

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions
Public Meeting
January 15, 2021
1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118

Board Members Present:

Bill Ahearn, Acting Chair
Amy Vercillo, Member (arrived at 10:26 a.m.)
Jacqueline Gagliardi, Member
Heidi Creighton, Public Member
Kristen Woodbury, Member
Jennifer Paine, Member (arrived at 10:19 a.m.)
Ashley Williams, Member
Frank Gomez, Member
Cynthia Belhumeur, Public Member
Susan Egan, Member

Staff Members Present:

Brian P. Bialas, Executive Director
Bruce Hopper, Deputy General Counsel

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 December 18, 2020:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Creighton, seconded by Dr. Egan, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2020 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session Minutes of December 18, 2020:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Creighton, seconded by Dr. Egan, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of December 18, 2020 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Ratification of Decisions by Board Staff to Approve Applications:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to approve the decisions made by staff on applications processed since the last Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Adjudicatory Hearing in 2019-001367-IT-ENF (CC) on April 13, 2021 at 10 a.m.:** Mr. Bialas reported that an adjudicatory hearing has been scheduled and asked members interested in attending to contact him.

Discussion

- **Ethics Code for Behavior Analysts:** The Board discussed the new *Ethics Code for Behavior Analysts* that will replace *The Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board* beginning January 1, 2022. The Board will review proposed revisions to 262 CMR 8.01(5) to adopt the new code at the next meeting.

Application Review

- **Chelsea Shea:** The Board reviewed Ms. Shea's LMHC application. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Mr. Woodbury, seconded by Mr. Gomez, to deny the application because Ms. Shea did not complete a pre-master's degree practicum as required in 262 CMR 2.06(1). The motion passed unanimously.
- **Runa Khanom:** The Board reviewed Ms. Khanom's LMHC application. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Mr. Woodbury, seconded by Dr. Williams, to deny the application because Ms. Khanom did not complete a pre-master's degree practicum as required in 262 CMR 2.06(1). The motion passed unanimously.

Application Review – Discipline in Another Jurisdiction

- **Lindsey Bergeron, Applicant for Temporary Emergency License as LMHC:** After a brief discussion, the Board directed staff to invite Ms. Bergeron to the next meeting to discuss her application and prior discipline.

NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Request

- **Sonia Cordero:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Ms. Paine, to allow Ms. Cordero 50% extra time and access to a translation dictionary during the examination. The motion passed unanimously.

Monitoring Report

- **Jessica Goldstein, 2018-000635-IT-ENF, 8th Quarterly Monitoring Report:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Paine, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Anatoliy Kats and Alicia Hesse-Cleary asked how they could get an internship approved by the Board. Mr. Bialas stated that he would review their proposal.

Katelyn Andre inquired about the status of her LMHC application. Mr. Bialas stated that he would investigate.

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 NCMHCE accommodation requests, and Closed Investigative Conference under G.L. c. 112, s. 65C to review a settlement offer and cases)

At 11:02 a.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Paine, 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 NCMHCE accommodation requests; (3) then enter into a closed investigative conference under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C to review a settlement offer and 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 NCMHCE accommodation requests)

The Board entered executive session at 11:02 a.m. See separate minutes.

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

The Board entered investigative conference at 11:10 a.m.

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

Settlement

2019-001041-IT-ENF (MO):

Gave direction to prosecutor

Cases

2020-000602-IT-ENF (JB):

Dismiss with advisory letter

2020-000935-IT-ENF (JC):

Dismiss with advisory letter

2020-001137-IT-ENF (JS):

Refer to Office of Prosecutions

2020-001164-IT-ENF (DD):

Refer to Office of Prosecutions

2020-001171-IT-ENF (BS):

Invite respondent for interview

Adjournment

At 12:05 p.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Paine, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on February 19, 2021.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of January 15, 2021
- Draft Public Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2020
- Draft Executive Session Minutes of December 18, 2020
- Ethics Code for Behavior Analysts
- Pre-Master's Degree Experience Documentation for Chelsea Shea
- Pre-Master's Degree Experience Documentation for Runa Khanom
- Temporary Emergency License Application of Lindsey Bergeron
- NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Request of Sonia Cordero
- Jessica Goldstein, 2018-000635-IT-ENF, 8th Quarterly Monitoring Report