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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  
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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Confirmation of Quorum. Meeting called to order at 9:41 AM.
  - Board members present: Steven Nicholas, John Nixon, Sara Pelton, Marta Wilson, Jenny Stepp, Sheldon Jacobs, Lauri Perdue (left at 10:56 AM), Jennifer Ross (left at 11:55 AM)
  - Board members not present: Hal Taylor
  - Staff present: Joelle McNutt, Stephanie Steinhiser, Senior Deputy Attorney General Henna Rasul
  - 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, Souneh Arevalo

## 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)

- Christina Murphy: I just wanted to comment again. I wanted to understand why there were so many hoops to becoming a primary supervisor for MFTs. I wanted to figure out how to make it not so challenging so that we can have more MFT primary supervisors to help train MFT interns, to serve consumers in a way that's ethical and innovative.
- Jake Wiskerchen: We need to be mindful that we're removing obstacles to entry to this profession and not establishing more. I would emphasize that we probably need a state of Nevada ethical code rather than adopting multiple ethical codes by reference.
- Sasha DeCania: I agree that we need to elevate the whole state in mental health and healthcare, in general. I believe in getting rid of obstacles that are unnecessary, but I also believe in making sure that whatever we have in place makes sure that the quality of care is there.
- Carly Shadid: I am in favor of allowing the out-of-state hours.
- Souneh Arevalo: I definitely would hope that for interns that's an easier process and as well as for actual therapists that are licensed coming over to Nevada. So, um, looking forward to seeing these changes be implemented.

## 3. LCB File No. R057-22 - Consideration of Public Comments (for possible action)

- Steve: Joelle, I'm going to ask you to walk us through each piece. I believe that when we've done this in the past we vote to approve or not approve each item individually. Does that seem correct?
- Henna: It would just be cleaner for the record to just go through each of them separately. So, this has been reviewed by LCB, correct Joelle?
- Joelle: Correct.
- Henna: I just wanted to just state generally that these do pass legal muster. The legality of these are not in question. They've been reviewed by LCB and also, in the initial phases, I did go through them with Joelle.
  - NAC 641A.146 paragraph 5, subsection 2 & 5 – increases the maximum allowable supervised experience hours in group therapy and training categories for licensed interns.
    - Steve: I will offer that some public comment wanted to count them all. So, to offer a little bit of what I remember happening, we were starting at zero and as a Board of nine people dialoging and trying to change zero. We were then considering; will it

stay at zero or a hundred percent? As a Board, we could not conclude 100% transfer of hours was going to happen. So, we went approximately the halfway point board members. Is that how you remember it?

- John: I think at certain settings that is all group therapy oriented, like certain types of substance abuse treatment centers and things like that. So conceivably, if we did not have a gap, then people could conceivably get all their hours as group facilitators with a significant number of those being psychoeducational, quasi psychoeducational groups, but having no supervised experience in their licensed internship in individual or couples and family counseling. I think that was the rationale for wanting to put some kind of cap on the group hours.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.146, number five to increase the maximum allowable supervised experience hours in group therapy and training categories and add clarifying language to the optional categories: 1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marta; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
  - 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.
    - Steve: To recall our process for the members of the public. So, they are informed on this. To my earlier point, we were at zero credit would be given. That's how it was and has been for a very long time. We could not come to a consensus on giving 100% of hours coming in. So, if that didn't pass at all hours coming in, it would've remained at zero. We settled at a compromise on the numbers that we have in front of you today.
    - Marta: We had a lot of discussion over and over with all kinds of comments and positions. We came up with what we came up with so that we could at least have something to begin to work with moving forward. So, we could get our interns coming in from out of state, not having to come in at zero.
    - Steve: It was not arbitrary.
    - Jennifer: I'm also recalling parts of the conversation that were more about culture and state law in Nevada, and the desire by some Board members for folks to be coming in and having some time under their belt being supervised under Nevada law, getting experience in Nevada communities. I remember that being a big part of the conversation.
    - John: I would like to address some of the comments that came earlier in terms of consistency of how we will accept someone licensed in another state, but we don't apply that same thing to interns. These are different processes. One process recognizes of the other state's license. I would also say too, that when you have finally been licensed in another state, you've done the whole thing. You've gotten the exam; you've gotten through the scrutiny of the Board of that state. So, it's not quite an equivalent thing to say, "why can't we do that for interns?" because it's not a finished product. So, the rationale of putting some kind of cap on it, again, coming from zero, but giving some credit; recognizing that at least, a certain majority of hours need to be from within the state. They need to be supervised by a Nevada

supervisor, who has experienced functioning in this state. and because we recognize the value of supervised training in Nevada to be ethical and sound.

