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Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2018

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: 1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118

ATTENDANCE: Melanie Robinson Findlay, Chair
Carla Saccone, Vice-Chair
Dana Zais
Shaynah Barnes

ABSENT: Jeffrey Trant
Lauren Gablinkse

STAFF: Erin LeBel, Executive Director
Bruce Hopper, Chief Legal Counsel (until 10:15)
Alan Van Tassel (until 10:15)

9:50 AM Open Meeting

1. Building Emergency exit procedures announcement
2. A motion was made by Dana Z. and seconded by Melanie RF to accept the July 27, 2018 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The Board reviewed the September 2018 Board meeting minutes. Carla S. requested that language be added to recognize the discussion the Board had about the current definition of clinical social work services, its impact on applicants, and the request that a Commissioner/Commissioner level discussion be had to discuss. Carla S. made a motion to accept the September Minutes with these changes. The motion was seconded by Melanie RF and passed unanimously.

Executive Session A motion was made by Shaynah Barnes to enter Executive Session for the purpose of good moral character review, pursuant to G.L. c 30A, §21(a)(1).



Investigative Conference:

At 10:20 PM, Dana Zais moved to suspend the open meeting and go to into investigative conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C. Motion was seconded by Carla Saccone and passed unanimously. It is estimated that the Board will return to open session in approximately 90 minutes.

While in closed session the Board made the following decisions:

2018-000200-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions
2018-000833-IT-ENF Dismiss without prejudice
2018-000544-IT-ENF Dismiss without prejudice
2018-000455-IT-ENF Forward to prosecutions
2017-001228-IT-ENF Review with Board Counsel
2018-000566-IT-ENF Dismiss without prejudice
2018-000665-IT-ENF Forward to prosecutions
2018-000704-IT-ENF Melanie recused, get more information from Office of Investigations

Return to Open session.

Discussion items:

1. Review correspondence from JN. Request to become re-licensed without an MSW was denied, by a motion from Dana Z, seconded by Carla A., all in favor.

Return to Open Meeting 10:30 AM

1. Board reviewed Delegations of Authority and it proposed updates. Motion made by Carla Saccone and seconded by Melanie Robinson Findlay to accept the amendments. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Board met with Applicant TF, who is applying for her LICSW. Board discussed her experience and how it is applicable to the requirements for licensure.
3. Board met with Applicant DS, and his clinical supervisor. DS, who is applying for his LICSW, met with the Board and discussed with them his experience and how it is applicable to the requirements for licensure.
4. Board met with Applicant JQ, and his clinical supervisor. JQ, who is applying for his LICSW, met with the Board and discussed with them his experience and how it is applicable to the requirements for licensure.

11:45 AM A motion was made at 11:45 AM by Carla Saccone to enter into Executive Session pursuant to General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7) to comply with the confidentiality provisions of the MA CORI statute, G.L. c. 66, § 10, G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(a), G. L. c. 6, § 172, to review the good moral character of CD.

The motion was seconded by Melanie Robinson Findlay and a roll call vote was taken with the following result: Melanie Robinson Findlay, yes; Carla Saccone, yes; Dana Zais, yes; Lauren Gablinske, yes.

12:05 PM Return to open meeting

Investigative Conference:

At 12:05 PM, Dana Zais moved to suspend the open meeting and go to into investigative conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C. Motion was seconded by Carla Saccone and passed unanimously.

The Chair anticipated that the Board's open meeting would resume in approximately 60 minutes.

For the record, while in Investigative Conference:

Ratified cases from August Conference:

2018-000544-IT-ENF Schedule Conference
2018-000523-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions
2018-000455-IT-ENF Schedule Conference
2018-000561-IT-ENF Dismiss
2018-000552-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions
2018-000433-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions
2018-000165-IT-ENF Dismiss with Advisory
2018-001521-IT-ENF Dismiss

New cases Reviewed:

2018-000546-IT-ENF Dismiss
2018-000200-IT-ENF Tabled
2018-000482-IT-ENF Dismiss
2018-000856-IT-ENF Dismiss due to lack of Evidence
2018-000549-IT-ENF Dismiss
2018-000833-IT-ENF Tabled
2018-000664-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions

Discussion Items:

1. The Board discussed the definition of Clinical Social Work Services as written in 256 CMR, and the possibility of adjusting the definition. A request was made for a Commissioner/Commissioner level discussion of how current definition affects those LICSW applicants that obtain experience at the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

1:10 pm: adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin LeBel, MS, LICSW

Executive Director.

List of Documents:

June 26, 2018 Meeting minutes

Application of TF, DS and JQ