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BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2019

Members Present: Chip Coffey, Mary Coonrod, Gary Goodwin, Meaghan Kramer, Heidi Quinlan, Jerri Shields, Gerald Szymanski, Antwan Trotter

Members Absent: Kimberly Bailey, Cedric Davis

Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director; Marc Harris, A.A.G.; Michael Raine, A.A.G.; Donna Dalton, Deputy Director; Joey Ordonez, Assistant Director

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners was called to order on July 12, 2019 at 9:02 a.m. with Mr. Coffey presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Minutes: review, consideration and action

A. *June 14, 2019, general meeting minutes*

Ms. Kramer moved, seconded by Ms. Quinlan, to approve the general meeting minutes for the June 14, 2019 meeting as submitted. Ms. Shields abstained.

4. Consent Agenda: review, consideration and action

A. Cases recommended for dismissal

1. *2019-0127, James Thompson, LMSW-17285*

Following discussion, Ms. Coonrod moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to approve the consent agenda item 4(A). The motion passed unanimously.

B. Cases recommended for dismissal with a letter of concern.

1. *2019-0059, Steven Wilson, LMSW-16775*

Ms. Zavala summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

The complainant could not be reached telephonically at the number provided.

The professional appeared and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Goodwin moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to dismiss the complaint with a letter of concern addressing the importance of maintaining boundaries in the workplace. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *2019-0064, Brittany Poole, LMSW-13718 and LCSW applicant*

Following discussion, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to approve the consent agenda

item 4(B)(2). The motion passed unanimously.

C. Cases recommended for release from consent agreements.

1. 2019-0013, Ashley Comtois, LAC-16382 (active-restricted)
2. 2018-0059, Christopher Hout, LAC-11811
3. 2017-0041, Terra Schaad, LAC-12676 (active-restricted)

Following discussion, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to approve the consent agenda item 4(C). The motion passed unanimously.

D. Cases recommended for opening a complaint and acceptance of a proposed signed non-disciplinary consent agreement.

N/A

E. Cases recommended for opening a complaint and dismissing with a letter of concern.

N/A

F. Cases recommended for acceptance of a proposed signed non-disciplinary consent agreement.

N/A

The Board took a break at 10:15 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:35 a.m.

5. Administrative Hearings

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-3253(A)(10) and 41-1092.07, the Board will conduct administrative hearings in the following matter(s). During the administrative hearing, the Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

A. 2018-0009, 2018-0018, 2019-0033, Elizabeth De Vries, LPC-2371

Marc Harris, A.A.G., appeared on behalf of the state.

Michael Raine, A.A.G., appeared to provide independent legal advice to the Board.

The professional appeared and addressed the Board.

Mr. Harris advised the Board that Ms. De Vries has informed him that she would like to make a statement to the Board and that after doing so she will sign the previously offered consent agreement. Based upon Ms. De Vries' representation, Mr. Harris asked the Board to consider, after Ms. Devries' statement, accepting the signed consent agreement and vacating the administrative hearing.

Ms. De Vries read a statement to the Board and then signed the consent agreement.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Quinlan, to accept the signed consent agreement and vacate the formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

	Kimberly Bailey	Chip Coffey	Mary Coonrod	Cedric Davis	Gary Goodwin	Meaghan Kramer	Heidi Quinlan	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Antwan Trotter
AYE		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY										
Absent	X			X						

6. Formal Interviews

N/A

7. Complaints and other disciplinary matters: review, consideration and action

A. Maria Armenta, LPC applicant and LAC-16484 (inactive)

Ms. Zavala summarized the results of the Board’s investigation.

The professional appeared telephonically and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Kramer moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to open a complaint and find the following violations:

- A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(c)(i), making any oral or written misrepresentation of a fact to secure or attempt to secure the issuance or renewal of a license
- A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(b), using fraud or deceit in connection with rendering services as a licensee or in establishing qualifications pursuant to this chapter
- A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(ii), violating any federal or state law, rule or regulation applicable to the practice of behavioral health as it relates to:
 - A.R.S. § 32-3208, Mandatory reporting of criminal charges

The motion passed unanimously.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Kramer moved, seconded by Mr. Trotter, to offer a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The license shall be placed on probation for 12 months
- The professional shall complete a pre-approved 3 semester credit hour graduate level course in behavioral health ethics in person

and if not signed, to invite the professional to participate in a formal interview and, if not accepted to remand the matter to a formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

	Kimberly Bailey	Chip Coffey	Mary Coonrod	Cedric Davis	Gary Goodwin	Meaghan Kramer	Heidi Quinlan	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Antwan Trotter
AYE		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY										
Absent	X			X						

B. 2019-0133, Taylor Carsten, LASAC-15294

Ms. Zavala summarized the results of the Board’s investigation.

