

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions
Public Meeting
January 17, 2020
1000 Washington Street, Room 1D
Boston, MA 02118

Board Members Present:

Bill Ahearn, Chair
Jennifer Paine, Member
Amy Vercillo, Member
Susan Egan, Member
Heidi Creighton, Public Member
Kristen Woodbury, Member
Cynthia Belhumeur, Public Member

Board Members Not Present:

Jacqueline Gagliardi, Member
Scott Cohen, Member

Staff Members Present:

James A. O'Connor, Board Legal Counsel
Brian P. Bialas, Executive Director
Erin Murphy, Associate Executive Director
Lauren McShane, Chief of Office of Investigations
Doris Lugo, Investigator
Ellen D'Agostino, Investigator

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

Public Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2019

The minutes for the public meeting of December 20, 2019 were discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Vercillo, seconded by Ms. Paine, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session Minutes of December 20, 2019

The minutes for the executive session of December 20, 2019 were discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Vercillo, seconded by Ms. Creighton, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Belhumeur arrived at 10:07 a.m.

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

At 10:23 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Creighton, seconded by Ms. Egan, to enter into a closed investigative conference under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C to conduct a case interview and review cases. The motion passed unanimously.

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

2019-001104-IT-ENF (HJ)	Interviewed Licensee; Dismissed; Open Complaint for CEU Violations
12.5.19 Letter from J. DaPonte re: Discipline in Another Jurisdiction	No Action Taken
20151214MH005-IT-ENF (JD)	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2019-001030-IT-ENF (MD)	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2019-001219-IT-ENF (PS)	Dismissed with Advisory Letter; Open Complaint for CEU Violations
2019-001041-IT-ENF (MO)	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2019-001308-IT-ENF (KO)	Dismissed with Advisory Letter; Open Complaint for CEU Violation
2019-001151-IT-ENF (BF)	Refer to Office of Prosecutions

At 12:07 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Creighton, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to exit investigative conference and return to open session. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Belhumeur left the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Monitoring Report

- **Priscilla Griffin, 20151106MH022-IT-ENF, 5th Quarterly Monitoring Report:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Paine, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

CEU Extension Requests

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Vercillo, to delegate authority to the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director to allow an extension of up to six months to complete CEU requirements because of a licensee's documented medical condition. The motion passed unanimously.

- **1.3.20 Email from L. Anderson re: CEU Extension:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Paine, seconded by Ms. Creighton, to deny the request. The motion passed unanimously.
- **1.6.20 Letter from M. Reed re: CEU Extension:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Paine, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to accept the training completed on January 4, 2020 toward the CEU requirements for the 2017-2019 licensing cycle. The motion passed unanimously.

CEU Extension and Waiver Requests

Executive Session (Closed Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with M.G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and M.G.L. c. 214, s. 1B)

At 12:32 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Creighton, seconded by Ms. Vercillo, to enter into a closed executive session under M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with M.G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and M.G.L. c. 214, s. 1B to review sensitive medical and personal information in CEU extension and waiver requests. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

At 12:41 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Creighton, to exit executive session and return to open session. 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

Application Review

- **Linda Rich:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Creighton, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to deny the applicant's request for a hearing on her LMHC application that previously was denied. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

The above minutes were approved at the open meeting held on February 21, 2020.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of January 17, 2020
- Draft Public Minutes of December 20, 2019
- Draft Executive Session Minutes of December 20, 2019
- Priscilla Griffin, 20151106MH022-IT-ENF, 5th Quarterly Monitoring Report
- 1.3.20 Email from L. Anderson re: CEU Extension
- 1.6.20 Letter from M. Reed re: CEU Extension
- LMHC Application of Linda Rich