

**State of Nevada**  
**Board of Examiners for Marriage & Family Therapists & Clinical Professional Counselors**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**Friday, June 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**

Kayenta Legacy Conference Room  
9418 West Lake Mead Blvd.  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

Sierra Counseling Center  
1855 Sullivan Lane, Suite 145  
Sparks, NV 89431

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1. The meeting was called to order and a quorum was confirmed.

Board meeting for the State of Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors is called to order and opened by President Jake Wiskerchen at 9:08 a.m.

**Reno**

Jake Wiskerchen  
Erik Schoen  
Hal Taylor (Absent)  
Henna Rasul

**Las Vegas**

Roberta Vande Voort  
John Nixon  
Marta Wilson  
Adrienne O'Neal

2. Public comments – No public comments.

**Public Attendant**

**Las Vegas**

Lesha Delaney, Paula Haynes-Green, Kimberly Hampton, Jazmine Morrow, Cara Hall Stefanie Flores, Darya Shahbazy, Donna Acosta, Boendali DeLeon, Nikki Labahn, Jazmine Smith, Denise Eaton, Tim Hubbard, Elizabeth Meinhold, Stephanie Steinhiser, and Joseph John Andersen

**Reno**

Bruce Harkreader and Craig Merrill

3. Approval of the Minutes – Board Meeting Approval of the May 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

**A motion for approval of the meeting minutes, was made by Erik Schoen and seconded by Roberta Vande Voort.**

**The motion was passed unanimously.**

4. Interview for new NVBOE Executive Director for. (For Possible Action)
  - a) Stephanie Steinhiser
  - b) Paula Haynes Green
  - c) Elizabeth Meinhold

**Discussion**

Roberta Vande Voort stated that she liked all the candidates, but she likes the idea that Stephanie is a Marriage & Family Therapist and can relate to the licensees that are coming in as Marriage Family Therapists & Clinical Professional Counselors.

John Nixon stated that he liked the idea of Stephanie having the inside experience and understanding the process of becoming a licensee.

Erik Schoen would like to see someone that has had personal experience and who will demonstrate that they have a commitment to this position. He feels that Stephanie has demonstrated that commitment through volunteering at the Board office; so every story she hears about the licensees from the licensees that are having an issue she will understand because she is a therapist herself and has gone through the process.

Adrienne advised the Board that she and the Applicant (Paula Haynes Green) have the same great grandfather. Adrienne stated she can be unbiased.

The meeting was in recess from 10:30 a.m. to 10:38 a.m.

**A motion for approval of Stephanie Steinhiser for the Executive Director, was made by Roberta Vande Voort and seconded by Adrienne O’Neal. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Decision**

The Board voted on hiring Stephanie Steinhiser for the Executive Director with a start date of July 1, 2018.

- 5. Review/decision regarding the following licensees who have petitioned the Board to be Primary Supervisors for Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) and Clinical Professional Counselor (CPC) Interns.

Supervision Applicant	Mentor	Mentor Contract	AAMFT Supervisor	AAMFT Approved Supervisor or CCE Approved Certificate/Supervisor Course
James Brittain, MFT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**A motion for approval of James Brittain for Primary Supervisor was made by the Board. The motion was passed unanimously. Roberta Vande Voort abstained from voting as she is James Brittain’s mentor.**

**Decision**

Review of James Brittain, MFT for Primary Supervisor was approved by the Board. The Board did not do a motion on who was first and who seconded.

- 6. Review/decision regarding the following applicants for new interns and internships for MFT and CPC. (For Possible Action)

**Reno**

Britany Beck, (CPC-Inter)

Primary – Barbara Hudson, MFT\*  
Secondary – Capa Casale, MFT\*  
(For Possible Action)

Brigitte Price, (MFT-Intern)

Primary – Jake Wiskerchen, MFT\*  
Secondary – Thomas Harrison, MFT\*  
(For Possible Action)