The complainant was properly noticed, but failed to appear.

The professional was properly noticed, but failed to appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to accept the signed consent agreement as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

	Kimberly Bailey	Chip Coffey	Mary Coonrod	Cedric Davis	Gary Goodwin	Meaghan Kramer	Heidi Quinlan	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Antwan Trotter
AYE		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY										
Absent	X			X						

Following further discussion by members, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Quinlan to refer the case to law enforcement. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took a break at 10:47 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:51 a.m.

C. Ann Eberhardt, LAC Applicant

Ms. Zavala summarized the results of the Board’s investigation.

The applicant appeared and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Mr. Trotter, to open a complaint pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3275(A)(5). The motion passed unanimously.

	Kimberly Bailey	Chip Coffey	Mary Coonrod	Cedric Davis	Gary Goodwin	Meaghan Kramer	Heidi Quinlan	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Antwan Trotter
AYE		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY										
Absent	X			X						

Following further discussion, Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Mr. Trotter, to offer a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional shall be placed on probation for 24 months
- The professional shall receive therapy twice monthly for twelve months, and after that at the recommendation of the therapist, but not less than once monthly
- The focus shall be on issues identified in the treatment plan and the Board’s investigative report
- Continue with psychiatric nurse practitioner while under probation at the discretion of the PNP
- Stayed suspension

and if not signed, to deny the application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3275 (A)(5). The motion passed unanimously.

	Kimberly Bailey	Chip Coffey	Mary Coonrod	Cedric Davis	Gary Goodwin	Meaghan Kramer	Heidi Quinlan	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Antwan Trotter
AYE		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY										
Absent	X			X						

D. 2019-0024, 2019-0052, Rosa Ruales, LPC-15965 and LAMFT-10478

Mr. Harris summarized the results of the Board’s investigation.

The professional and her attorney, Jessica Miller, appeared and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Trotter moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to accept the signed modified consent agreement with revisions by members. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Quinlan recused.

	Kimberly Bailey	Chip Coffey	Mary Coonrod	Cedric Davis	Gary Goodwin	Meaghan Kramer	Heidi Quinlan	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Antwan Trotter
AYE		X	X			X		X	X	X
NAY					X					
Absent	X			X			recused			

E. 2019-0124, Joseph Sullivan, LPC-17630 (interim suspension)

Mr. Ordonez summarized the results of the Board’s investigation.

The complainant appeared and addressed the Board.

The professional appeared and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to find the

following violations:

- A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(l), engaging in any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice the licensee's profession
- A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(y), engaging in a dual relationship with a client that could impair the licensee's objectivity or professional judgment or create a risk of harm to the client.
- A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(x), exploiting a client, former client or supervisee.
- A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(z), engaging in physical contact between a licensee and a client if there is a reasonable possibility of physical or psychological harm to the client as a result of that contact

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to offer a consent agreement for the voluntary surrender of the professional's license, and if not signed to remand the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

	Kimberly Bailey	Chip Coffey	Mary Coonrod	Cedric Davis	Gary Goodwin	Meaghan Kramer	Heidi Quinlan	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Antwan Trotter
AYE		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY										
Absent	X			X						

Following further discussion, Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to refer the case to law enforcement. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Quinlan, to keep the signed interim consent agreement in place until the matter is fully adjudicated. The motion passed unanimously.

	Kimberly Bailey	Chip Coffey	Mary Coonrod	Cedric Davis	Gary Goodwin	Meaghan Kramer	Heidi Quinlan	Jerri Shields	Gerald Szymanski	Antwan Trotter
AYE		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY										
Absent	X			X						

The Board took a break at 11:34 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:11 p.m.

