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Massachusetts Board of Allied Mental Health & Human Service Professions
Board Meeting Minutes
November 20th, 2015

Present:

William Ahearn, Chair
I. Scott Cohen, Member
Michael Dorsey, Member
Steven Kaplan, Member
Michael Coughlin, Public Member
Karen Enegess, Member
Jacqueline Gagliardi, Member
Amy Vercillo, Member

Board Staff:

Erin LeBel, Executive Director
Eboni Lewis, Administrative Assistant
Jim O'Connor, Board Counsel

Absent:

Dawn Parks, Member
Marilyn Dean, Member

10:14 AM Board meeting called to order and an emergency exit announcement was made.

Minutes: A motion was made by Karen E. to approve the Minutes and Executive session minutes of the September 18, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Steven K. and passed by the Board.

10:20 AM: Investigative Conference

Michael D. moved to suspend the open meeting to enter into Investigative Conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C, to meet with prosecutors and discuss the following complaints: **MH 14-015 14-014 and 14-030**, by Michael C. and unanimously approved by the Board.

10:35: Return to Open Session: For the record, the Board met with Prosecutor Nina Pompino while in Investigative Conference to discuss settlement terms of the above referenced cases.

10:35 AM: Executive Session

Scott C. moved to suspend the open meeting to enter into Executive Conference pursuant to MGL. c. 30A, §21(7) M.G.L. c. 4, §7(26)(c) for the Board to discuss the fitness to practice evaluation in the matter of MH 14-002 and MH 13-051. The motion was seconded by Michael C. and a roll call vote was taken.

In favor: William A., Scott C., Michael D., Amy V. , Steven K., Michael C., Karen E., and Jacqueline G.

Against: None

JG and SC were abstained from the discussion and left the room.



10:50 AM The Board returned to open session to discuss the reinstatement of Ms. Barbara Meyer's license in the matters of MH 14-002 and MH 13-051 and discussed their expectations of practice under the proposed supervisor. After review of the information received, the Board voted to reinstate Ms. Meyers' license to probation as permitted in the consent agreement. Motion made by Michael D and seconded by Michael C. All members were in favor except Scott C. and Jacqueline G who abstained.

11:00 AM the Board met with DD, former licensee who has requested that his licensee be reinstated. After review of the information that led to the disciplinary action taken against DD's license, a motion was made by A. Vercillo to deny the request to reinstate at this time. This motion was seconded by Scott C. and the motion passed unanimously. The Board provided further recommendations for what DD should provide in any future request for reinstatement.

11:30 AM Michael C. moved to suspend the open meeting to enter into Executive Conference pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a) (1) for the Board to discuss character rather than competency of applicant G.F. The motion was seconded by Scott C. and a roll call vote was taken.
In favor: William A., Scott C., Michael D., Amy V. , Steven K., Michael C., Karen E., and Jacqueline G.
Against: None

11:40 Return to open session

11:41: Investigative Conference

Michael D. moved to suspend the open meeting to enter into Investigative Conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C, to meet with prosecutors and discuss the following complaints: **SA MH-15-008, MH 15-023, MH 16-001, MH 16-002, MH 16-015** by Michael C. and unanimously approved by the Board.

12:15 PM: Return to Open Session:

SA MH 15-008	Close no Action
MH 15-023	Dismiss (Jacqueline G. abstained)
MH 16-001	Dismiss with Advisory
MH 16-002	Schedule Conference
MH 16-015	Forward to Office of Prosecutions

Discussion Items:

1. Correspondence from former licensee SM, who was looking for direction from Board regarding obtaining a "fitness to practice (FTP) evaluation". Board agreed that recommended practitioner would be the type of evaluation that the Board would expect. The Board further discussed the possibility of drafting guidelines for FTP evaluators. Board member Steve Kaplan and Michael Dorsey offered to provide some draft guidelines as a starting point.
2. 2016 Proposed Board meeting schedule was approved
3. Board reviewed CEU policy 07-02 " Use of Home Study and on-line Programs to meet the Continuing Education Requirements". After review and discussion of this policy the Board agreed to make no changes and to continue to require that 50% of CEs can be completed via home study programs. The Board, via delegation to the Board staff, will grant waivers for those with extenuating circumstances.

4. The Board reviewed the process for reinstatements of licenses that have expired over 2 years. In the past, the Board has reviewed to determine if any other requirements were necessary (Per 262 CMR 9.01). After discussion, the Board agreed that this review would be better addressed at a committee level for those professions with application review committee (LMHC and LMFT). A motion was made by Steve K. and seconded by Michael D. to delegate review of reinstatement applications to respective committee. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Request by R.M. to extend completion of the 30 continuing education units for the 2015 licensure cycle due to misinterpretation of his licensure approval letter as well as other extenuating circumstances. The Board agreed to allow RM through June 30, 2016 to complete the outstanding CEUs for the 2015 licensure cycle.
6. Request by V.M., who license was revoked to reinstate his licensee. The Board requests further information from him regarding the history behind the default, and what has changed in the time since the discipline was imposed.
7. Review of ABA Applications:
 1. ABA App# 0353 (TG) Approved for licensure
 2. ABA App# 0403 (MD) Approved for licensure
 3. ABA App# 0087 (DL) Additional explanation of education required
 4. ABA App# 0008 (MC) Approved for licensure
 5. ABA App# 0338 (EI) Approved for licensure
 6. ABA App# 0346 (JL) Approved for licensure
 7. ABA App# 0471 (CB) Approved for licensure
8. Review of other Applications:
 1. Reinstatement license #867 ED approved to reinstate license
 2. Reinstatement license #1070 MF additional work history required
 3. RT App# 5100 (BT) tabled application incomplete

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Eboni Lewis

Administrative Assistant

List of documents:

- September 18th, 2015 Open Minutes