## Las Vegas

Donna Acosta, (MFT-Intern)	Primary – Jesse Smith, MFT* Secondary – Rhonda Kildea, MFT* (For Possible Action)
Timothy Hubbard, (MFT-Intern)	Primary – Felicia Thomas, MFT* Secondary – Ramona Beasley, MFT* (For Possible Action)
Jazmine Morrow, (MFT-Intern)	Primary – Nancy Sirkin, MFT* Secondary – Tracye Ditmore, MFT* (For Possible Action)
Donald Davis, (MFT-Intern)	Primary – Kimberly Molnar, MFT* Secondary – Debora Jette, MFT* (For Possible Action)
Jazmine Smith, (MFT-Intern)	Primary – Tristan Thibault, MFT* Secondary – Tracye Ditmore, MFT* (For Possible Action)
Lashay Raiford-Warren, (MFT-Intern)	Primary – Felicia Thomas, MFT* Secondary – Ramona Beasley, MFT* (For Possible Action)
Cara Hall (CPC-Intern)	Primary – Elaine Nelson, MFT* Secondary – Molly Parsons, MFT* (For Possible Action)
Engelbert Mittermayr, (CPC-Intern)	Primary – Debora Tretriak, CPC* Secondary – Jane Heenan, MFT* (For Possible Action)
Richard Seigler, (CPC-Intern)	Primary – Justin Smith, MFT* Secondary – Kelly Beach, MFT* (For Possible Action)
Stefanie Flores, (CPC-Intern)	Primary – Elaine Nelson, MFT* Secondary – Katie Steinkamp, MFT* (For possible action)
Lesha Delaney, (CPC-Intern)	Primary – Chris Caldwell, MFT* Secondary – Mark Whelchel, MFT* (For possible action)
Samantha Rich, (CPC-Intern)	Primary – Alicia Scott, CPC* Secondary – Francesca Marshall, MFT* (For possible action)
Denise Eaton, (CPC-Intern)	Primary – Ronald Lawrence, MFT* Secondary – Elaine Nelson, MFT* (For possible action)
Melissa Chernoff, (CPC-Intern)	Primary – Ronald Lawrence, MFT* Secondary – Leonard DeFilippo, MFT* (For possible Action)
Darya Shahbazy, (CPC-Intern)	Primary – Katie Steinkamp, MFT* Secondary – Chad Obijekwu, CPC* (For possible Action)
Saba Chatoor, (CPC-Intern)	Primary – Oscar Sida, MFT* Secondary – Roberta Miranda, CPC* (For possible action)
Ramona Muzquiz, (MFT-Intern)	Primary – Sandra Braun, MFT* Secondary – Emire Olmezetoprak, MFT* (For possible action.
Kimberly Hampton, (CPC-Intern)	Primary – Jay Norick, MFT*

Cara Brewer (CPC-Intern)

Secondary – Geraldina Norick, MFT\*  
(For possible action)  
Primary – Claranna Petrie, MFT\*  
Secondary – Sheldon Jacobs, MFT\*  
(For possible action)

**A motion for approval of the above mentioned candidates with new internships for Las Vegas, NV, was made by John Nixon, and seconded by Roberta Vande Voort. The motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion for approval of Britany Beck with new internship for CPC-Intern of Reno, NV, was made by Marta Wilson, and seconded by Jake Wiskerchen. The motion passed unanimously. Erik Schoen abstained, as he is the applicant’s supervisor.**

**A motion for approval of Brigitte Price with new internship for MFT-Intern of Reno, NV, was made by Marta Wilson, and seconded by Roberta Vande Voort. The motion passed unanimously. Jake Wiskerchen abstained, as he is the applicant’s supervisor.**

**Decision**

Jake Wiskerchen abstained from voting as he is Brigitte Price’s Primary Supervisor.  
Erik Schoen abstained from voting as Britany Beck works at Erik Schoen’s agency.

