



# Board of Mental Health Practice - Public

December 20, 2024 at 9:00 AM  
7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

## Attendance

### Members Present:

Deborah Robinson (DR), Chair; Rebecca Bemis (RB); Kristin Grasso (KG); Amy Alletzhauser (AA); Christina Gribben (CG); Lara Gruner-Orf (LGO)

**Members Absent:** Courtney Porter (CP)

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

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

### I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. with a quorum of the Board present.

### II. Approval of Minutes

#### A. November 15, 2024

#### **Motion:**

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

### III. Public Appearances

#### A. Hearings

##### 1. Sarah DeValk Connor - Status Hearing

#### **Motion:**

Hearing commenced at 9:36 am and concluded at 9:42 am. Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by CG, the Board voted that Ms. Connor has complied with the terms of the settlement agreement and approve monthly supervision pursuant to the settlement agreement; motion passed via roll call vote.

##### 2. Echo diSpirito - Show Cause

Hearing commenced at 10:59 am and concluded at 11:18 am. The Board determined that based on Ms. diSpirito's presentation at the hearing she meets character qualifications to meet requirements for licensure. No Board action required.

- B. Public Comment - No written or spoken public comment was received
- IV. Board Administrator Updates - Informational
  - A. ASWB Updates & Compact - Informational
  - B. Counseling Compact Compliance Committee – RB gave an overview of topics discussed at the recent meeting
  - C. Board Chair Meeting Minutes – No items
- V. Tabled
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Advisory Committee Job Description

**Motion:**  
Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by KG, the Board voted to send a communication to licensees notifying them of the opportunity to participate in advisory committees for clinical mental health counselors, licensed pastoral psychotherapists, and marriage and family therapists; motion passed via roll call vote.
  - B. Frequently Asked Questions Discussion – Tabled to the January 17, 2024 meeting
- VII. New Business
  - A. Waivers
    - 1. Leila Hartstein, MSW

**Motion:**  
Upon a motion by AA, with a second by RB, the Board voted to deny the waiver request related to backdating; motion passed via roll call vote.
- VIII. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics
  - A. Rules Review – Nikolas, Frye, Esq., General Counsel
    - 1. Mhp 100

**Motion:**  
Upon a motion by RB, with a second by AA, the Board voted to approve the conditional approval response; motion passed via roll call vote.
    - 2. Mhp 200

**Motion:**  
Upon a motion by AA, with a second by KG, the Board voted to approve the conditional approval response; motion passed via roll call vote.

3. Mhp 500

**Motion:**

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

4. Supervisor Rules - Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel – Tabled to the January 17, 2025 meeting

B. Legislative Updates – Informational

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 AA, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to initiate the first non-public session at 9:20 a.m.; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by KG, with a second by RB, the Board voted to initiate the second non-public session at 9:43 a.m.; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by AA, with a second by KG, the Board voted to initiate the third non-public session at 11:19 a.m.; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by CG, the Board voted to initiate the fourth non-public session at 12:07 p.m.; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

X. Resume Public Session

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by KG, the Board voted to resume public session at 9:29 a.m.; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by AA, with a second by LGO, the Board voted to resume public session at 10:56 a.m.; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by AA, the Board voted to resume public session at 11:57 a.m.; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by KG, the Board voted to resume public session at 1:49 p.m.; motion passed unanimously 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 LGO, with a second by CG, the Board voted to seal the minutes from the first non-public session; motion passed.

**Motion:**

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

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by CG, with a second by AA, the Board voted to seal the minutes from the third non-public session; motion passed.

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by LGO, with a second by KG, the Board voted to seal the minutes from the fourth non-public session; motion passed.

XI. Licensure Approvals - Informational. The following applications were approved since the November 15, 2024 meeting:

A. **MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS**

**1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

- A. ALBERICO, Corey, MA
- B. BAKER, Emily, MS
- C. BOLSTRIDGE, Hannah, MS
- D. DISPIRITO, Echo, MA
- E. FEDORCHUK, Kayla, MA
- F. HALLORAN, Krysta, MA
- G. MORRILL, Tina, MA
- H. PETERSON, Barnes, MEd
- I. RIDEOUT, Deidre, MS
- J. SAYERS, Jeremy, MEd

## **2. APPLICATIONS APPROVED THROUGH ENDORSEMENT**

- A. ALVAREZ, Christine
- B. BENNETT, Susan
- C. BURKE, Jessica
- D. CORBETT, Lynn
- E. COX, Elizabeth
- F. DANIEL, Alexandra
- G. DELGADO, Shannon
- H. EDWARDS, David
- I. EURTON, Lynnanne
- J. FULLER, Matthew
- K. GLASSMAN, Melissa
- L. GONZALEZ, Joseline
- M. GRAY, Rachel
- N. HANSON, Raymond
- O. HUNTINGTON, William
- P. KAATZ, Jeannine
- Q. KEENEY, Russell
- R. KNISELY, Sarah
- S. PRAHL, Matthew
- T. RAEF, Kimber-Lea
- U. ROSEN, Danielle
- V. SONDHI, Naimesha
- W. THOMAS, Taisiya
- X. YOSHIDA, Lisa