8. Assistant Attorney General's Report: Marc Harris, A.A.G.

N/A

9. Temporary licenses: review, consideration and action

N/A

10. Applications for licensure and educational programs: review, consideration and action

A. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding applications for licensure Counseling

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to approve 32 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors, 9 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors, and 7 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Mr. Trotter, to deny 1 application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct, 1 application based on a failure to meet minimum requirements, and 1 application based on a failure to pass the required examination. The motion passed unanimously.

Marriage and Family Therapy

Ms. Quinlan moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to approve 5 applicants as Licensed Associate Marriage

and Family Therapists, 1 applicant as a Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist by endorsement and 4 applicants as Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Quinlan moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to deny 1 application based on a failure to take the required examination. The motion passed unanimously.

Social Work

Mr. Goodwin moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to approve 35 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers, 7 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers, 6 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers by endorsement and 4 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Goodwin moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to deny 3 applications based on a failure to pass the required examination, and 4 applications based on a failure to take the required examination. The motion passed unanimously.

Substance Abuse

Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to approve 3 applicants as Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors, 1 applicant as a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor by Endorsement, 2 applicants as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors and 1 applicant as a Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Mr. Trotter, to deny 1 application based on a failure to pass the required examination and 1 application based on a failure to take the required examination. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding applications for educational programs

N/A

C. John Moakler, LISAC-10432

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Coonrod moved, seconded by Ms. Quinlan, to deny the professional's application for renewal. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Report from Chair

A. Summary of current events

No Report.

B. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding recommendation of the personnel subcommittee

Mr. Coffey shared with members that the personnel subcommittee met and voted to recommend to the Board to not have a formal review process for the executive director. He reminded members that at any given time any member could request a review of the executive director.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to accept the recommendation of the personnel subcommittee. The motion carried with Ms. Shields opposed.

12. Report from the Treasurer

A. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding June financial report

Tabled

13. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

No report.

B. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding the annual election of Board Officers

(Chairperson and Secretary Treasurer)

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Kramer moved, seconded by Mr. Trotter, to elect Mr. Coffey as Board Chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Kramer moved, seconded by Mr. Trotter, to elect Dr. Davis as Board Secretary Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Review, consideration and possible action regarding the implementation of HB2569

Ms. Zavala informed members that HB2569 would go into effect on August 27th, 2019 and that it was imperative to develop a procedure that would be transparent to the public that will allow Board staff to process the applications.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Coonrod moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to direct staff to draft a Substantive Policy Statement regarding the implementation of HB2569. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Review, consideration and possible action regarding delegating the authority to grant licensure pursuant to SB1086 to the executive director

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to delegate the authority to grant licensure to the executive director pursuant to SB1086. The motion passed unanimously.

Board members requested that a list of approved licenses be provided at each Board meeting.

E. Update on stakeholder meetings regarding possible clinical supervision rule changes

Ms. Zavala shared with members that there have been discussions among the associations regarding clinical supervision rule changes related to the number of hours that are required to be acquired by someone in the applicant's discipline. She shared that at this point, Board staff was only gathering feedback to present to the Board.

Brandie Reiner, Executive Director of the Arizona Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), addressed the Board. After introducing herself, Ms. Reiner began by thanking the Board for the opportunity to provide it with feedback regarding possible changes to the supervision requirements for candidates for clinical social work licensure. Ms. Reiner summarized the letter she submitted to the Board regarding this issue and emphasized that NASW Arizona is strongly opposed to any regulatory changes that would decrease the percentage of supervision hours that candidates for clinical social work licensure are required to receive from Licensed Clinical Social Workers. Ms. Reiner concluded her remarks by stating that on behalf of NASW Arizona she looks forward to working with the Board as it contemplates making changes to the supervision requirements for licensure.

Ryan Sheade, LCSW, addressed the Board. Mr. Sheade began by introducing himself and providing the Board with a brief summary of his professional experience. He spoke in support of the NASW Arizona's opposition to any changes to the current requirements that clinical social work candidates receive at least 50% of the required 100 hours of supervision from a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. In his remarks, Mr. Sheade emphasized the importance of preserving the requirement that a portion of the required supervision be provided by another social worker.

14. Request for extension of inactive status: review, consideration and action

A. Cynthia West, LMSW-15797 (inactive)

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Quinlan, to approve the request for extension of inactive status. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Future agenda items

N/A

16. Call for public comment

None.

