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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022 at 9:00AM**

Teleconference

**Nevada Board of Examiners
For Marriage & Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors
7324 W. Cheyenne Avenue, Suite 10
Las Vegas, NV 89129**

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

The Public Hearing is being held prior to the scheduled Board Meeting, which will begin immediately following the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – LCB File R057-22

1. Introduction – Open Public Hearing. Hearing discussion opened at 9:01 AM.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to LCB File No. R057-22, Chapter 641A of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The proposed regulation includes the following and other matters properly relating thereto.

- Board members present: Steven Nicholas, John Nixon, Sara Pelton, Marta Wilson, Jenny Stepp, Sheldon Jacobs, Lauri Perdue (arrived 9:02 AM), Jennifer Ross (arrived 9:04 AM)
- Board members not present: Hal Taylor

- Staff present: Joelle McNutt, Stephanie Steinhiser
- Members of the public present: Stacy Lance, Kris Schadegg, Emilyann Behar, Souneh Arevalo, Kristie Cury, Donia Davis, Sheri Andreasen, Julie Lang, Diane Davis, Sara Duerksen, Julie Hsu, Christina Murphy, Sasha DeCania, Jon Ray, Carly Shadid, Roberta Vande Voort, Jennifer Olson, Azadeh Shahryarinejad, Raven Tipton, Jeanyne Ward, Aubry Daniel, Pamela King-Gantt, Janet Nordine, Angel Lash, Oscar Sida, Jamie Harney, Amari Whorton, Nina McCartney, James Hartsell, Joseph John Andersen, Nicole McDonagh, Jake Wiskerchen, Toni Garguilo, Wendy Knorr, Boonyant Gorsakeel, Jennifer Stephenson, Karnea Sandstrom, Michael Moates, Michele Langholz, Vanessa Humphrey, Jessica Goicoechea-Parise, Melissa Fisher, Hannah Ware, Kristina Meyer, Felicia Carrigan

2. Open Public Comments

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)

- NAC 641A.146 paragraph 5, subsection 2 & 5 – increases the maximum allowable supervised experience hours in group therapy and training categories for licensed interns.
 - Jake Wiskerchen: I appreciate the cap being lifted.
- NAC 641A.146 paragraph 6 – removes the restriction that no credit be given for supervised practice hours gained prior to becoming an intern in the state of Nevada.
 - Joseph John Andersen: I'm just pointing out things have really changed since I was an intern.
 - Jake Wiskerchen: I think this is a step in the right direction from previous, which is we didn't allow any hours. I would encourage the Board to accept all hours completed by an intern.
 - Sasha DeCania: I think it's great that we will have a mechanism formally to count hours from another state. As long as the Board will have some clear way to document and verify these hours, I certainly support it.
 - Julie Hsu: I am also in support of all hours being accepted as long as there is documentation that those hours are valid.
- NAC 641A.252 paragraph 1 – addition of the ACA Code of Ethics to the adopted professional associations.
 - Jake Wiskerchen: I appreciate the ACA codes because they are a little more robust than the other two that we have, but I am concerned about confusion among licensees with three ethical codes to follow.

- Sasha DeCania: It is concerning to have three different ethical guidelines and they are different.
- NAC 641A.182 paragraph 3 – addition that an approved supervisor must hold a current license in good standing in Nevada.
- NAC 641A.182 paragraph 6 – addition that an approved supervisor must adhere to the supervision standards set forth by the adopted professional associations.
 - Jake Wiskerchen: I have the same concerns as I had before. I raise the idea that we need to examine a state of Nevada professional, ethical code for counseling and psychotherapy.
 - Christina Murphy: I was a supervisor in California and wanted to become one in Nevada and it will take 18 months to do that. My colleague that is a Social Worker has to complete six credits of continuing education.
 - Sasha DeCania: My comment is that we find a way to bring these two licenses together and have one way to supervise that's monitored by our Board in this state.
- NAC 641A.105 – addition of clarifying language regarding the collection of fees specifically for those affiliated with the military, persons applying for a license through reciprocity and licensees requesting placement on inactive list.
 - Joseph John Andersen: I don't see any reason why they shouldn't be able to collect their hours if they are active duty and deployed.
 - Steve: This addition to the code is about fees, but you have been noted.
- NAC 641A.243 – addition of language to professional responsibility that licensees must adhere to the supervision standards set forth by the adopted professional associations.
 - Jake Wiskerchen: Same comment. I just wanted reiterated for the record.
- NAC 641A.131 – addition of proration of continuing education credits needed for license renewal based on initial license issue date.
 - No public comment.
- NAC 641A.133 – addition of clarifying language based on the proration of continuing education credits.
 - No public comment.
- NAC 641A new paragraph – addition of language pertaining to the exemption of recordings of training activities.
 - Jake Wiskerchen: Are we to use this form or is it that we're supposed to use the the information in this form? If we have a multidisciplinary agency, we could end up with multiple forms creating confusion among not only our employees, but the patients. What is the statutory intent?

- Steve: Any other members of the public that would like to offer any comments regarding any or all of these changes. If you would like a final opportunity to speak to us and give us some suggestions, you are invited to raise your hand and do so now.
- Henna: I just want to make sure that you have not had any written comments submitted.
- Joelle: No written comments were submitted before the start of the hearing. Let me check as of now. No written comments have come in.
 - Melissa Fisher: I wanted to add to the earlier comments about the adoption of the ACA codes. I agree that it overcomplicates and already complicated situation with having other ethical codes that we're abiding by and then adding now another one. I do see some conflicts at times. I encourage the Board to adopt our own code of ethics.
 - Sasha DeCania: I would really encourage us to almost all of the, of, of the things that we talked about today. Go back to ethics and go back to, um, you know, our own state rules.
 - Sara Duerksen: I think it's really important that we talk about the CEU probation because I know how hard it was for all of the interns who got licensed and like October or November and had to get all of those credits right before renewal.
 - Julie Lang: I am an intern that transferred from California and was pretty close to all of my hours. When I moved here, I needed complete a third practicum because my university only required two. Is it possible that something could be added to the language so that additional redundancy is removed?
 - Jake Wiskerchen: I think the CE probation is appropriate.
 - Kristina Meyer: I think that it would be a fantastic opportunity for those of us who do a large number of groups in order to be able to count those hours as they are face to face hours.
 - Carly Shadid: I am in support of allowing the transfer of out-of-state hours. I think this will be such a help to interns completing their internship in a more timely manner.

3. Close Public Comments: Hearing discussion closed at 9:41 AM.

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