

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions
Public Meeting
August 16, 2019
1000 Washington Street, Room 1D
Boston, MA 02118

Board Members Present:

Bill Ahearn, Chair
Mary Jenewin-Caplin, Public Member
Scott Cohen, Member
Heidi Creighton, Public Member
Amy Vercillo, Member
Cynthia Belhumeur, Public Member
Karen Enegess, Member

Board Members Not Present:

Steven Kaplan, Member
Susan Egan, Member
Jacqueline Gagliardi, Member
Jennifer Paine, Member

Staff Members Present:

James A. O'Connor, Board Legal Counsel
Brian P. Bialas, Executive Director
Erin Murphy, Program Coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Dr. Ahearn.

Public Minutes of July 19, 2019

The minutes for the public meeting of July 19, 2019 were discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Enegess, to approve the minutes with changes. The motion passed unanimously.

LMHC Application Revisions

The board discussed a draft of a new LMHC application that board staff prepared. After discussion, a motion was made Ms. Enegess, seconded by Ms. Vercillo, to approve the draft with changes and to allow board staff to rely upon the attestations of supervisors that the supervisors meet the regulatory requirements (i.e., board staff no longer must independently verify each supervisor's license during the application process). The motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Creighton abstaining.

Investigative Conference: Review Cases (Closed Session under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C)

A motion was made by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Enegess, to enter into a closed investigative conference under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C to review cases. The motion passed unanimously.

The board entered investigative conference at 10:40 a.m.

During the investigative conference, the board took the following actions:

2019-000319-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2019-000442-IT-ENF	Invite respondent to a meeting
2019-000494-IT-ENF	Dismissed with advisory letter
2019-000499-IT-ENF	Dismissed with advisory letter
2019-000500-IT-ENF	Referred to Office of Prosecutions
2019-000515-IT-ENF	Invite respondent to a meeting
2019-000518-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2019-000573-IT-ENF	Referred to Office of Investigations

Executive Session CLOSED under M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with M.G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and M.G.L. c. 214, s. 1B

At 11:38 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Vercillo, to enter into a closed executive session under M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with M.G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and M.G.L. c. 214, s. 1B to review sensitive medical information in a CEU waiver request. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Dr. Ahearn recused himself from the vote and the matter and left the room.

At 11:43 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Enegess, to exit executive session and return to open session. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Dr. Ahearn returned to the meeting.

Application of Kara Vanasse

The board reviewed the application of Kara Vanasse for an LMHC license. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Enegess, seconded by Ms. Jenewin-Caplin, to deny the application because the applicant does not meet the education requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

At 11:52 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Jenewin-Caplin, seconded by Mr. Cohen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The above minutes were approved at the open meeting held on September 20, 2019.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used by the Board at the Open Meeting:

- Draft Public Minutes of July 19, 2019
- Draft LMHC Application
- Application of Kara Vanasse