- Jenny: i will echo what's already been said and I really appreciate the public comments here. This is really important and is something we truly labored over. There seemed to be a lot of discrepancy in what other states were bringing in, what kind of documentation they had to show that they had done their hours. How does that line up here in Nevada? And so, there was a comment made about trusting our supervisors to sign off. How do they know that the supervision received in that other state was adequate and what we would want and require? So, it's not just trusting our supervisors. It would have to somehow be trusting the other state supervisors. And for that, we wouldn't have that kind of information. So, I think it is wise to have some kind of supervision here in our state. I would still stand by having some hours and it is definitely better than zero. It is progress it's movement forward.
  - John: That reminds me of another thing we were considering, which is how much burden do we want to put on our supervisors to make these determinations, without any parameters or having to put another layer of requirements on the supervisors to be trained on like auditing documents for out-of-state hours? So, part of, I think what we're considering is not wanting to place that burden on our supervisors to make those determinations.
  - Marta: Part of our discussion had to do with wanting to have a place of standardization. So, we didn't have 6, 7, 10 supervisors plus using a different standard. This way we already know what our supervisors are doing in our state with the last 150 hours.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.146 approving the transfer of 750 direct client hours, 150 hours of credit for supervision, 100% of hours of credit pursuant to subparagraph 5C and we are adding if an applicant is active duty or an active-duty spouse, they can request consideration of additional hours: 1st John, 2nd Lauri; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
- NAC 641A.252 paragraph 1 – addition of the ACA Code of Ethics to the adopted professional associations.
    - Jennifer: I want to add part rationale and part question. For some of the longer-term Board members, I am curious about the initial decision to include the national standards in the beginning. I know that in our conversation we've added ACA, because it was more robust, and I felt it protects our consumers better than what we had. I'm not opposed at all to the idea of a Nevada code of ethics, although in some ways it does seem to be recreating the wheel. Do you all know how that came to be?
    - John: I would say that in part, when these licenses were created, they were modeling what was happening on a national scale, given that Nevada was 49th to license counselors. Marriage and Family Therapists had already been licensed. They had already adopted the national professional association standards, both for educational preparation and of ethics, minus those ethical principles that were directly related to the professional association membership and such. I know for example, Arizona, um,

has had a hybrid model for a number of years now, in which on top of the accepting the ACA code of ethics. They have identified unprofessional behaviors that they enumerated because they felt the ethical codes were too vague in some ways. So that might be another thing to consider is a hybrid where we need to articulate some things in addition to ethical codes. The issue of right now, being accountable to all three ethical codes of NBCC, ACA and AAMFT, and given that there are differences; considering that it's not necessarily conflictual because when you have a conflict, between law and ethics, then you simply follow the higher standard.

- Jenny: I remember in our discussion that we were originally talking about dropping NBCC, but then at the last minute we didn't, and we kept it in there. Joelle, does that vaguely sound familiar?
  - Joelle: I believe that you chose to leave it in because part of the NBCC ethical code protects harming the general public, not just in relation to licensing or the profession.
  - Steve: My thoughts on a Nevada specific code of ethics are that it would actually be counterproductive for reciprocity and perhaps a compact and portability. So having all three currently on our books allows the Board to examine licensees if necessary.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.252 paragraph one to add the ACA Code of Ethics and streamline language to remove specific addresses: 1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
- NAC 641A.182 paragraph 3 – addition that an approved supervisor must hold a current license in good standing in Nevada.
    - Steve: Is there any discussion? In fact, our public comments all were in support of this. I believe historically we were all in support of this. The rationale is the responsibility is already there as an inference. If an out-of-state supervisor has a licensed intern within the state of Nevada, the chain of custody of that file and responsibility rolls up to the primary supervisor. Therefore, it seems very logical and appropriate that that supervisor be licensed in the state of Nevada. If there was a complaint on a supervisor who was not licensed in the state of Nevada, we would not have any mechanism of oversight for that supervisor.
    - Jenny: I will say that it makes total sense to me that we have this piece in here and it actually gives me some peace of mind.
    - Sheldon: I echo those same sentiments, especially with the pandemic and the virtual piece to it. This definitely brings an added layer of comfort for me as well.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.182 to add that supervisor applicant must hold a current license in good standing in Nevada: 1st Jenny, 2nd Sara; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
- NAC 641A.182 paragraph 6 – addition that an approved supervisor must adhere to the supervision standards set forth by the adopted professional associations.