- 7. The following have submitted plans to be approved by the Board for CPC-Interns and MFT-Interns to engage in private practice and **In-Home Therapy** at facilities without a Licensed Mental Health Professional on the site. (For possible action)

Site	Supervisee	Supervisor	Administration	Signatures	Consulted Policy	Previously Approved Agency
Eagle Crest	Boendali DeLeon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Live Happy Counseling	Stephanie Auclair	Yes	Yes	Yes	YES	Yes
Peace Grant	Kerstin Trachok	Jacquelyn Kleinedler MFT*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

**A motion for approval of Eagle Crest/Boendali DeLeon for In-Home Therapy, was made by Erik Schoen, and seconded by Roberta Vande Voort. The motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion for approval of Peace Grant/Kerstin Trachok for In-Home Therapy, was made by Erik Schoen, and seconded by Roberta Vande Voort. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Decision**

Reviewing of the safety plan for Eagle Crest/Boendali DeLeon was approved by the Board.

Reviewing of the safety plan for Peace Grant/Kerstin Trachok was approved by the Board.

Reviewing of the protocol and the safety plan for Live Happy Counseling/Stephanie Auclair does not specifically address the clinical director’s chain of command on what steps to take if there is an emergency within the safety related measures for the intern. In-Home Therapy Plan, was not approved by the Board.

8. Review/decision regarding the following candidates for licensure as a Marriage & Family Therapist or Clinical Professional Counselor. (For Possible Action)

Jenya Veren	MFT-Intern	(Pass Exam)	(For Possible Action)
Aniello Sorrentino	CPC-Intern	(Pass Exam)	(For Possible Action)
Nikki Labahn	MFT-Intern	(Pass Exam)	(For Possible Action)
Meghan Rice	MFT-Intern	(Pass Exam)	(For Possible Action)
Amanda Flores-Chirco	MFT-Intern	(Pass Exam)	(For Possible Action)
Roberta Valdez	CPC-Intern	(Pass Exam)	(For Possible Action)
Klover Kallas	MFT-Intern	(Pass Exam)	(For Possible Action)
Caitlin Olsen	MFT-Intern	(Pass Exam)	(For Possible Action)

**A motion for approval of the candidates as a Fully Licensed for Marriage & Family Therapist & Clinical Professional Counselors, was made by Marta Wilson, and seconded by John Nixon. The motion passed unanimously.**

9. Joseph John Andersen (MFT-Reciprocity) – The Board has request his presence to discuss his self-query.

**Discussion as follows:** Joseph John Andersen wrote a letter explaining the license suspension in Idaho.

Dear Nevada Board Members:

I would like to write the board members and add some explanation to my license suspension in Idaho. I started working in the mental health field in 1987 while getting my Psychology degree at UNLV. I worked at Charter Hospital, the Care Unit and worked a year with the after school program with children for the State of Nevada. I was thrilled when I was accepted at San Diego State to get my Master’s in Counseling with a specialization in Marriage, Family and Children Counseling (MFCC). After many outstanding supervisors and professors I was initially licensed in Utah and then moved back to Las Vegas, NV. I was grandfathered in and received my Marriage and Family License. I specialized in working with adolescents and loved the work within residential treatment centers (RTC) because I had the time to be very creative and focus on Secondary Change with the identified patient and the family. I am an expert at family therapy and could not get enough of reading and learning from the founding fathers of Family Therapy especially the work of Milton Erickson. It was so inspiring to take theory and turn it into practice, creating individualized interventions for every single male or female and their parents.

While working for the Montevista Mobile Crisis Team, I was envisioning opening up the first 70 bed RTC on the shores of the Sea of Cortez in Sonora, Mexico. I had no money to speak of, but through

working another job in Las Vegas, I was able to cash and carry the program in 1998. In March of 2003, the New York Times contacted me for an interview. My program ended up on the front page in a large cover story of the Times stating it was “One of the very best designed programs at the time” (May 2003). My heart was on fire and I continued to vision new developments making sure the program had clinical integrity. I stressed to my entire licensed team the importance of ethics, honor, communication with parents and solid clinical evidence base interventions, but also creative interventions and insist on lasting change. To make a long story short, I closed the program after (7) seven years due to many political changes and labor law issues, made it nearly impossible for me to have control over my business. We moved to Boise, ID and I fell into a major depression. My wife was expecting our first baby boy and we were taking care of my 80 year old father who was living with us. My dream to own and open more RTC’s was swept way. I started a real estate investment firm and started flipping houses. Once the crash occurred I transferred my Utah and Nevada license to Idaho. Our son was born and had a grand mal seizure twelve hours after having the Prosthesis inoculation. At eighteen months old my son was showing all the signs of Autism. Horrific tantrums, meltdowns, and steaming behaviors, etc. We had him tested at 23 months and he came out with several developmental and clinical diagnoses. We as a couple felt broken. We could not believe it. At the same the Autism clinic he was diagnosed offered a position as a therapist. I completed a (3) three year internship and over 3,000 hours of supervision twice a week. I wanted to understand how to raise our son.