17. Establishment of future meeting dates

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 16, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 W. Adams St., Board Room C.

18. Adjournment

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Mr. Goodwin, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Heidi Quinlan
Secretary/Treasurer

Date

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COUNSELING

Licensed Associate Counselor - 32			
Olukemi Akinbusuyi	Felicia Jaimez	Jessica McCallum	Eric Straub
Ashley Aycock	Cecilia Juarez	Susan Moffitt	Dana Tate
Suzanne Basco	Shannon King	Shalene Rogg	Trenace Taulton
Marcella Brown	Katie Kline	Jaustina Santos	Laura Thomas
Elaine Coller	Melissa Koch	Christy Schmidt	Kathryn VanDehei
Reynaldo Cruz	Kayla Koehn	Lisa Schmidt	Nicole Vigil
Roy Cutter	Yvonne Loera	Leslie Sherlin	Lindsay Wesolowski
Faithann Ivanov	Rachel Lohrman	Jennifer Sobel	Tara Zimmerman
Licensed Professional Counselor - 9			
Maria Cholley	Ashley Horaski	Brenda Manthei	Brianna Reinhold
Richard Crow	Catherine Lequesne	Christina Paschall	Rita Weatherholt
Starrisha Denman			
Licensed Professional Counselor by endorsement - 7			
Kevin Barrow	Nancy Cross	Karen Kearns	Kimberly Watkins
Thomas Cooper	Tiffany Jenkins	Faren Peterson	

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist by endorsement - 1			
Daniel Wills			
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist by endorsement - 4			
Sarah Clark	Denise Dietz	Sherry Duson	Kathleen McCoy
Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist - 5			
Jordan Canady	Hayley Lambertus	Jeffrey Skeens	Jennifer Wagner
Christine Kuo			

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SOCIAL WORK

Licensed Master Social Worker - 35			
Darrin Ambrosino	Melissa Della Femina	Sheri Jeffery	Christina Tarpley
Edward Appiah Boateng	Sara Escandon	Kelly Lalan	Juliana Vazquez
Kennedy Arnold	Karla Flecha Ortiz	Brian Martin	Margymar Veguilla De Jesus
Carl Bailey	Joni Franklin	Sonja McGraw	Julia Wiens
Kelli Bishop	Monica Gutierrez	Erika Miller	Laura Wiggins
Betsy Bombeck	Dora Hearne	Jeffrey Morris	Michelle Wilgocki
Jordin Curtis	Kimberly Heise	Jharna Pandya	Kendall Workman
Natasha Davis	Kimberly Hogan	Gabriella Poetzl	Danielle Young
Lisa DeJordy-Steele	Anna Hudson	Kara Synhorst	
Licensed Master Social Worker by endorsement - 4			
Tamara Christian	Sheila Delgado Cardona	Liz Lind Rivas	Fraida Yudkowsky
Licensed Clinical Social Worker - 7			
Sarah Bales	Meghan Gilliland	Robin Green	Vernice Morris
Sarah Cooper	Nicole Gordon	Donna Kowitt	
Licensed Clinical Social Worker by endorsement - 6			
Paula Bird	LaNell Daniel-Kowalski	Julie Finch	Suzanne Gaunt
Kristen Brown	Jamie Daybell-Topham		

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor - 3			
Suyapa Figueroa	Patricia Gillespie	Jeffrey Schwartz	
Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor by endorsement - 1			
Gloria Harris			
Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor by endorsement - 1			
Linda MacKenzie			
Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor - 2			
Denise Bencomo	Lorraine Mischke		

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COUNSELING - 3

Failure to pass the required exam - 1

Laura Carrillo

Failure to meet minimum requirements - 1

Angela Castro

Finding of unprofessional conduct - 1

Sharon Wright

SOCIAL WORK - 7

Failure to pass the required exam - 3

Mariah Carter

Lisa Coletta

Jeffrey Gilliam

Failure to take the required exam - 4

Erik Griffin

Naomi Perez-Sealey

Jill Sabo

Robert Tobara

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING - 2

Failure to pass the required exam - 1

Roger Hills

Failure to take the required exam - 1

Nicole Roth

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY - 1

Failure to take the required exam - 1

Brittini Sterner