- Jennifer: I just wanted to add that part of this language change was adding in the ethical codes in a way for the Board to monitor how supervisors are functioning and to give us a means by which to measure that and going with the national standards just seemed to make sense. As I'm thinking about it, I wish that some of the members of the public who take issue with the national standards could perhaps have been more specific about what pieces of those standards they take issue with because they seem, at least to me, to encompass some really important standards that we should all hold ourselves and each other to.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.182 to add that supervisor must adhere to ethical standards set forth by adopted professional associations: 1st Jenny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheldon; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
- 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.
  - Joelle: What this means is that these fees were outlined in NRS, which are the laws we have, but it was not in our regulations. So that's why we added both the military and reciprocity language in our regulations to match what's in the law. We had some clarifying information to add for inactive status. It is clarifying language. We are not adding any fees.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.105 to add clarifying language for collection of fees for reciprocity and military applicants, continuing education providers and placement on inactive status: 1st Jennifer, 2nd Lauri; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
- NAC 641A.243 – addition of language to professional responsibility that licensees must adhere to the supervision standards set forth by the adopted professional associations.
  - Jenny: We spent some time on this and felt that this gave the most protection for the public.
  - Steve: I also recall that we found a gap in the Board's ability to regulate and oversee the practice of supervision that hasn't existed in our language. This would add the opportunity for that to exist also gives the Board the opportunity to examine the supervision of practice.
  - Marta: I concur with Steve that we had quite lengthy conversations about making sure that we had a way to represent the interns who were under supervision, as well as the supervisors, and this would give us a way to do that.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.243 to add that licensees must adhere to the standards for supervision set forth by the adopted professional associations: 1st Steve, 2nd Marta; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
- NAC 641A.131 – addition of proration of continuing education credits needed for license renewal based on initial license issue date.

- Steve: As we heard from the public, this is going to be quite helpful for newly licensed folks as they won't have to do the fast-paced collection of 40 CEUs within a short period of time. So, this hopefully will be quite helpful for folks.
- Sara: I think now that CEU opportunities and additional training hours have expanded now for the interns. They could theoretically be moving toward, getting their hours finished up while also getting those training hours or those CEUs hours done for the Board. So, I welcome this.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.131 to allow for proration of CEUs based on license issue date and double the amount of cultural competency CEUs from 2 hours to 4 hours in the licensure period: 1st Jenny, 2nd Lauri; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
  - NAC 641A.133 – addition of clarifying language based on the proration of continuing education requirements.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.133 to remove language specific to number of CEUs based on proration: 1st Marta, 2nd Sheldon; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
  - NAC 641A new paragraph – addition of language pertaining to the exemption of recordings of training activities.
    - Steve: So, to an earlier comment from the public, is this a script that everyone has to use? My thought and answer is no. It is a sample of what to include in informed consent because the original language from the medical model was stating that these training recordings were part of the medical file. This allows us to pull off of that and allow this to just be for training and then deletion of training videos.
    - John: That's what I recall as well. I think if we can clarify that this is an example or a template, not required language that you have to say. The language outlines the parameters that this code addresses.
    - Joelle: Henna, would you mind jumping in? So, the language says that the consent must be in substantially the following form. So, is that language a requirement or is it saying you must include these things in the form?
    - Henna: Well, it says must so that's a mandate substantially. It doesn't stay entirely. It would be majority and that would be the bare minimum of what should be in that form.
    - Steve: We didn't write that initial language; it was given to us, and we need to use that form or that sample. It's not the script that we are holding people to, but it is a guideline of substance, not essence.
    - Henna: Exactly. I would interpret that is that that would be the minimum standard. So, anything that would exceed that would be fine. It doesn't have to be identical. I think that's what you're trying to say.

