

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF
MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 16, 2014

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

Not present: Dayl Hufford, D.Min., LPP

Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

Draft minutes of the April 11, 2014 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion was made by Shawn Hassell and seconded by Richard Phelps to approve the minutes with a minor edit to III New Business C. Requirements for licensed clinical mental health counselors (originally from the March 21, 2014 minutes). The minute should read as follows: 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 continue to uphold the integrity of the profession.

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

I. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Stevenson, Kevin, MS – The Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Stevenson dated March 11, 2014 and discussed the oral testimony he provided at the April 11, 2014 public hearing on proposed rules. Motion was made by Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Kathleen Skinner Shulman to thank Mr. Stevenson for his input and inform him that the Board intends to consider the matter of continuing education in suicide prevention in the future. Changes cannot be made at this time because the addition of continuing education credits was not addressed in the Board's initial rulemaking notice form. The Board also suggested that psychiatrists, psychiatric nurse practitioners and MLADC's should be included in any legislation he might propose. (See attached letter)
- B. Troisi, Donna M., LCSW-C, BCD-C – The Board reviewed a letter from Ms. Troisi in which she expressed her concerns about why applicants, licensed 30 years in another state, need to provide current references,

confirm post-master's supervision, document a passing score on the exam and respond to essay questions. Motion was made by Kathleen Skinner Shulman and seconded by Alan Goodman to send a response to Ms. Troisi. (See attached letter)

II. LEGISLATION UPDATE

- A. HB 1442- relative to mental health courts
Senate: judiciary committee filed a report on 5/8/2014
House: passed with amendment
- B. SB 270 – establishing a commission to study mental health implementation in NH
Senate: passed/adopted with amendment
House: passed/adopted with amendment

III. RULES

- A. The Board discussed the public comment received to Initial Proposal Mhp 200 – 500. All comments were received and read. Public comments are available for review at the Board office.
- B. The Board is still awaiting comments from the Office of Legislative Services on Mhp 300, Mhp 400 and Mhp 500. Ms. Lynch will work on the Final Proposal of Mhp 200 for review by the Board at its June 20, 2014 meeting

IV. DOCKET NO 14-002 (Gina Johnson, applicant for LICSW) – This matter has been rescheduled for hearing on July 18, 2014 at 11 am at 121 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH.

V. NEW BUSINESS – no new business

Upon the motion of Alan Goodman 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 Shawn Hassel 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: Nancy Cohn, Sian Owen, Michelle Jean-Raymond and Allison Skye
- B. Approved clinical social workers: Jennifer McCalley, Christa Livingstone, Kara Barnes, Kate Donovan, Jill Fitzgerald, Kerri Murphy and Kimberly Dean-Valdez
- C. Approved marriage & family therapists – Wayne Hansen, Hillary Hartwick and Tammy Kiniry
- D. Approved pastoral psychotherapists – no applications for review this month

II. APPROVED CANDIDATE FOR LICENSURE: SUPERVISORY AGREEMENTS

- A. Mental Health Counselors: Jennifer Lee Moore, Hope Dixon, Bethany Toolin, Rosemary Schraeder and Gail Upton.
- B. Social Workers: Olalekan Elesho and Mitchel Pyles
- C. Marriage & Family Therapists: Alexis Clarksean
- D. Pastoral Psychotherapists: no agreements for review

III. DOCKET NO. 14-001 – Barbara Desiderio, MSW – applicant for LICSW

The Board issued a Decision and Order

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM

Next meeting scheduled for June 20, 2014