

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions**  
**Public Meeting**  
November 20, 2020  
1000 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02118

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Ahearn, Acting Chair  
Susan Egan, Member  
Amy Vercillo, Member  
Jacqueline Gagliardi, Member  
Cynthia Belhumeur, Public Member  
Heidi Creighton, Public Member  
Kristen Woodbury, Member  
Ashley Williams, 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 10:04 a.m.

**Board Business**

- **Public Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2020:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Dr. Egan, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2020 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session Minutes of October 16, 2020:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of October 16, 2020 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Ratification of Decisions by Board Staff to Approve Applications:** The Board briefly discussed application-processing issues and requested information for the next meeting. A MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Creighton, to approve the decisions made by staff on applications processed since the last Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Discussion**

- **Emergency Policy on Teletherapy for Applicant Experience and Supervision Hours – Further Extension:** The Board discussed extending this policy, which permits applicants, because of the state of emergency, to gain supervision and experience hours by videoconference and teleconference. After a brief discussion, including public comments, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Dr. Williams, to extend the policy to August 31, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Monitoring Reports**

- **Laura Schroeder, 2019-000864-IT-ENF, 1st Quarterly Monitoring Report and CEs:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to inform the supervisor that she must provide more detail and examples and provide a revised report. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Jessica Goldstein, 2018-000635-IT-ENF, 22-Month Report, Petition for Biweekly Supervision, and Report on Employment:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Creighton, to accept Ms. Goldstein's 22-Month Report and Petition for Biweekly Supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Midge Williams from MaMHCA thanked Mr. Bialas and the Board's staff for their work on processing applications and asked whether they could provide a list of the main issues that applicants could correct before submitting LMHC applications.

Nieshia Whittingham discussed her LMFT application.

Beatrice Stipek discussed her LMHC application.

## **Adjourn Public Meeting, Enter Executive Session, and then Enter Investigative Conference**

(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 a monitoring report and NCMHC Examination accommodation requests, and Closed Investigative Conference under G.L. c. 112, s. 65C to review cases)

At 10:58 a.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to: (1) adjourn the public meeting; (2) 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 a monitoring report and NCMHC Examination accommodation requests; (3) then enter into a closed investigative conference under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C to review cases; and (4) then, after investigative conference, not return to the public meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

**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 in a monitoring report and NCMHC Examination accommodation requests)

The Board entered executive session at 10:58 a.m. See separate minutes.

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

The Board entered investigative conference at 11:16 a.m.

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

**Cases:**

2020-000599-IT-ENF (MG):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2020-000603-IT-ENF (KK):	Dismiss with Advisory Letter
2020-000605-IT-ENF (AR):	Dismiss. Open complaint for CE violation.
2020-000997-IT-ENF (SG):	Dismiss
2020-001028-IT-ENF (TC):	Dismiss
2020-001072-IT-ENF (AJ):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2020-001070-IT-ENF (CD):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on December 18, 2020.



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Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of November 20, 2020
- Draft Public Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2020
- Draft Executive Session Minutes of October 16, 2020
- Emergency Policy on Teletherapy for Applicant Experience and Supervision Hours
- Laura Schroeder, 2019-000864-IT-ENF, 1st Quarterly Monitoring Report and CEs
- Jessica Goldstein, 2018-000635-IT-ENF, 22-Month Report, Petition for Biweekly Supervision, and Report on Employment