During this time however, my marriage became extremely strained. My dear wife was totally burned out every day while I was working 60 hours a week and I came home to work more. My son was in therapy from 23 months to 9 years old and during this time my wife would not listen to the advice of the therapist or me. I was continually undermined, aligned against and had no ability to participate in co-parenting. I was also suffering from compassion fatigue and extremely disappointed and frustrated with my wife.

Making no excuses and taking 100% responsibility for my actions, I had a two week affair with a client’s mother. Although the suspension says it was longer, the Idaho board believed her. Since I had no complaints or any infractions in 3 states and many years of clinical practice, they suspended my license for (2) two years with the option to get it back given many stipulations such as I could not practice marriage and family therapy in Idaho during the (2) years which I did not. I began (1) year of individual therapy on my own accord and my wife and I managed to put our marriage back together. I was full of guilt and shame. I could not find the ability within my heart to forgive myself after breaking the cardinal rule. I had always lived with the highest ethics and was proud of myself for having many opportunities to have affairs, but was very astute at processing counter-transference and transferences issues. I had supervised (10) ten individuals through their license and could not believe I fell so hard. I did not feel worthy to work within the field. The personal work has been humbling. I have finally forgiven myself and believe I have much to offer as a clinician. I want to work again and regain the gift of healing God so granted me to do this spiritual work.

I am sincerely asking the Nevada Board members to approve my Nevada license, active, current and unrestricted. It has been since 2011 when I committed this sexual misconduct. I have suffered both body and spirit. I would greatly appreciate a fresh start.

Sincerely,  
Joseph John Andersen

**Discussion as follows:** Gregory M. Deitchler “the therapist” wrote a letter for Joseph John Andersen.

Dear President Jake Wiskerchen and Nevada Board Members:

I have been working with Joseph John Andersen since April 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 and he is being seen twice weekly since that time. He came to therapy on his own accord to work through grief and loss issues, PTSD and issues organized around his ability to work in the field again. John and I have been working on his return to the counseling profession. He has been very open and upfront regarding his Idaho LMFT license being suspended for sexual misconduct with a client's mother. It has impacted him in so many ways and he is working to make sure he is ready for his return. John was able to describe what exactly happened, his personal family dynamics at that time and how he voluntarily put himself into IOPT for 12 months to work through the loss of his professional identity. He described the personal pain of how he betrayed his wife and the compassion he had for the client's mother. He is very aware of the horrible impact this had upon his family and his client's family. He was successful in working very hard to put his marriage back together and the guilt he continues to feel presently regarding his wife, children and the victim are still present as a reminder of appropriate boundaries and how their neglect can be devastating.

I currently hold a position as a Case Reviewer for the State of Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses, Marriage and Family and Professional Counseling Boards. I have the responsibility and duty to make decisions regarding the Ethics of therapists who have had complaints regarding their behavior for the past two years. I was not part of reviewing Mr. Andersen's case, however as I have read the decision and stipulations required. I believe John has abided by all the requirements set forth in the order including not trying to circumvent the system by marketing himself as a "Life Coach." He was impacted deeply by his negative choices and its consequences. Having his license suspended in Idaho left a huge gap in his heart and in the populations, he served. As a therapist John was extremely well respected among his peers and people in the community. His specialization in Autism and the enormous time, expense and effort to complete a (4) four-year internship describe his commitment to work with the very complex populations in clinical and developmental psychology. I was aware of the impact the intermountain center for autism and child development had on the community and John was an integral part in its success.

