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Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions May 18, 2018 10:00 AM Board Meeting Minutes

Division of Professional Licensure 1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118 Room: 1-D

Present:

William Ahearn, Chair Cynthia Belhumeur, Public Member I. Scott Cohen, Member Steven Woolf, Member Jacqueline Gagliardi, Member Susan Egan, Member Heidi Creighton, Public Member Cynthia Belhumeur, Public Member

Absent:

Amy Vercillo, Member Jennifer Paine, Member Karen Enegess, Member Steven Kaplan, Member Mary Jenewin-Caplin, Public Member

Board Staff:

Erin Lebel, Executive Director Jim O'Connor Board Legal Counsel Eboni Lewis, Administrative Assistant Erin Murphy, Program Coordinator

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

Minutes: Scott C. moved to approve the March 16th 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Steve W.

Board Discussion:

1. The Board reviewed the request for appeal of denial for LMHC license submitted by ES. ES appeared before the board to refute the facts of the denial for licensure at the March 2018 meeting. ES informed the board of understanding the educational requirements submitted were not in compliance with 262 CMR 2.04(2), but was requesting the board to make an exception. The education requirements are explicitly outlined in the regulations, therefore the board explained they are bound the rules and regulations of 262 CMR 2.0.

In addition to the educational coursework requirements, ES did not demonstrate completion of the Pre-Master's clinical experiences which are also inclusive of the educational requirements. All applicants must complete the educational requirements before accruing he required post-clinical experience hours. ES would not be able to begin accruing such hours as to the outstanding

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deficiencies in education. Based on the information presented ES was unable to successfully refute the facts of the denial for LMHC licensure. Steve W made a motion to deny the request to appeal LMHC denial in light of the information received. The motion was seconded by Scott C. The vote was 5 in favor, 1 against (Jacqueline Gagliardi) and 1 abstention (Heidi Creighton)

2. The Board met with Licensee JF for petition to reinstate a suspended LMHC license. The licensee presented compliance with consent agreement as well as supervisor Dr. Whipple to be approved to supervisor the remainder of her stayed suspension. Scott C moved to reinstate JF license and approved Dr. Whipple as the supervisor for the remainder of the stayed suspension. The motion was seconded by Jacqueline G.

11:22 AM <u>Executive Session</u> (closed pursuant to General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(1) to discuss the reputation, character or mental health of an individual, rather than their professional Competence) RS

11:51 AM: Return to Open Session

Investigative Conference

11:52 AM Scott C. moved to suspend the open meeting to enter into Investigative Conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C, to discuss the following complaint: MH 2017-000033-IT-ENF, MH 2017-0001500-IT-ENF, and 2015-1106-MH-022-IT-ENF

12:21PM Return to Open Session: while in Investigative Conference the Board made the following determinations:

2017-000033

Invite Licensee in to next meeting

2017-0001500

Dismiss

2015-1106-MH-022-IT-ENF

Discussed settlement terms

Board Discussion:

- 1. The board received a petition to reinstate from TJ and would like to TJ to appear in person as required in the consent agreement to request reinstatement.
- 2. The review of E Supervision policy was tabled.
- 3. The Board reviewed the approaching expiration of the 90 Day approval for VDACE to approve LMFT CE programs. Heidi C. motioned to extend the approval through 12/31/2018. It was seconded by Steve W, all in favor.
- 4. The Board decided it was not necessary to take any action on record retention in the case of death as this information all licensees should already be aware of
- 5. The Board was unable to approve or updated the Policy on Telehealth as per the request submitted by AM.
- 6. The Board reviewed applicant CM's request for appeal due to the March 2018 denial for LMHC licensure. CM was not able to refute the facts of the denial on the basis of demonstrating completion of a Master's degree satisfactory to the requirements of 262 CMR. 2.04 (1). A motion was made by Scott C. to deny the request and seconded by Steve W.
- 7. The Board reviewed applicant MF's education for the LMHC requirements of 262 CMR. 2.04 and denied the application on the basis the applicant was unable to demonstrate completion of a

- Master's degree in MH counseling satisfactory to the requirements of 262 CMR. 2.04 (1). A motion was made by Jacqueline G. and seconded by Scott. C.
- 8. The Board reviewed applicant CH's reciprocity for the LMHC requirements and approved the application on the basis the applicant was able to demonstrate completion of the education, exam and experience with 20+ years of LMHC licensure in Texas. A motion was made by Jacqueline G. and seconded by Susan E.
- 9. The Board reviewed a request from RR to be exempted from the NCMHCE exam requirement for LMHC on the basis on passing the EPPP exam required for Psychology licensure. A motion to deny was made by Cynthia B and seconded by Steve W.
- 10. The review of approved applications was approved. A motion was made by Scott C and seconded by Jacqueline B.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Eboni Lewis Administrative Assistant

List of documents:

Ms. Erin LeBel Executive Director