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Public Session Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: Richard Powers, Vice Chair
Jeffrey Trant, Secretary (left meeting at 12:44 p.m.)
Dana Zais
Shaynah Barnes Munro
Carrie Kelley

STAFF: Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Kristina Gasson, Deputy General Counsel
Seth Henderson, Board Counsel
Doris Lugo, Investigator

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2021:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trant, seconded by Ms. Barnes Munro, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session Minutes of December 21, 2021:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Barnes Munro, seconded by Mr. Powers, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of December 21, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Application Review Interviews – Prior Discipline

- **Jon Norman, Applicant for Re-Licensure as LICSW:** Mr. Norman appeared to discuss his prior discipline in 2006 for a CE violation. He explained that, at the time, he effectively was the single parent of two children, and eventually he went into bankruptcy. He let his license lapse but has been providing therapy with supervision. At the time of the audit, his wife was keeping the mail, and he never received the notice to respond. Mr. Norman as completed CEs and PDPs to stay current.



After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trant, seconded by Mr. Powers, to allow Mr. Norman to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Kathleen Ryan, Applicant for Re-Licensure as LCSW:** Ms. Ryan appeared to discuss her revocation in 2009 for defaulting on a CE audit. She explained that because of difficult circumstances in her life at the time, she never received the notice of the audit, and she was surprised to learn that her license was revoked when she applied for re-licensure. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Barnes Munro, seconded by Mr. Powers, to:
 - allow Ms. Ryan to continue with the licensing process if she executes a consent agreement for a \$200 fine and 20 CEs for the CE violations and satisfies the conditions of the agreement, and
 - delegate authority to Ms. Gasson and Mr. Bialas to prepare a consent agreement and examine Ms. Ryan's compliance.

The motion passed unanimously.

Application Review Interview– Negative Reference

- **Maria Rosati, Applicant for LCSW**
 - **Interview of Jeanie Marino, Former Supervisor:** Ms. Marino appeared to discuss her negative reference for Ms. Rosati and her experience supervising Ms. Rosati as an intern for several months. She explained that Ms. Rosati did not have clinical skills or the ability to engage with clients and should have been better at diagnosing and identifying safety concerns. Ms. Marino provided examples of when Ms. Rosati did not meet expectations. Ms. Marino further explained that, although Ms. Rosati did improve during the internship, she exhibited some strange behavior.

The Board directed Mr. Bialas to invite Ms. Rosati to a meeting for an interview.

Application Review Interview – Prior Discipline

- **Laura Carbone, Applicant for Re-Licensure as LICSW:** Mr. Carbone appeared to discuss the suspension of her license in 1994, her subsequent reinstatement with a conditional licensure agreement in 1997, and her failure to comply with the reinstatement agreement, and her license lapse in 1998. She explained that she let her license lapse because she did not want potential employers checking the discipline on her license. The Board directed Ms. Carbone to submit a statement about what happened that caused her discipline and her activities since then, including any supporting documents for her reinstatement. The Board will then interview Ms. Carbone again.

Application Reviews – Negative Reference

- **Jarica Weed, Applicant for LICSW:** The Board reviewed Ms. Weed’s negative reference. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Zais, to allow Ms. Weed to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously.
- **William Schwartz, Applicant for LCSW:** The Board reviewed Mr. Schwartz’s negative reference. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Zais, seconded by Mr. Trant, to allow Mr. Schwartz to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously.

Monitoring Report

- **Aimee Monette, Conditional Licensure Agreement, Request to Backdate Supervision and Submission of Proposed Supervisor:** The Board reviewed Ms. Monette’s request to approve Kate Moriarty as her supervisor for her conditional licensure agreement and to allow her to backdate the beginning of her supervision to when she first signed the agreement because she has been supervised by Ms. Moriarty since then. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trant, seconded by Mr. Powers, to approve Ms. Moriarty as Ms. Monette’s supervisor but to deny Ms. Monette’s request to backdate the beginning of her supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session (Closed Session under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1), individual character rather than competence, and G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B, to review sensitive medical information)

At 11:03 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Trant, seconded by Mr. Powers, to exit the public meeting and enter into a closed executive session under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1) to review the good moral character of an applicant, and under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B, to review sensitive medical information in a monitoring interview, an interview about a negative reference, and a request for reinstatement. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 11:03 a.m.

Quasi-Judicial Session (Closed under G.L. c. 30A, § 18)

The Board entered quasi-judicial session at 12:10 p.m.

During the quasi-judicial session, the Board took the following action:

Final Decision and Order

2018-000200-IT-ENF (NK):

Determined sanction
for final decision and
order

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

At 12:22 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Trant, seconded by Ms. Zais, to exit quasi-judicial session and enter into a closed investigatory conference under G.L. c. 112, s. 65C to review a settlement offer and new cases. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered investigative conference at 12:22 p.m.

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

Settlement

2020-001116-IT-ENF (LM): Gave direction to prosecutor

Cases

2021-000813-IT-ENF (EC): Dismiss
2021-000822-IT-ENF (GD): Dismiss
2021-000997-IT-ENF (JM): Dismiss
2021-000996-IT-ENF (BV): Dismiss
2021-001002-IT-ENF (MT): Refer to the Office of Investigations
2021-001011-IT-ENF (SR): Dismiss; open complaint for CE violation

Mr. Trant recused himself from 2021-000328-IT-ENF (KW) and left the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

2021-000328-IT-ENF (KW): Refer to the Office of Prosecutions

Adjournment

At 12:50 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Zais, seconded by Ms. Kelley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The above Minutes were approved at the public meeting held on February 22, 2022.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting:

- Agenda for Meeting of January 25, 2022
- Public Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2021
- Executive Session Minutes of December 21, 2021

- LICSW Application for Re-Licensure of Jon Norman
- LCSW Application for Re-Licensure of Kathleen Ryan
- LCSW Application of Maria Rosati
- LICSW Application for Re-Licensure of Laura Carbone
- LICSW Application of Jarica Weed
- LCSW Application of William Schwartz
- Aimee Monette, Conditional Licensure Agreement, Request to Backdate Supervision and Submission of Proposed Supervisor