As I have worked with him, he has presented to be humble and still remorseful for what he did and has made no excuses at for his behavior. John takes 100% responsibility for his actions back in 2011 and wishes he would have made better choices but is now ready to move forward and use this experience to learn and grow and a reminder of the essential importance of professional boundaries and the need for compliance with strict ethical behaviors without compromising his ability to help his clients the best way possible. It is my understanding that John was formerly licensed in Nevada for several years and did not receive any complaints. As a therapist licensed since 1990 in Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Texas he has not received any complaints outside of this one complaint in which he lost his Idaho license.

As I have worked with John over the past couple of months I have come to respect him more for his willingness to give process the grief and give himself and his family time to heal and he seems ready to move forward with his career. He is excited for the many opportunities afforded him to impact the lives of others and to utilize his vast training skills and experiences for good again. I recommend Joseph John Andersen without reservation to receive his Nevada, LMFT license, as I feel he has served more than adequate time and training to pay a debt for his error. I believe he will add to and build to the community of Las Vegas in many great ways. I am excited to see what he can do with his renewed

spirit of optimism and excitement to help. Let me know if there is anything I can do to further facilitate this process.

Sincerely,

Gregory M. Deitchler MA L.M.F.T., L.P.C., C.S.C

### **Discussion**

The Board conversed with Joseph John Andersen about his self-query that had led to his suspension of his license for (2) two years in Idaho. The Board needed more clarification from Joseph John Andersen about his license being suspended and does he have a plan in place to help him stay on the right track.

10. Marta Wilson, MFT\* Primary Supervisor, petitions the Board to approve her for a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> intern. As she has two interns who are pending passing their exams. (For Possible Action)

**A motion for approval of Marta Wilson for a 7<sup>th</sup> intern, was made by Erik Schoen, and seconded by Roberta Vande Voort.**

**The motion passed unanimously. Marta Wilson abstained as she was petitioning board for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> interns.**

### **Decision**

Marta Wilson abstained because she was petitioning the Board for more interns.

Review/discussion on how many interns Marta Wilson is presently supervising. The Board approved Marta for a 7<sup>th</sup> intern: the Board denied her for an 8<sup>th</sup> intern.

11. Selection of President from Board members for the “2018/2019 term” (For Possible Action)

Erik Schoen nominate Jake Wiskerchen for President for 2018/2019 term.

Erik Schoen says the reason that he elected Jake Wiskerchen for President for a second term is because the first year you are still learning how the job works and getting your feet wet. By the second year you can focus more on getting things done and improving on the progress of the Board.

**A motion for approval of Jake Wiskerchen as President for the 2018/2019 term, was made by Marta Wilson, and seconded by Adrienne O’Neal.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

12. Selection of Secretary-Treasurer for “2018/2019 term” (For Possible Action)

John Nixon Nominated Roberta Vande Voort for Secretary-Treasurer for 2018/2019 term.

**A motion for approval of Robert Vande Voort as Secretary-Treasurer for the 2018/2019 term, was made by Erik Schoen, seconded by Marta Wilson.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

13. Approval of budget for fiscal year 2018/2019. (For Possible Action)

As budget has not been finalized, a motion was not taken for this item.

14. Discussion of President’s Report.

Sunset Subcommittee is very happy with the work that the Board members and office staff have been doing to improve on the complaints, application, and increasing license fees.

15. Discussion of Treasurer’s Report.

None

16. Board Staff Report.

We have a lot more application and license verification for our interns and licensure then last year. We are working really hard on getting the agenda and meeting minutes done on a timely matter.

17. Review dates for next Board Meetings and Interviews:

Board Meeting on July 20, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Board members are going to Virginia City, NV for training on July 20, 2018

Interviews for interns on August 3, 2018

Board Meeting on August 24, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

Interviews for interns on September 7, 2018,

Board Meeting on September 28, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

18. Public comment – No public comments.

19. Adjournment.

The meeting is adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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Public comment is welcomed by the Board. Public comment will be limited to five minutes per person and comments based on viewpoint will not be restricted. A public comment time will be available prior to action items on the agenda and on any matter not specifically included on the agenda as the last item on the agenda. At the discretion of the President, additional public comment may be heard when that item is reached. The President may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in his/her sole discretion. (NRS 241.020, NRS 241.030)

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