

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

**AGENDA AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**Friday, October 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**

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

and

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

**Please Note:** The Board may (a) address agenda items out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the Board or to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting; (b) combine agenda items for consideration by the public body; and (c) pull or remove items from the agenda at any time. The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person. (NRS 241.020, NRS 241.030).

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 any action items on the agenda and on any matter not specifically included on the agenda prior to adjournment of the meeting. 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 at his/her sole discretion. (NRS 241.020, NRS 241.030) Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Board may refuse to consider public comment. (NRS 233B.126)

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

1. Call to Order, roll call, Confirmation of Quorum. 9:06 a.m.

Present: Jake Wiskerchen, John Nixon, Erik Schoen, Steve Nicholas, Adrienne O’Neal, Marta Wilson, Barry Blackburn, Hal Taylor, DAG Henna Rasul

Absent: Roberta Vande Voort.

Public attendees: Cara Elliott, Crystal Jaquette, Amanda Briley, Lucas Stephenson

2. Public comment:

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Bill Sikkens (web design): provided an update for the BoE website. The new website is live and parallel with the old, linked, website. Applications can be initiated, and accounts can be saved for future correspondence. The remaining work surrounds updating and monitoring the content for effectiveness. The estimated amount of time needed for complete functionality is one more week. At this point, Bill is performing quality/functionality assessments. The intern-reporting forms will be operational this winter in preparation for the next reporting period. Attention has been paid to the ADA protocols and requirements. Bill invited all comments and suggestions moving forward.

3. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review and approval of minutes from September 28, 2018 meeting (For possible action): Henna recommended adding the attendees of each meeting to include members and guests. Motion to approve with amendments: 1<sup>st</sup>: Erik. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hal. Vote: passed unanimously.
4. Marta Wilson petitions the board for a clear understanding on who provides supervision for MFT interns (For discussion): Marta sought clarification for the process of approval for primary supervision. Specifically, Marta wanted to know if licensure determined the specificity of the intern population. Jake reviewed the NAC 641.146, noting that regardless of the supervisor's licensure (MFT or CPC), either/both internships can be supervised. MFT supervisors are permitted to supervise MFT-I and CPC-I. CPC supervisors are permitted to supervise MFT-I and CPC-I.
5. Marta Wilson petitions the board for a discussion on NAC641A.085, specifically regarding the requirement for courses in crisis or trauma and grief or loss and what that means for credit implementation on academic reviews for programs that are not CACREP or COAMFTE accredited (For discussion): The credit requirement has been struck and course requirements are now the applicable qualifier. John N. recommended postponing the implementation of this requirement as it might hinder the licensure process for new applicants. Henna R. (SDAG) stated that all applicants must be considered within the laws established. Jake reviewed the protocols for open meeting law and the regulatory process; this was for the consideration of implementing a start date and/or a grandfather clause for the course requirement. This topic will be tabled for the next agenda for further discussion.

Recess: 9:52 a.m. Call to order: 9:58 a.m. Same quorum present.

6. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding legislative changes to NRS641A (For possible action): Bill Draft Resolution (BDR) drafted by Jake W. describes the specific scopes of practice for MFTs and CPCs. Additionally, the BDR outlines fee increases and terms of licensure.

Governor: Brian Sandoval Budget Period: 2019-2021 Biennium (FY20-21) Budget Session: 80TH REGULAR SESSION BDR Number: 19ABDC2030 Title: MFT-CPC Board Healthcare Revisions

NRS 641A.065 "Practice of clinical professional counseling" defined. Discussion: Hal recommends that the chair meet with the other Examiner Boards to discuss any feedback and opposition. John has interacted with the President of the psychology board and reported that the psychology association is opposed to this clause. Erik noted that other professional licenses have communicated their understanding; however, others have noted concerns about MFT/CPC scopes including psychometric testing abilities. John concurred and recommended that both scopes mirror. Motion to preserve the professional identities of .065 and .080 while removing the psychometric testing clause. 1<sup>st</sup>: Erik 2<sup>nd</sup>: John. Vote: passed unanimously.

NRS 641A.080 "Practice of marriage and family therapy" defined. Motion to restore 2, A.: 1<sup>st</sup>: Erik, 2<sup>nd</sup>: John. Vote: passed unanimously.

NRS 641A.100 Qualifications of members; removal for misconduct. Hal reviewed historic considerations with other boards where practitioners were self-governed. Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup>: Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup>: John. Vote: passed unanimously.

NRS 641A.235 License: Issuance; expiration; proration of fee. Motion to strike the licensee's birthdate and approve: 1<sup>st</sup>: Erik, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hal. Vote: Marta-Nay. Passed.

NRS 641A.241 Expedited license by endorsement: Requirements; procedure for issuance. Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup>: Erik, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve. Erik rescinded his motion. Motion to leave as-is without additional language (would only apply to veterans): 1<sup>st</sup> – John; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hal. Vote: passed unanimously.

Member Steve Nicholas left the meeting. Quorum maintained.

NRS 641A.290 Fees. Change "Re-examination of coursework" to "Re-evaluation of coursework." Also, change "Three-year intern license extension" to "Renewal of an intern's license." "Semi-annual

intern license renewal” removed/struck. Also, strike sections 3, 4, and 5. Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup> – Erik; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hal. Vote: passed unanimously.

NRS 641A.2872 Marriage and family therapist interns: Period of validity; eligibility for renewal; expiration. Include in 1, “Except as provided for in paragraph 2b,” and change in 2 from “Expires upon:” to “Terminates upon.” 1<sup>st</sup> – Hal; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Erik. Vote: passed unanimously.

NRS 641A.2882 Clinical professional counselor interns: Period of validity; eligibility for renewal; expiration. Include in 1, “Except as provided for in paragraph 2b,” and change in 2 from “Expires upon:” to “Terminates upon.” 1<sup>st</sup> – Hal; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Erik. Vote: passed unanimously.

7. Report from President (Advisement) – Jake defers report for this meeting.
  8. Report from Treasurer (Advisement) – Roberta not in presence. Jake indicated that Board is still in the middle of a state-mandated audit. Roughly \$70k in all bank accounts – more than enough to get through the rest of the year until renewal fees begin to come in.
  9. Report from Executive Director (Advisement) – Will be making procedural changes to prevent likelihood of any future fraud. Erik reported that he visited the board office last Friday and was impressed with how professional things looked – the space and staff were open and welcoming. Some good words / sentiments being shared by licensees about improvements.
  10. Report from Senior Deputy Attorney General Henna Rasul – No further report.
  11. Board member comments – Marta made comment about video screen making things difficult to stay synchronized between north and south...just need to slow things down which really helped. All here for the same purpose and make things work for the State of Nevada.
  12. Discussion regarding future agenda items and future meeting dates:
    - a. Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am – Workshop will be added here for grandfathering related to additional required classes
    - b. ADD – January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am – Hearing and meeting
    - c. ADD – February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am
  13. Public comment. -- None
- No vote may be taken upon a matter raised during a period devoted to public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)
14. Adjournment (For possible action) – Adjourned at 11:45 am.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Board Member Steve Nicholas