



Board of Mental Health Practice - Public

January 17, 2025 at 9:00 AM

7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

Attendance

Members Present:

Amy Alletzhauser (AA); Christina Gribben (CG) *arrived at 9:07 am*; Rebecca Bemis (RB); Lara Gruner-Orf (LGO); Courtney Porter (CP)

Members Absent: Deborah Robinson (DR); Kristin Grasso (KG)

Board Vacancies: Member from a Community Health Center, Clinical Social Worker, Public Member

Staff Present: Jeanne Webber, Board Administrator; Christine Browning, Board Administrator; Elizabeth Eaton, Esq., Board Counsel

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. with a quorum of the Board present.

Motion:

Upon a motion by CP, with a second by RB, the Board voted to approve AA as acting Chair for this meeting; motion passed via roll call vote. **Absent for vote:** CG

II. Approval of Minutes

A. December 13, 2024 Adjudicative Hearing

Motion:

Upon a motion by RB, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to approve the minutes as stated; motion passed via roll call vote. **Absent for vote:** CG

B. December 20, 2024

Motion:

Upon a motion by RB, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to approve the minutes as stated; motion passed via roll call vote. **Absent for vote:** CG

III. Public Appearances

A. Hearings

1. Susan Davis, Applicant

Hearing commenced at 9:45 am and concluded at 9:47 am. The applicant did not attend the hearing.

- B. Public Comment – Andrew Hosmer, Preti Strategies, spoke the the Board regarding the ASWB Exam and HB 271. Mary Behnke from New Hampshire Professionals Health Program (NHPHP) noted she was available to answer any questions that the Board may have.

IV. Board Administrator Updates - Informational

- A. Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Updates & Compact
 - 1. Naloxone Survey
 - 2. ASWB Annual Meeting Administrators Forum
- B. Counseling Compact Compliance Committee – The January meeting was cancelled due to quorum. There will not be a February meeting.

V. Tabled

- A. Frequently Asked Questions, Discussion – the Board reviewed the FAQs currently posted to the Board’s webpage and drafted additional questions to be posted.
- B. Advisory Committee Job Description

Motion:

Upon a motion by CP, with a second by RB, the Board voted to send a communication to licensees notifying them of the opportunity to participate in advisory committees for social workers and school social workers; motion passed via roll call vote.

VI. Old Business – No items

VII. New Business

- A. Waivers
 - 1. Amy Pettengill, MSW

Motion:

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by RB, the Board voted to approve the waiver request related to the ASWB Exam minimum waiting period; motion passed via roll call vote.

- B. AI Initial Discussion – The Board reviewed information from ASWB jurisdictions related to AI use in documentation. CP is attending the ASWB conference in April and the Board will resume the discussion at the May meeting.
- C. Clinical Social Work (CSW) – The Board reviewed a letter of concern related to social work licensure exams submitted by the Clinical Social Work Association.

Motion:

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by RB, the Board voted to invite a representative from CSWA to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting to discuss further; motion passed via roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by AA, with a second by CG, the Board voted to invite a representative from NASW to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the ASWB Exam; motion passed via roll call vote.

VIII. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

A. Rules Review – Chantell Wheeler, Rules Administrator

1. Mhp 100

Motion:

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to adopt with an effective date of 30 days; motion passed via roll call vote.

2. Mhp 200

Motion:

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to adopt with an effective date of 30 days; motion passed via roll call vote.

3. Mhp 300

Motion:

Upon a motion by AA, with a second by RB, the Board voted to certify; motion passed via roll call vote.

4. Mhp 400

Motion:

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to approve as amended; motion passed via roll call vote.

5. Mhp 500

Motion:

Upon a motion by RB, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to certify; motion passed via roll call vote.

6. Supervisor Rules - Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel - Placeholder

B. Legislative Updates

HB 271-FN - The board takes no position but drafted testimony noting concerns.

Motion:

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by AA, the Board voted to approve any available Board member to attend hearings relative to the Board and provide in-person testimony on behalf of the Board, as well as written testimony subject to Board member's individual collective approval; motion passed via roll call vote.

IX. Non-Public Session

Motion to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of evaluating complaints, the approval disapproval/correction of the Non-Public Minutes and other confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 330-A:29, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion:

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by RB, the Board voted to initiate the first non-public session at 9:48 a.m.; motion passed via roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by CP, the Board voted to initiate the second non-public session at 10:29 a.m.; motion passed via roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by CP, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to initiate the third non-public session at 10:54 a.m.; motion passed via roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by AA, with a second by RB, the Board voted to initiate the fourth non-public session at 12:44 p.m.; motion passed via roll call vote.

