

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

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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

and

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

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Action by the Board on any item may be to approve, deny, amend or table.

1. Call to Order, roll call, Confirmation of Quorum.

Call to Order: 9:03 am

Staff Present: Sherry Rodriguez

Board Present: Jake Wiskerchen, Hal Taylor, Erik Schoen, Barry Blackburn, John Nixon, Roberta Van de Voort, Marta Wilson, Adrienne O’Neal

Public attendees: Julia Smith, Margann Duke, Nichole Maxwell, Craig Merrill, Jen Ross, Brinn Wallace, Michelle McGuire, Merlynn Harris, Aliya Harris, Jon Ray, Georgette Patterson, Daniel Patterson

2. Public comment

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Jon Ray present to make a request for his agency and others like him to be indicated as “provisionally approved agencies” with respect to safety plans so that interns can be moved through quickly and clients can be seen quickly.

- Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review and approval of minutes from February 15, 2018 meeting (For possible action)

Motion to approve as presented: 1st – Hal; 2nd – Erik Vote: Pass unanimously

Abstentions: Barry Blackburn

- 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: (For possible action)

Supervision Applicant	AAMFT Approved Supervisor or CCE Approved Certificate/Supervisor Course	Transcript of 45-hour Graduate-level Supervision Course	Mentor Signature of Supervisory Experience	Mentor Contract
Sara Jordan, MFT	Yes	No	No	No
Debra Maddox, CPC	No	Yes	No	Yes
Heidi Frost, MFT	No	Yes	Yes	No

Motion to approve Sara Jordan’s application: 1st – Erik; 2nd – Roberta Vote: Pass unanimously

Motion to approve Debra Maddox’s application: 1st – Barry; 2nd – Adrienne Vote: Pass unanimously

Roberta abstained because she is Debra’s mentor.

Motion to approve Heidi Frost’s application: 1st – Barry; 2nd – Roberta Vote: Pass unanimously

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

Site	Supervisee	Supervisor	Administration	Signatures	Consulted Policy	Previously Approved Agency
I.C.A.N. Family Services	LaNelle Waring, MFT-I	Jeanine Wimberly, MFT*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Board Approved

Discussion:

Hal: Problem with this application is the safety issues don’t seem to be adequately acknowledged or addressed. Not seeing the evidence of what needs to be part of a safety plan.

Adrienne: Agrees with Hal and wondering if something was missed (i.e., further documentation not forwarded) given that ICAN was a “Previously Approved Agency.”

Erik: Cautionary note for board that can’t assume “Previously Approved Agency” means all is in order as administration and policies can change at agency level.

Motion to deny: 1st – Hal; 2nd – John Vote: Pass unanimously

- Michelle McGuire petitions the board for license reinstatement in order to become a primary supervisor (previously tabled item) (For discussion/possible action)

Marta: Needs to recuse herself and she works underneath Michelle at the University of Phoenix.

Ms. McGuire: Presented her petition to the board and why she thinks she should be approved.

Jake: (To Ms. McGuire) Why did you let go of your license?

Ms. McGuire: Former ED said doctoral supervision class did not qualify; frustrated with him and the process and let my license go.

Erik: Issue is not whether you've got the requisite experience in the abstract or in totality, but whether we can find a technical mechanism through statute to reactivate/issue license.

Jake: Per NAC 641.116, can reinstate a license through the process indicated there.

Motion to Approve Reinstatement of Ms. McGuire's CPC License based on thorough review of education, training, and experience: 1st – Erik; 2nd – Roberta Vote: Pass unanimously

7. Margann Duke, CPC Intern petitions the board to approve final CPC licensure under extenuating circumstances (For discussion/possible action)

Ms. Duke: Presented her petition and rationale/argument to board to approve her final CPC licensure under extenuating circumstances.

Jake: Here's what the law reads...read qualifications...NCMHCE is needed.

Roberta: She was a CPC in Arizona...can we do reciprocity?

Erik: Reciprocity only possible with current licenses from previous states.

Jake: NCMHCE is still required.

Agenda item tabled.

8. Helen Foley petitions the board to discuss and consider an amendment to SB37 the Nevada MFT Team would like to propose to the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee (For discussion)

Merlynn Harris here to represent Helen: No need to be here as bill as already passed out of committee.

9. Board discussion and consideration of amendments to SB37 (For discussion/possible action)

Jake: Bill passed out of committee as amended. Includes two amendments previously provided to board by Jake at 2/22/19 board meeting. The only other change is that board composition will not change. Will probably be two weeks before comes up for a floor vote; in the meantime, everyone should contact their elected representatives as needs 2/3 vote to pass off the floor.

Barry: How did the board composition amendment come about?

Jake: AAMFT lobbied for the amendment.

Roberta: What was the vote?

Jake: Unanimous.

Erik: Good clean bill. Board composition not so much of a concern compared to everything else.

Roberta: Thank you to Merlynn for the catch on CPC scope of practice.

No action taken.

10. Board discussion regarding vendor review/repayment schedule for Bill Sikkens (for discussion)

Roberta: All invoices are reviewed jointly by both Roberta and Bill. CTS has offered to come in and do evaluation for how-to step-by-step plan on getting connected to the Internet easily and robustly. Budget is right where we need to be (same level as last year)...can absorb the \$2,400.

11. Update on IT and website implementation (Advisement)

Already provided in report on #10.

12. Report from President (Advisement)

Jake: SB37 out of committee; reach out to representatives to pass off the floor. Also, there is a BDR to move school counselors under the umbrella of the BOE of MFTs and CPCs – much context; don't panic; "more certain than uncertain" at this point.

13. Report from Treasurer (Advisement)

Roberta: Doing fine. All on track.

14. Report from Executive Director (Advisement)

Roberta (read Stephanie's note): Tech update provided; 2 new complaints; will be traveling to Reno at end of next week to meet with Hal and Henna to take back complaints.

15. Report from Senior Deputy Attorney General Henna Rasul (Advisement)

No report.

16. Discussion regarding future agenda items and future meeting dates:

a. Friday, April 19th @ 9:00am

b. Friday, May 10th @ 9:00am

Continuation of legislative updates

CTS updates.

17. Public comment.

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No public comment.

18. Board member comments

No board member comments.

19. Adjournment (For possible action)

Motion to Adjourn: 1st – Barry; 2nd – Hal Vote: Pass unanimously

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