

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

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 19, 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: 9:04 a.m.

Board members present: Erik Schoen, Jake Wiskerchen, Steve Nicholas, Marta Wilson, Roberta Vande Voort, John Nixon, Rosalie Bordelove (DAG)

Adrienne O’Neal present at 9:07 a.m.

Board members absent: Hal Taylor, Barry Blackburn

Staff present: Stephanie Steinhiser, Sherry Rodriguez

Public present: Craig Merrill

2. Public comment

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3. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review and approval of minutes from March 15, 2018 meeting (For possible action)

Motion to approve: 1st: Erik 2nd: Roberta Vote: Passed unanimously.

4. 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
Wayne McAuliffe, MFT	Yes	No	No	Yes
Michele McGuire, CPC	Yes	No	No	No
Amy Forton, CPC	No	Yes	No	Yes
Mona Martinez, CPC	No	Yes	Yes	No

ssion:

Motion to approve Wayne McAuliffe: 1st: Erik 2nd: Steve Vote: Passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Michele McGuire: 1st: Erik 2nd: John. Marta recused due to supervisory relationship at University of Phoenix Vote: Passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Mona Martinez. 1st: Erik 2nd: Steve Vote: Passed unanimously.

Motion to deny Amy Forton for lack of coursework. 1st: Erik 2nd: Steve Vote: Passed unanimously.

5. Board review and interpretation of NAC641A.196 (For discussion)

Discussion:

Jake described the altered language and the concept of site supervision. Jake outlined the intent for client and clinician safety. Interns in private practice may engage in environments where support is available in person or by telephone. Jake thinks that each application should describe appropriate consultation protocols. The former language only applied to private practitioners and not employees.

John and Steve believe that the spirit of the language is to ensure the safety of the intern and provide access to consultation and training. This would apply to employees of agencies performing in-home work as well as with private practitioners in private practice. This would equate solo practitioners with private practitioners.

Jake added that the Board is not able to regulate both unless there is language change in the NAC. He noted that there would be role confusion with the Board's authority.

Erik believes that the Board does have the ability to regulate according to the NAC 641A.196 language. The BOE gets to decide what is needed for an approved internship.

Marta, as a primary supervisor, questions the safety and appropriateness of new interns performing work in isolation. Supervisors should have the final say as it pertains to interns practicing.

Jake asked our DAG for guidance: Adding language for clarification is acceptable and the regulations allow for additions/changes.

Erik noted that adding safety protocols into internship proposals would be an appropriate consideration in the future. The conversation revolved around public and clinician safety.

Craig Merrill (public) questions locations where agencies hire interns without licensed professionals onsite. This is content for further conversations.

6. 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
Maple Star	Heather Milligan, MFTI	John Ray, MFT*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Therapy Today, LLC	Randy Callaway, MFTI	Kathy Jo Shovlin*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Board Approved

Motion to approve: 1st: Erik 2nd: Steve Vote: Passed unanimously.

7. Legislative update (Advisement)

SB37 passed out of committee. The deadline to pass a floor vote is this coming Tuesday. Jake encouraged all of us in attendance to contact our representatives and/or LCB with encouragement.

Jake discussed the bill to move school counselors under the umbrella of the MFT/CPC Board of Examiners. The bill failed to pass out of committee. Marta questioned if this bill passed, what would the BOE's responsibilities be? Jake remarked that we would oversee licensing.

The two-guardian consent bill failed to pass out of committee.

8. Update on IT and website vendor review from CTS (Advisement)

Stephanie reviewed the statement of work for Rich. Stephanie will be meeting with him next week to begin implementation and upgrades. She advised that Rich will provide a status update during the May meeting. In-office hardware has had difficulties and Internet services have been haphazard and inconsistent. A new telephone system has been established. Many new improvements are happening.

9. Report from President (Advisement)

Jake encouraged the mindful use of social media. Our codes of ethics prohibit disparaging remarks about colleagues and other counseling professionals. Negative comments compromise the integrity of our profession and generally lack ethical decision making. Posting in public forums requires great consideration.

Marta agreed with Jake's sentiments and hopes that we will all promote decency and promotion of the mental health professions.

Stephanie thinks that supervisors are the front line of communication with younger clinicians and are therefore responsible for guidance and ethical mentorship.

John believes that we, as responsible clinicians, should hold our colleagues accountable and consider reporting. Stephanie, Jake, and John support voicing a positive culture amongst all levels of our profession so that collegiality strengthens.

Karen Oppenlander, with the Social Work BOE, reached out to Jake. Karen hopes for our BOE to support fee adjustments (SB52). Jake remarked that the multiple behavioral health licenses are paralleling growth and positivism.

10. Report from Treasurer (Advisement)

Roberta wanted clarification of a potential BOE meeting in Las Vegas where the members from the north travel south for a meeting.

Roberta stated that the funds are available for the meeting.

Marta hopes for the collective event where the members can assist with the office too.

Stephanie would like potential supervisor trainings available for the visit. Jake added that other trainings could be considered (ethics, suicide).

11. Report from Executive Director (Advisement)

Stephanie has relocated the storage of complaints to the Las Vegas office. This simplifies the review

and storage of the files. Stephanie would like to arrange monthly meetings with our SDAG for reviews.

Board vacancies: Possibly two.

Roberta, Erik, and John reviewed the application process with the Governor's office.

12. Report from Senior Deputy Attorney General Rosalie Bordelove (Advisement)

Nothing to report.

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

- a. Friday, May 10th @ 9:00am
- b. Friday, June 21th @ 9:00am in Las Vegas
- c. Friday, July 19th @ 9:00am

14. Public comment.

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15. Board member comments

Erik: Please reach out to elected officials to support SB37.

Marta: Interns who have been denied in-home therapy have expressed gratitude for the guidance and protection.

16. Adjournment (For possible action)

Motion to adjourn 1st: Erik 2nd: Steve. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 10:06 am