

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

**AGENDA AND NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC MEETING**

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.**

Nevada Board of Examiners  
for Marriage & Family Therapists & Clinical Professional Counselors  
7324 West Cheyenne Avenue, Suite 9  
Las Vegas, NV 89129

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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. 8:02am:

Absent: Adrienne O’Neal

Present: SDAG Henna Rasul, Jake Wiskerchen, John Nixon, Roberta Vande Voort, Erik Schoen, Steve Nicholas, Barry Blackburn, Marta Wilson, Hal Taylor.

Public attendees: none

2. Public comment

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)
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3. Board approval to reactivate new website (for discussion/possible action)

This discussion revolved around the problems with the new website launch. The BoE members voiced concerns about the ability, lack of ability, to collect renewal/application fees. Roberta V. offered specific details with the problematic and “glitchy” website. The major concern is the system’s technical problems and inaccuracy. John N. described his personal experience with the website and the inability to renew his license. John voiced his frustrations with the feedback which stemmed from last month’s decision to mute the new website.

Jake described his successful experience with the new website. His concern is primarily the Board’s compliance with the promises made to external entities; several entities and organizations (The Behavioral Health Commission) have been told that our new website will be operational by January 1, 2019. Jake recognizes the other members’ concerns and hopes to push toward an effective new website.

Stephanie specifically reviewed the details of the ineffective website. The old site is currently working satisfactorily. Stephanie acknowledged that the web designer is very cooperative and eager to help the effort to make the new site operational.

Hal expressed the intent to continue forward with the improvement of the new website. John

questioned the current functioning and accuracy of the new site.

Erik summarized last month's decision process to prioritize license renewals over the implementation of the new website. Erik further described how much progress this board has made in the last year. He urged patience with this new site so that it is "done right." Steve concurred with Erik's sentiments and directions. Barry agreed with and hopes to see independent verification and testing of the new site prior to reactivation. Barry is hesitant to approve the reactivation until there is ample documentation of the new site's effectiveness.

Jake appreciated the contextual explanations. He articulated his agreement that the new site needs to be effective and user-friendly.

Hal suggested that Bill, the IT/website designer, should come to a meeting and describe an integration plan for the new site. Erik hopes to know more about the specifics for the "point person" for this website. Roberta offered more examples that detailed the need for a test site prior to a functional public site.

Erik recommended that we continue this conversation (implementation of the new website) until winter of 2019. Hal and Marta hope for Bill's specific plan to be presented to the BoE during January or February meeting.

SDAG Rasul said that a motion was not needed due to a lack of action taken today.

#### 4. Board member comments

Hal T. voiced his thoughts as they pertain to Board members communicating/advocating with other entities. Our priority will be propriety and diplomacy with other boards so that our professions can continue to expand for public service. Hal noted that if Board members attend other meetings on behalf of the board, they should report back to the board about that involvement in the community.

The opportunity to retain Helen Foley as our lobbyist still exists.

#### 5. Discussion regarding future agenda items and future meeting dates:

- a. Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. (meeting and hearing)
- b. Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. (meeting and hearing)

#### 6. Public comment

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#### 7. Adjournment: 8:41 a.m.

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