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Board of Social Workers Public Session Meeting Minutes November 19, 2024

TIME: 9:35 a.m.

- ATTENDANCE: Marie Pierre-Victor Carrie Kelley Scune Carrington Marcia Roddy (left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.) Charlene Zuffante Tamara Lundi
- **STAFF:** Brian Bialas, Executive Director Judith Bromley, Board Counsel Lauren McShane, Investigative Supervisor Doris Lugo, Investigator

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Board Business

- **Roll Call Vote for Attendance:** Mr. Bialas called the roll of board members. Marie Pierre-Victor, Carrie Kelley, Scune Carrington, Marcia Roddy, Charlene Zuffante, and Tamara Lundi all present by videoconference.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Carrington, seconded by Ms. Roddy, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Ms. Lundi abstaining.
- Executive Session Minutes of September 24, 2024: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Zuffante, seconded by Ms. Roddy, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 24, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Ms. Lundi abstaining.

• Harm Reduction Services in Healthcare Settings for People Who Use Drugs (PWUD): The Board read and reviewed a memorandum from DPH explaining the agency's position that licensees should not be disciplined for the provision of harm reduction supplies or services to people who use drugs.

Application Review Interviews – Reference

- Brittney Sherillo, Applicant for LCSW
 - Interview of Former Supervisor Randi Case: Ms. Case appeared to discuss her reference for Ms. Sherillo. She explained that she supervised Ms. Sherillo for two years. During those years, Ms. Sherillo was vocal about her personal life with staff and clients. At least one client was affected negatively by this. Ms. Sherillo also treated staff unequally. Although Ms. Case did recommend Ms. Sherillo for an internal position, that was a position that would allow Ms. Sherillo to earn hours toward licensure, and Ms. Case learned about some problems with Ms. Sherillo's performance after she provided the recommendation. Ms. Case stated that Ms. Sherillo wants to learn.
 - Interview of Supervisor Kelcey Germain: Ms. Germain appeared to discuss her supervision of Ms. Sherillo. She explained that she has no concerns about Ms. Sherillo's performance.

Ms. Roddy left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

• Interview of Brittney Sherillo: Ms. Sherillo appeared to discuss Ms. Case's reference. She was shocked when she received Ms. Case's reference because Ms. Case did not express those concerns during supervision. She is more cautious after she was attacked by a client during her internship. She receives a lot of supervision and training now.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Kelley, seconded by Ms. Carrington, to allow Ms. Sherillo to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Discussion

- **Telehealth Businesses and Supervision:** The Board will discuss this topic at a future meeting.
- **Monitoring Instructions:** The Board reviewed its current monitoring instructions and made no changes.

Monitoring

• **Greg Healy, 2019-000026-IT-ENF, Petition for Reinstatement:** The Board reviewed Mr. Healy's petition. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to invite Mr. Healy to a meeting for an interview.

Executive Session (closed under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B)

At 10:45 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Carrington, seconded by Ms. Pierre-Victor, to (1) exit the public meeting and enter into a closed executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, para. 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B, to discuss and evaluate applications, monitoring reports, and continuing education extension requests that involve medical records and information of patients, and then (2) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review a settlement offer, conduct case interviews, and review new cases, and then, after the conclusion of investigative conference, (3) not return to the public meeting and adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 10:45 a.m.

Board maintains separate minutes of executive session.

Investigative Conference (Closed Session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C)

The Board entered investigative conference at 11:30 a.m.

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

Settlement

2022-000290-IT-ENF (MS):

Case Interviews

SW-2023-0086 (GL):

SW-2024-0001 (RR):

Cases

INV8556 (SC):

INV8874 (PP): SW-2023-0075 (CL): Gave direction to prosecutor

Interviewed respondent; dismiss with advisory letter Interviewed respondent; dismiss

Invite respondent to a meeting for an interview Initiate formal complaint Invite respondent to a meeting for an interview

Adjournment

At 12:57 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Carrington, seconded by Ms. Pierre-Victor, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Approval

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on December 17, 2024.

Brian P. Biela

Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting:

- Agenda for Meeting of November 19, 2024
- Public Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024
- Executive Session Minutes of September 24, 2024
- 9.24.24 Memorandum from DPH re: Harm Reduction Services in Healthcare Settings for People Who Use Drugs (PWUD)
- LCSW Application of Brittney Sherillo
- Consent Agreement Monitors for Social Workers
- Greg Healy, 2019-000026-IT-ENF, Petition for Reinstatement