

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions
Public Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

May 28, 2020
1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118

Board Members Present:

Bill Ahearn, Chair
Kristen Woodbury, Member
Jennifer Paine, Member

Staff Members Present:

Brian P. Bialas, Executive Director
Erin Murphy, Associate Executive Director
Lynn Read, Board 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 4:05 p.m.

Interview for Petition to Terminate Probation in Marilyn Perlman, 2016-000951-IT-ENF

By authority given to it by a vote of the full Board on May 15, 2020, the Subcommittee interviewed Marilyn Perlman and her supervisor Dr. Marie Caparso to decide on Ms. Perlman's petition to terminate probation. Ms. Perlman's attorney Hon. Mel Greenberg was also present. Ms. Perlman discussed the original complaint against her, specifically how she did not properly terminate her relationship with the complainant. She further described how supervision helped her understand that she should have insisted on a termination session even when the client was put in an in-patient program. Dr. Caparso explained that she helped Ms. Perlman understand the importance of defining goals with clients and explaining that non-compliance can lead to termination. Ms. Paine asked why the client was not terminated while she was hospitalized. Ms. Perlman stated that the client was non-compliant, and she thought the hospital would be providing future services. Ms. Woodbury asked how Ms. Perlman would have handled the situation differently. Ms. Perlman explained that she would have terminated the client or become part of the "team" to help the client. Ms. Woodbury further asked how Ms. Perlman intends to handle challenging cases in the future, and Ms. Perlman said that she would rely on consultation and supervision.

Dr. Ahearn stated that the Board had to interview Ms. Perlman and Dr. Caparso because the supervision reports to the Board lacked sufficient detail about Ms. Perlman's progress.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Paine, to accept the petition to terminate probation. The motion passed unanimously.

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

The above subcommittee minutes were approved at the open meeting held on June 19, 2020.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Marilyn Perlman, 2016-000951-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Probation