## **3. CONDITIONAL LICENSES**

- A. N/A

## **4. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. BARTULA, Alyssa, MA
- B. CADY, Alison, MS
- C. CHAPMAN, Michele, MS
- D. DWYER, Adrienne, MA
- E. FINNEGAN, Kerry, MEd
- F. GLOVER, Mindy, MA
- G. HAZEL, Jamie, MS
- H. HOEKMAN, Molly, MA

- I. LAYTON, Ilya, MA
- J. O'CONNELL, Andrea, MEd
- K. PRATT, Dean, MS
- L. RISBERG, Alexander, MS
- M. ROCKEY, Anandia, MS
- N. RUBINSTEIN, Jason, MA
- O. SCAGGS, Thomas, MA
- P. WILSON, Angela, MS

## **5. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. BOUCHER, Aaron, MA
- B. DYAC, Sarena, MA
- C. HUTCHINS, Elizabeth, MS
- D. QUIMBY, Emma, MA
- E. SHEPARD-INGRAM, Eva, MS

## **6. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE - REINSTATEMENT**

- A. N/A

## **B. SOCIAL WORKERS**

### **1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

- A. ANDERSON, Grace, MSW
- B. BARCLAY, Taylor, MSW
- C. CHAFE, Heather, MSW
- D. GARAFALO, Millicent, MSW
- E. GELINAS, Emma, MSW
- F. JIMENEZ, Christian, BA, LSWA
- G. JOHNSON, Charlie-Mae, MSW
- H. RAVITCH, Nicholas, MSW
- I. STAUDT, Bianca, MSW
- J. TESTERMAN, Holloway, MSW
- K. TURCOTTE, Catherine, MSW
- L. WHITTICK, Laura, MSW
- M. WOODS, Rachel, MSW

### **2. APPLICATIONS APPROVED THROUGH ENDORSEMENT**

- A. BOUCHARD, Richard, MSW
- B. CORENS, Gabriel, MSW
- C. CORK, Patrick, MSW
- D. GRAPSAS, Blaine, MSW
- E. JACOBS, Kian, MSW
- F. KNOPF, Ehsan, MSW
- G. MCPHEEE, Cara, MSW
- H. PERRY, Jaime, MSW
- I. PLOURDE, Melissa, MSW
- J. PORTER, Alana, MSW
- K. ROGERS, Denise, MSW
- L. RUSSO, Dana, MSW
- M. SAINSOTT, Norrel, MSW
- N. SARRO, Erica, MSW
- O. SAUCIER, Kaitlyn, MSW
- P. STERCZALA, Carolinda, MSW
- Q. TARANTINO, Joanne, MSW
- R. TITELBAUM, Helene, MSW
- S. UMPIERREZ, Maribel, MSW
- T. WALSH, Sharon, MSW
- U. WATKINS, Pamela, MSW
- V. WINER, Max, MSW

### **3. CONDITIONAL LICENSES**

- A. ULERY, Taylor, MSW

### **4. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. COOKE, Nichole, MSW
- B. JOYCE, Veronica, MSW
- C. MICHAUD, Amy, MSW
- D. MILLER, McKenzy, MSW
- E. MONKTON, Haley, MSW
- F. PATTERSON, Christine, MSW
- G. PINARD, Kayla, MSW
- H. PRENNEY, Juliet, MSW
- I. TEAGUE, Margaret, MSW

### **5. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. BLUMENTHAL, Ellison, MSW
- B. DUNKELMAN GALLAGHER, Anna, MSW
- C. LETENDRE, Sarah, MSW
- D. MELZER, Patrick, MSW
- E. RUTTAN, Jessica, MSW
- F. WILFORE, Amanda, MSW
- G. WIRTH-BUDZIK, Lisa, MSW

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE - REINSTATEMENT**

- A. CARTER, Rebekah

**C. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

**1. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

- A. DUKAS, Mariah, MS
- B. EASTMAN, Kathryn, MA
- C. MERCHANT, Colette, MS
- D. TARBOX, Melissa, MS

**2. APPLICATIONS APPROVED THROUGH ENDORSEMENT**

- A. LEE, Jennifer
- B. SCOTT, Amanda
- C. STONE, Jeffrey
- D. WALL, Jane

**3. CONDITIONAL LICENSES**

- A. ROWE, Travis, MA

**4. CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. AYALA, Anastasia, MA
- B. ROWE, Travis, MA

**5. APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS**

- A. N/A



**6. REINSTATEMENT:**

A. 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**

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.