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Public Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2021

Board Members Present:

Bill Ahearn, Acting Chair
Cynthia Belhumeur, Public Member
Amy Vercillo, Member
Frank Gomez, Member
Susan Egan, Member (left meeting at 10:54 a.m.)
Ashley Williams, Member
Kristen Woodbury, Member
Jacqueline Gagliardi, Member (left meeting at 11:56 a.m.)

Staff Members Present:

Erin Murphy, Associate Executive Director
Lynn Read, Board Counsel
Matthew Runge, Investigator

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2021:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Gomez, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2021 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Executive Session Minutes of October 15, 2021:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Belhumeur, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of October 15, 2021 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Adjudicatory Hearings:** Ms. Murphy reported on the scheduling of adjudicatory hearings in 2020-000446-IT-ENF (CC) for April 26-28, 2022 and in 2020-001171-IT-ENF (BS) for May 11-13, 2022. Dr. Williams expressed interest in attending the hearing for 2020-001171-IT-ENF (BS).



- **Ratification of Decisions by Board Staff to Approve Applications:** The Board considered whether to approve the decisions made by staff on applications processed since the last meeting. A MOTION was made by Ms. Vercillo, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to approve the decisions made by staff on applications processed since the last Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Application Processing Under Application Review Policy:** Ms. Murphy reported on the 2021 to date and October data concerning applications reviewed under the Board's Application Review Policy.

Monitoring Interview

- **Jessica Goldstein, 2018-000635-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Stayed Suspension**
 - **Interview of Jessica Goldstein and Supervisor Dr. Donna Whipple:** Ms. Goldstein appeared with Dr. Whipple to discuss her petition to terminate her stayed suspension. Dr. Whipple stated that Ms. Goldstein has grown the most out of her 23 supervisees, and Ms. Goldstein noted that she is more thoughtful in her clinical decision making now and will continue supervision with Dr. Whipple after her stayed suspension concludes.

After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Dr. Egan, to terminate Ms. Goldstein's stayed suspension. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Application Review Interview – Past Discipline

- **Kathleen Cristelli, LABA Applicant:** Ms. Cristelli appeared to discuss the probation and continuing education imposed on her in 2015 by the Board of Allied Health Professions for improper billing while she was working as a licensed occupational therapy assistant. Ms. Cristelli explained that she was new to the field when she was disciplined.

After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Egan, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to allow Ms. Cristelli to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Discussion

- **Existing and Draft Policy on Teletherapy for Applicant Experience and Supervision Hours:** The Board considered extending its existing Policy on Teletherapy for Applicant Experience and Supervision Hours through September 30, 2022. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Mr. Gomez, to extend the existing policy through September 30, 2022 and approve the draft policy as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

- **Policy on Appropriate Sites for Post-Master's Degree Experience:** The Board discussed the draft policy that would clarify characteristics of appropriate sites for post-master's degree experience for LMHC and LMFT applicants. After hearing comments from the public, the Board tabled further consideration of the policy until the December meeting.

Dr. Egan left the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

- **Continuing Education Policy:** The Board considered a revision to its current Continuing Education Policy to include the New England Association for Family and Systemic Therapy (NEAFST) as a Board-Approved Entity to approve continuing education courses for LMFTs and to eliminate the Massachusetts Association for Marriage and Family Therapy from the policy because it no longer exists. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Mr. Gomez, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to approve the draft policy as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

LMHC Application Reviews

- **José Cruz Rodríguez:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Dr. Williams, to table consideration of Mr. Cruz Rodríguez's application until the December meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Ronda Jones Tobey:** The Board considered Ms. Jones Tobey's application. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Dr. Williams, to deny Ms. Jones Tobey's application because her master's degree is not in a Related Field under 262 CMR 2.04(1). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Katelyn Grim:** The Board considered Ms. Grim's application. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Mr. Gomez, to deny Ms. Grim's application because her master's degree did not include an appropriate Practicum under 262 CMR 2.02 and 262 CMR 2.04(3)(c), Appraisal course under 262 CMR 2.04(3)(a)1., or Counseling Theory course under 262 CMR 2.04(3)(a)8. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Requests