- Steve: Yes.
  - Henna: it's basically the outline of what should be in that form.
  - Joelle: It says in the language from LCB, that it is a draft of informed consent, so it isn't saying that this is the end all, be all.
  - Steve: I think we're clean with the word draft of informed consent.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A, new paragraph that creates language pertaining to the exemption of training activities: 1st Jenny, 2nd Sara; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
4. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review and approval of minutes from the June 17, 2022 meeting (For possible action)
- Steve: Do we have any comments or changes needed in June's meeting? If there are none, I'll await a motion to pass them to accept them.
  - Motion to approve minutes from June 17th: 1st Lauri, 2nd Marta. Sheldon abstains; Motion approved.
5. 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/Supervisor Candidate or CCE Approved Certificate/ Supervisor Course	Transcript of 45-hour Graduate-level Supervision Course	Mentor Signature of Supervisory Experience
<b>Shalini Malasingam</b>	Yes	N/A	N/A
<b>Jacquelyn Button</b>	Yes	N/A	N/A
<b>Matt Eschler</b>	Yes	N/A	N/A
<b>Don Roberts</b>	Yes	N/A	N/A
<b>Tyler Rich</b>	Yes	N/A	N/A
<b>Morgan Underwood</b>	Yes	N/A	N/A
<b>James Hartsell</b>	N/A	Yes	Yes
<b>Sarah Steelman</b>	N/A	Yes	Yes
<b>Martin Koford</b>	N/A	Yes	Yes
<b>Megan Little</b>	N/A	Yes	Yes

- Steve: I reviewed these thoroughly. We are going to pull one and discuss individually. I believe that is James Hartsell. Joelle?
- Joelle: That's correct. James does not reach his three-year mark until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month. So that would be next Tuesday.
- Motion to approve James Harsell as a Primary Supervisor effective June 23, 2022: 1st Steve, 2nd Jennifer; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.



- Jenny: Quick question. Some of the addresses were redacted in our supplemental materials and I just wanted to confirm they were all Nevada people.
  - Joelle: They are all Nevada people.
  - Sheldon: Matt Eschler has an address for a Utah residence. I just wanted some clarity around that.
  - Joelle: Matt Eschler and Martin Koford have a practice in Mesquite, but their originating practice is in St. George, Utah.
  - Motion to approve Shalini Malasingam, Jacquelyn Button, Matt Eschler, Don Roberts, Tyler Rich Morgan Underwood, Sarah Steelman, Martin Koford and Megan Little as Primary Supervisors: 1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheldon; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
6. Disciplinary Matter – Recommendation for Dismissal (For possible action)
- a. Case No. NV20CPC002
    - Stephanie: The description of this case was included in your supporting documents.
    - Motion to dismiss Case No. NV20CPC002: 1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
7. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding approval of Allison Nystrom’s reciprocity application for CPC licensure (For discussion/possible action) – Joelle McNutt
- Joelle: Allison has some issues in her background. Most of them are in the past and a long time ago but there is a current case that is open. It happened at the end of 2021, and it is felony. I would like the Board's consideration on her application.
  - Steve: After reading these, the thirteen arrests or infractions are ancient history. I think we can all say that people deserve many chances in the game of life. There is one outstanding charge. It is a class B felony and if all goes well, it is scheduled to be dismissed in November of 2022. With that being said, I would like to table this consideration until after November of 2022.
  - Jenny: I was going to say the exact same thing, after November 2022.
  - Sheldon: I agree with what has been said. Some of the information that was presented did prompt some questions and since she is not here today, I agree with tabling this.
  - John: I agree with tabling because it's not a single thing, but we have a pattern. We should give the applicant the opportunity to explain.
  - No action taken. Agenda item tabled until after November 2022.
8. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding approval of Joseph John Andersen’s reciprocity application for MFT licensure (For discussion/possible action) – Joelle McNutt
- Steve: I remember reviewing your application in 2018. Mr. Andersen, please unmute tell us what you've been doing since 2018.

