjioan, Kimberly Knowlton-Young, Julie Lago, Jennifer Mahoney, Susan Pullen, Danielle Riss, Barbara F. Smith and Samuel Sobel.
- C. Approved marriage & family therapists – Meredith Howe
- D. Approved pastoral psychotherapists – no applications for review this month

II. APPROVED CANDIDATE FOR LICENSURE: SUPERVISORY AGREEMENTS

- A. Mental Health Counselors: Benjamin Ballou, Joan Bella, Jessica Braught, Melissa Davis, Megan Derby, Diane Desharnais, Scott Dodge, Sean Ellison, Cassandra Hoyt, Isabel John, Edward Kanu, Karen Linafelter, Timothy Lopez, Maureen Massmann, Tara Richard, Kayla Tondreau, Michelle Whitney and Patricia Worsley.
- B. Social Workers: Emily Cook, Sarah Demichele, Christine Manns, James Niesuchouski, Rebecca Pike and Roxanna Usticke.
- C. Marriage & Family Therapists: Nikki Hipps (2)
- D. Pastoral Psychotherapists: no agreements for review

III. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

- A. Frederick Bates, prior LCMHC #331 – The Board approved a Settlement Agreement (see nhlicenses.nh.gov to read the entire agreement).
- B. Mariotti, Hannah C., LMCHC #660 – The Board approved a Settlement Agreement (see nhlicenses.nh.gov to read the entire agreement).

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM

Next meeting scheduled for October 31, 2014