

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions
Public Meeting
August 21, 2020
1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118

Board Members Present:

Bill Ahearn, Acting Chair
Amy Vercillo, Member
Jacqueline Gagliardi, Member (left meeting at 11:39 a.m.)
Jennifer Paine, Member
Heidi Creighton, Public Member
Kristen Woodbury, Member

Staff Members Present:

Brian P. Bialas, Executive Director
Lynn Read, Board Counsel
Doris Lugo, Investigator

Pursuant to Governor Charles D. Baker's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, dated March 12, 2020, all board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

At 10:05 a.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Paine, seconded by Ms. Vercillo, to exit the public meeting and enter into a closed investigative conference under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C to conduct an investigatory interview, review a settlement offer, and review cases. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Interview:

2020-000430-IT-ENF (CK):	Interviewed respondent. Refer to Office of Prosecutions.
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Settlement:

2020-000176-IT-ENF (DH):	Direction given to prosecutor
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Cases:

2020-000400-IT-ENF (CS):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2020-000503-IT-ENF (MM):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2020-000439-IT-ENF (SS):	Dismiss
2020-000453-IT-ENF (JC):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2020-000545-IT-ENF (LJ):	Close, no action taken
2020-000615-IT-ENF (SH):	Close, no action taken
2020-000704-IT-ENF (JH):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions

Executive Session (Closed 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)

At 11:30 a.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Ms. Paine, to exit investigative conference and return to the public meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Ms. Paine, to enter into a closed executive session 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 NCMHC Examination accommodation requests, and after the executive session, the Board will return to the public meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. See separate minutes.

The Board resumed the public meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2020:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Vercillo, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to accept the minutes of the public meeting held on July 17, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session Minutes of July 17, 2020:** A MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Paine, to accept the minutes of the executive session held on July 17, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Adjudicatory Hearing in 2019-001030-IT-ENF (MD) Scheduled for January 20 and 21, 2021:** Mr. Bialas reported the date for the upcoming adjudicatory hearing and invited interested board members to attend.
- **Ratification of Decisions by Board Staff to Approve Applications:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Paine, seconded by Ms. Vercillo, to approve the decisions made by staff on applications processed since the last Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

- **Policy on Distance, Online, and Other Electronic-Assisted Counseling:** The Board discussed possible revisions to its existing policy. The Board directed staff to post the complete Policy on Distance, Online, and Other Electronic-Assisted Counseling to the Board's website.
- **Reinstatement Process and Application:** Mr. Bialas presented a draft reinstatement application for all of the Board's license types. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Paine, to approve the reinstatement application and the following modifications to the reinstatement process:
 - Applicants who have current licenses in other states do not have to be reviewed by the Board.
 - Applicants for reinstatement are not required to submit CEUs that were "live" or "interactive."
 - Applicants whose Massachusetts license has been expired for six or more years and who do not have a current license in another state must retake the relevant license examination.

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of CEUs for Mandatory Chapter 260 Training:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Paine, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to allow licensees two CEUs for completing the mandatory Chapter 260 training on domestic and sexual violence. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of Revisions to 262 CMR 3.00: Requirements for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Creighton, to approve the draft revisions to the regulations, 262 CMR 3.00. The motion passed unanimously.
- **LMFT ESL Accommodation Form:** After a brief discussion of the draft form for requesting accommodations for English as a second language ("ESL"), a MOTION was made by Ms. Creighton, seconded by Ms. Vercillo, to approve the form and apply the same ESL accommodation approval process for LMFT applicants as for LMHC applicants. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- **Letter from G. Muron re: Anti-Racism CEUs:** The Board decided to table this topic until the next month.

Monitoring

- **Lynn Oski, 2019-000401-IT-ENF, Approval of Supervisor:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Vercillo, to approve both supervisor candidates. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Kory Madden, 2019-000275-IT-ENF, Question re: CEUs:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Paine, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, not to require Mr. Madden to complete the required CEUs in person. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Laura Schroeder, 2019-000864-IT-ENF, Approval of Supervisor:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Vercillo, seconded by Ms. Creighton, to approve both supervisor candidates. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Virginia Childs, 2018-000909-IT-ENF, 3rd Quarterly Monitoring Report:** After a brief discussion, the Board directed staff to invite Ms. Childs' supervisor to the next meeting for an interview.

Application Review

- **John Christian, LMHC Application, Reconsideration of Denial:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Paine, to approve Mr. Christian's application because he meets the educational requirements of the regulations. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Nicole St. Louis, LMHC Reinstatement Application:** The Board directed staff to review Ms. St. Louis's application using the new criteria for reinstatements noted above.
- **Susan Walker, LMHC Reinstatement Application:** The Board directed staff to review Ms. Walker's application using the new criteria for reinstatements noted above.

Adjournment

At 12:26 p.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Paine, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The above minutes were approved at the open meeting held on September 18, 2020.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of August 21, 2020
- Draft Public Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2020
- Draft Executive Session Minutes of July 17, 2020
- Policy on Distance, Online, and Other Electronic-Assisted Counseling
- Draft Reinstatement Application
- Draft Revisions to 262 CMR 3.00: Requirements for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist
- Draft LMFT ESL Accommodation Form
- Letter from G. Muron re: Anti-Racism CEUs
- Lynn Oski, 2019-000401-IT-ENF, Proposed Supervisors
- Kory Madden, 2019-000275-IT-ENF, Email re: CEUs
- Laura Schroeder, 2019-000864-IT-ENF, Proposed Supervisors
- Virginia Childs, 2018-000909-IT-ENF, 3rd Quarterly Monitoring Report
- LMHC Application of John Christian