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Board Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2016

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: 1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118

ATTENDANCE: Sally Kaitz, Chair
Frances Carpenter, Vice-Chair
Tere Ramos, Secretary
Melanie Robinson Findlay
Mark Gianino
Imari K. Paris Jeffries

ABSENT: Kathleen Palinski

STAFF: Erin LeBel, Executive Director
Erin Murphy, Program Coordinator
James O'Connor, Board Counsel
Doris Lugo, Investigator

The meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m. by Board Vice-Chair, Frances Carpenter.

Board Counsel, James O'Connor reviewed the emergency exit procedures with Board members.

Minutes:

Frances Carpenter motioned to accept the March 23, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark Gianino and approved by the Board.

Investigative Conference:

At 9:46 a.m., Imari K. Paris Jeffries moved to suspend the open meeting and go to into investigative conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C, to discuss SA-SW-16-003, SA-SW-16-011, SW-16-017, SW-16-018, SW-16-020 and to meet with Chief of Investigations, Christopher Carroll and Chief of Prosecutions, Jim Read regarding SA SW-14-012, SA SW-14-013, SA-SW14-014, SA-SW-15-006, SA SW-16-001, SA-SW-16-002 and SA SW-16-004.



The motion was seconded by Frances Carpenter and approved by the Board.

The Chair anticipated that the Board's open meeting would resume in approximately 90 minutes

For the record, while in Investigative Conference, the Board took the following action:

SA-SW-16-003: Close, no action

SA-SW-16-011: Invite in

10:10 AM – Chief Legal Counsel, Bruce Hopper enters

10:15 AM C Carroll and J. Read enter

Meeting with Chief of Investigations, Christopher Carroll and Chief of Prosecutions, Jim

Read regarding SA SW-14-012, SA-SW-14-013, SA-SW14-014, SA-SW-15-006,

SA-SW-16-001, SA-SW-16-002 and SA-SW-16-004: Feedback provided

SW-16-017: Dismiss

SW-16-018: Dismiss with advisory

SW-16-020: Dismiss

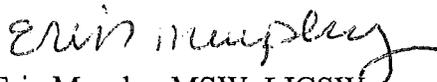
11:46 AM Return to Open Session

Discussion:

1. The Board determined that Board staff should open a complaint on any LCSWs who are found to be providing clinical supervision.
2. The Board discussed ways in which they could facilitate social work mobility. They agreed that if a social worker is working in MA and has a clinical supervisor in another state, s/he may use this supervisor provided that the social worker travels to the state in which the supervisor is licensed. Additionally, the Board discussed the upcoming meeting pertaining to social work mobility which is slated to take place on 5/20/16 and will be in NH.
3. The Board reviewed a draft of the E-practice policy and made amendments.
4. CE approvals: Tabled
5. HP's request to obtain electronic supervision while working in the Philippines was approved provided that the supervision is HIPAA compliant and is in compliance with all state and federal regulations.

Sally Kaitz motioned to adjourn 12:38 PM. This motion was seconded by Melanie Robinson Findlay.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erin Murphy, MSW, LICSW

Program Coordinator

for Teresita Ramos, Secretary

List of Documents:

February 23, 2016 minutes

E-practice policy draft

HP request to obtain electronic supervision