- **Sonia Cordero:** The Board considered Ms. Cordero's request. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Mr. Gomez, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to allow Ms. Cordero 50% extra time and the use of a word-for-word translation dictionary. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Nghia Nelson Le:** The Board considered Mr. Le's request. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to allow Mr. Le 50% extra time and the use of a word-for-word translation dictionary. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Qingshuang Wu:** The Board considered Ms. Wu's request. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to allow Ms. Wu

50% extra time and the use of a word-for-word translation dictionary. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Request for Reinstatement

- **Iana Yakubovich:** The Board considered Ms. Yakubovich's request for reinstatement. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Dr. Williams, to invite Ms. Yakubovich to a meeting for an interview. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Monitoring Reports

- **Laura Schroeder, 2019-000864-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Stayed Suspension:** The Board considered Ms. Schroeder's petition to terminate stayed suspension.

After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Gomez, to accept Ms. Schroeder's quarterly report. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Mr. Gomez, to invite Ms. Schroeder and her supervisor, Aimee Rozum, to a meeting for an interview to discuss Ms. Schroeder's petition. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

- **Bryan Frascati, 2019-001151-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report:** The Board considered Mr. Frascati's report.

After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Vercillo, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Mr. Gomez, seconded by Dr. Williams, to invite Mr. Frascati to a meeting for an interview. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

Midge Williams from MaMHCA discussed a press release about a lawsuit and asked Ms. Read whether she could send it to the board members. Ms. Read said that she could.

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

At 11:35 a.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Belhumeur, seconded by Dr. Williams, to 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, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B, to review sensitive medical information in NCMHCE accommodation requests and a CE extension request, then enter into quasi-judicial session under G.L. c. 30A, § 18 to discuss a motion and request for reconsideration of a final decision and order, then enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112 § 65C to discuss an

order to show cause, review a settlement offer, conduct a case interview, and review cases, and then, after the conclusion of the investigative conference, not return to the public meeting and adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

See separate minutes of Executive Session.

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

The Board entered quasi-judicial session at 11:56 a.m.

Ms. Gagliardi left the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

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

Final Decision and Order – Motion and Request for Reconsideration

2020-000330-IT-ENF (RB):	Ratify decision of Board Counsel to instruct licensee that a motion is out of order, and the Board will not consider it
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Investigative Conference (Closed Session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C)

At 12:10 a.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Belhumeur, seconded by Ms. Vercillo, to enter investigative conference under G.L. c. 112 § 65C to discuss an order to show cause, review a settlement offer, conduct a case interview, and review cases. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered investigative conference at 12:10 a.m.

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

Discussion of Order to Show Cause

2021-000311-IT-ENF (KB):	Gave direction to prosecutor
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Settlement

2020-001171-IT-ENF (BS) and 2021-000840-IT-ENF (BS):	Gave direction to prosecutor
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Case Interview

2021-000533-IT-ENF (CS):	Interviewed respondent
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Cases

2020-000457-IT-ENF (CC)	Dismiss
2021-000451-IT-ENF (JM):	Invite respondent to meeting for interview

2021-000484-IT-ENF (MC):

Invite respondent to meeting
for interview

2021-000571-IT-ENF (KK):

Refer to Office of
Prosecutions

2021-000840-IT-ENF (BS):

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Adjournment

At 2:15 p.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Belhumeur, seconded by Dr. Williams, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on January 21, 2022.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of November 19, 2021
- Draft Public Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2021
- Draft Executive Session Minutes of October 15, 2021
- Applications Reviewed Under Application Review Policy: April 5, 2021 through November 18, 2021 and October 2021
- Jessica Goldstein, 2018-000635-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Stayed Suspension
- Documents for LABA Application of Kathleen Cristelli
- Draft Policy on Teletherapy for Applicant Experience and Supervision Hours
- Draft Policy on Appropriate Sites for Post-Master's Degree Experience
- Documents from Thriveworks re: Policy on Appropriate Sites for Post-Master's Degree Experience
- Draft Continuing Education Policy
- Documents for LMHC Application of Ronda Jones Tobey
- Documents for LMHC Application of Katelyn Grim
- NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Request of Sonia Cordero
- NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Request of Nghia Nelson Le
- NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Request of Qingshuang Wu
- Request for Reinstatement from Ilana Yakubovich
- Laura Schroeder, 2019-000864-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Stayed Suspension
- Bryan Frascati, 2019-001151-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report