

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions
Public Meeting
September 18, 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

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 10:02 a.m.

Monitoring Interview

Interview of Supervisor Barbara Schwartz for Virginia Childs, 2018-000909-IT-ENF, 3rd Quarterly Monitoring Report

Ms. Schwartz appeared to discuss her supervision of Virginia Childs, including comments Ms. Schwartz made in her 3rd Quarterly Monitoring Report regarding Ms. Childs' clinical practice. In particular, Ms. Schwartz explained that Ms. Childs had wanted to leave for a vacation earlier than planned, but Ms. Schwartz convinced her not to because her clients would need a warning that she would be unavailable. More generally, Ms. Schwartz noted that, at the beginning of supervision, she had "uncomfortable" conversations with Ms. Childs about her practice, and Ms. Childs needed time to absorb new ideas and learn to stop defending or justifying what caused her discipline with the Board. Ms. Schwartz went on to explain that Ms. Schwartz and Ms. Childs have different philosophies of care: Ms. Schwartz is "long-term" oriented and Ms. Childs is a "short-term, solutions-based" practitioner. Even so, over time Ms. Childs has become more open and less defensive. At this point, in Ms. Schwartz's opinion, Ms. Childs would not be a successful practitioner without supervision.

After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the 3rd Quarterly Monitoring Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2020:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2020 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session Minutes of August 21, 2020:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of August 21, 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. Woodbury, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the decisions made by staff on applications processed since the last Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

- **Anti-Racism CEUs:** The Board discussed a proposal offered by a licensee that would require licensees to obtain 3 CEUs in anti-racism activism and organizing each license cycle. After discussion, the Board directed staff to create a draft CE policy for the Board to consider at its next meeting that would include recommended CE topics for licensees to cover each licensing cycle.

Ms. Woodbury recused herself from the discussion and consideration of this topic.

- **LMHC and LMFT Reciprocity:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Egan, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to approve the new criteria for out of state applicants for LMHC and LMFT licenses. The motion passed unanimously.
- **LMFT Application:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the revised LMFT application. The motion passed unanimously.

NCMHC Examination ESL Accommodation Request

- **Daniela Tomer:** The Board reviewed Ms. Tomer's request to have additional time on the examination because English is her second language. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Egan, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to allow Ms. Tomer 50% extra time and the use of a word-for-word translation dictionary. The motion passed unanimously.

National MFT Examination ESL Accommodation Request

- **Malgorzata Frajnt-Zielinska:** The Board reviewed Ms. Frajnt-Zielinska's request to have additional time on the examination because English is her second language. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Egan, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to allow Ms. Tomer an additional hour. The motion passed unanimously.

Monitoring

- **Jessica Goldstein, 2018-000635-IT-ENF, Report of Current Employment:** The Board reviewed the report and took no action.

Application Review

- **Kristy Waldron, LMHC Application:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to deny Ms. Waldron's application because she does not meet the educational requirements. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Terence Waldron, LMHC Application:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to deny Mr. Waldron's application because he does not meet the educational requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Midge Williams of MaMHCA requested a copy of the monitoring instructions that the Board provides to prospective monitors. Mr. Bialas stated that he would contact her about that.

Laura Luna requested information on reinstating her Educational Psychologist license on a temporary basis. Mr. Bialas stated that he would contact her about that.

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 11:17 a.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Belhumeur, seconded by Dr. Williams, 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 not return to the public meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. See separate minutes.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

The above minutes were approved at the open meeting held on October 16, 2020.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of September 18, 2020
- Draft Public Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2020
- Draft Executive Session Minutes of August 21, 2020
- Virginia Childs, 2018-000909-IT-ENF, 3rd Quarterly Monitoring Report
- Letter from G. Muron re: Anti-Racism CEUs
- Draft Criteria for Licensure of Out-of-State LMHC and LMFT Applicants
- Draft Revised LMFT Application
- NCMHC Examination ESL Accommodation Request of Daniela Tomer
- National MFT Examination ESL Accommodation Request of Malgorzata Frajnt-Zielinska
- Jessica Goldstein, 2018-000635-IT-ENF, Report of Current Employment
- LMHC Application of Kristy Waldron
- LMHC Application of Terence Waldron