X. Resume Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by CP, with a second by CG, the Board voted to resume public session at 9:56 a.m.; motion passed via roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to resume public session at 10:40 a.m.; motion passed via roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by CP, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to resume public session at 11:56 a.m.; motion passed via roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by AA, with a second by CP, the Board voted to resume public session at 1:15 p.m.; motion passed via roll call vote.

A. Seal Minutes from Non-Public Session

Motion to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective.

Motion:

Upon a motion by CP, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to seal the minutes from the first non-public session; motion passed via roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to seal the minutes from the second non-public session; motion passed via roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by CP, the Board voted to seal the minutes from the third non-public session; motion passed via roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to seal the minutes from the fourth non-public session; motion passed via roll call vote.

- XI. Licensure Approvals - Informational. The following applications were approved since the December 20, 2024 meeting:

A. MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

- A. KENNEDY, Aoife, MS
- B. LANCASTER, Megan, MS
- C. NTENGERI, Delvine, MA
- D. OLSON, James, MS

2. APPLICATIONS APPROVED THROUGH ENDORSEMENT

- A. BABBITT, Alma
- B. CICO, Nicole
- C. HU, Shuheng
- D. KELTAI, Heather
- E. LOPEZ, Bibiana
- F. MEADOWS, Angela
- G. ROBERTS-GOLDMAN, Rohan
- H. ZACHREL, Elaine

3. CONDITIONAL LICENSES: N/A

4. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. HEACOCK, Julie, MA
- B. LITTERST, John, MA
- C. PORTER, Rebecca, MA
- D. REILLY, Kristen, MA
- E. RUBINSTEIN, Jason, MA
- F. SHAKOW, Amy, MA
- G. VILLARE, Kristyn, MA

5. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. ANTIS, Julie, MA
- B. MCGUIRE, Amanda, MA

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE - REINSTATEMENT

- A. HUPE, Amy

B. SOCIAL WORKERS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

- A. GIOKAS, Spiridoula, MSW
- B. HALL, Tyler, MSW
- C. KILGORE, Rachel, MSW
- D. NGUGI, Beatrice, MSW
- E. PASANEN-FRANKLIN, Julia, MSW
- F. SPAINHOWER, Sophia, MSW

2. APPLICATIONS APPROVED THROUGH ENDORSEMENT

- A. AMES, Allison, MSW
- B. BROWN, Christin, MSW
- C. DAWS, Rachel, MSW
- D. FANTY, Kelly, MSW
- E. GELB, Carly, MSW
- F. GIST, Barbara, MSW
- G. GRANT, Laurie, MSW
- H. HOUSTON, Anne, MSW
- I. MILLER, Pamela, MSW
- J. PORTER, Alana, MSW
- K. SHERMAN, Brittany, MSW
- L. SPERA, Toni, MSW
- M. THOUIN, Julia, MSW

3. CONDITIONAL LICENSES

A. PRENNEY, Juliet, MSW

4. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. ABOSHAR, Olivia, MSW
- B. BURT, Katherine, MSW
- C. LAYTNER, Hannah, MSW
- D. MACIA, Jennifer, BA - LSWA
- E. MCCAFFREY, Jaime, MSW
- F. MOWRY, David, MSW
- G. NORTHERN, Arwen, MSW
- H. RICCIO, Nancy, MSW

5. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

- A. BOUCHER, Misty, MSW
- B. ROMANIUK, Yuri, MSW

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – REINSTATEMENT: N/A

C. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

- A. MASK, Alison, MA

2. APPLICATIONS APPROVED THROUGH ENDORSEMENT

- A. WARNER, Jacqueline

3. CONDITIONAL LICENSES: N/A

4. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: N/A

**5. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS:
N/A**

6. REINSTATEMENT: N/A

D. PASTORAL PSYCHOTHERAPISTS

- 1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: N/A**
- 2. APPLICATIONS APPROVED THROUGH ENDORSEMENT: N/A**
- 3. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: N/A**
- 4. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS: N/A**

XII. Adjournment

Motion:

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to adjourn at 1:16 p.m.; motion passed via roll call vote.

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