- Joseph John Andersen: I've been healing. I was in a violent car accident, broke my back in two places, fractured my neck and broke my wrist in four places. That happened in 2015 and ended up getting a divorce. My son's autistic. He had the grand mal seizure 12 hours after taking the pertussis shot and six months later, he was never the same. I went back to school, did a three-year, 8,000-hour internship in autism so I could understand my son. I opened up a huge private practice in Boise, Idaho. I've been healing because of these accidents going to Boise, Idaho every month to see my neurosurgeon and also my pain doctor so I wasn't in a situation where I was able to reconsider applying for my license. I am feeling better. I feel like I can work part-time now. I started in the field as a therapist in 1990 and I'm licensed in Texas. So, I'm applying, for reciprocity to practice in Nevada.
- Steve: So currently your license in Texas is expired.
- Joseph John Andersen: They're requiring digital fingerprints and I've already paid my dues. So, my license is delinquent. However, um, once the digital prints come in, it will be changed to active.
- Steve: I'll give you the benefit of the doubt on that one. When we talked in 2018, it was on the heels of your license being suspended for two years in the state of Idaho, there was additionally a 36-month supervised probation requirement. There was also a monetary fine that was due to the state of Idaho. There was also a requirement of six semester hours in ethics coursework, not CEUs, to be approved by the Idaho State Board. There was also nine hours of CEU requirement in the practice of ethics required to be approved by the Idaho state board. To my understanding you've completed six and a half hours of ethics training in June of 2022. Can you assure the Board that you have satisfied the requirements from the Idaho state board?
- Joseph John Andersen: No, sir. I can't. The information from the Board is totally incorrect.
- Steve: We're not here to retry whatever happened in Idaho. You were suspended for two years and given a probationary period of three years after that, I remember specifically our conversation three years ago when I asked, had you satisfied the remediations for the state of Idaho and you had not at that time. Have you accomplished any of that fine or remediation since then?
- Joseph John Andersen: No.
- Steve: My position is extremely clear. I will hand it over to the other Board members.
- Joseph John Andersen: This happened over 10 years ago. 10 years. Okay. I have changed. I've changed.
- Steve: I believe that's true, and I hope that for your health and wellness, but the only way to demonstrate and prove change, as a licensed clinician, is to take the coursework that has been provided; to take the supervision that has been recommended and to tend to the suspension. You haven't done any of that.
- Joseph John Andersen: I've taken one course.
- Steve: So, what would you have us do understanding that you have not done what you've been asked to do as a professional?
- Joseph John Andersen: I'll tell you exactly what Texas told me.
- Steve: I'm not in Texas Mr. Andersen.

- Joseph John Andersen: Texas Board said you're not in Idaho and so we approve you here. And so, I would expect the same results, the same information to be given to me here. I am not in Idaho. I've been living in Las Vegas where I was born and raised.
- Jennifer: I would not want to be held accountable today for things that happened in my life a decade ago. I understand your frustrations there. I'm looking at in our supporting documents at a complaint filed to our Board in April of last year regarding inappropriate conduct and it does seem that there are some more recent concerns.
- Steve: There was somebody from the public who offered to our previous Executive Director snapshots of social media posts that you had authored Mr. Anderson, which are very unprofessional. Is that what you're speaking to Dr. Ross?
- Joseph John Andersen: My Facebook account was hacked.
- Steve: If we could bring ourselves back to the professional qualifications that Mr. Andersen would like us to consider for reciprocity. Let's talk about that.
- Jenny: As we're meeting here today, do you hold a valid license in any state currently today?
- Joseph John Andersen: No.
- Jenny: I suggest that we table this discussion now and review it at a later date because Mr. Andersen wouldn't qualify for reciprocity today.
- Steve: There is no action for us to take today. I agree with you Jenny. So, this will also be tabled. Should Mr. Anderson want to come back? Mr. Anderson, I'm going to be straight with you. There is no way that I'm comfortable considering your reciprocity if you haven't satisfied the conditions from Idaho.
- Joseph John Andersen: I'm not going to consider those from Idaho.
- Steve: We are tabling this. Should you choose to try to reapply after you have a license to operate with, we will reconsider this, but your way out of order, trying to say that your qualifications and sanctions don't go hand in hand.
- No action taken. Agenda item tabled until after Mr. Andersen has a valid, corresponding license in another state.

9. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding review of Brighid Fronapfel's application for licensure as a MFT intern (For discussion/possible action) – Brighid Fronapfel

- Joelle: Dr. Fronapfel applied to be an MFT intern and she had two academic reviews done. Those were both non-satisfactory reviews of the requirements outlined in our regulations. She has requested to be on the agenda to talk about her qualifications for licensure.
- Brighid Fronapfel: I believe Joelle was able to forward you the letter from Dr. Kurt Baker from my master's program. There was some discrepancy in the way that the coursework was framed and; as he states, they've changed that now because of licensing problems such as this. So, if I was to enroll in that program now my courses would be labeled something completely different. In that letter, he's assuring that my coursework was ingrained in marriage and family therapy. He did point out obviously that there was one practicum deficiency. Your second letter is from Dr. Allan Lewandowski, who was my supervisor in Michigan, where I completed an additional four practicums with him in his clinic. This additional supplementation, to go with my transcripts,

to further confirm and present to the Board that my coursework does meet minimum criteria in statute.

- Jenny: I was going to say that it looked like from the supplemental materials we got, it was pretty comprehensive to see each piece and the concerns spoken to, so I feel more comfortable moving forward.
- Sheldon: I just want to add something for the record. I was looking at some of the correspondence and I was a little concerned at the level of professionalism. I get the frustration. You've done a lot of work but some of the attacks of my work colleagues just didn't sit that well with me. You're dealing with a Board, despite the frustrations, you try to keep it as professional as possible.
- Steve: Thank you Dr. Jacobs. I obviously read through it very thoroughly. Your request to have Dr. Nixon and Marta Wilson step aside from this consideration is declined. Marta and John are most experienced Board members. They have not only been long standing successful, ethically driven clinicians, but also supervisors and professors of marriage and family therapy and clinical professional counseling programs at the graduate level. They are the longest standing members currently on this call today. They have been doing academic re reviews for years, so implying that they are biased or impartial is not only incorrect, I believe, it's unprofessional to allege that. So, your request to have them not participate in this consideration is declined. I spent several hours doing my own academic review of your transcripts, and I agree that they do not meet the standards for consideration. What I found when I reviewed thoroughly, your transcripts is that your master's degree was at Stanislaus, is that correct?
- Brigid Fronapfel: Yes, correct.
- Steve: So not a CACREP accredited program. Your program had two tracks of concentration, one for behavior analysis and one for MFT concentration.
- Brigid Fronapfel: They were combined. So, you could do behavior analysis solely you could do marriage and family therapy solely, or you could do the combined track, which is what I did.
- Steve: When it goes to academic review, you did not take the course PSY 5755, which is couples therapy, nor did you take PSY 5790, which is family counseling therapy practice, nor did you take the practicum 591, which is a practicum specifically overseeing concept of marriage and family therapy. That's according to the website at Stanislaus for their program right now. You went to Western Michigan University for your doctorate, correct?
- Brigid Fronapfel: Yes.
- Steve: Congratulations on attaining that. You did get your doctorate in behavior analysis, correct?
- Brigid Fronapfel: I did.
- Steve: I believe that you are the Chair of the Applied Behavior Analyst Board. Please take a few moments to articulate to us how that makes you a marriage and family therapist licensed intern?
- Brigid Fronapfel: My coursework and my position as the Chair? My coursework and my training was in marriage and family therapy. I completed extensive internships in Michigan with Dr. Lewandowski, four formal practicums with him. However, I was there for a period of over two years, so you'll see 12 credits, but that was over a timeframe of two years. So that was a formal

marriage and family therapy internship as were the two. I don't see the relevance of my position on the Board for Nevada given that I have a license in that area.

- Steve: I agree with that question right there. I'm alluding to the fact that your transcripts and your current licensures are very in line with behavior analysis work. They do not strike me to be in line to prioritize marriage and family therapy. So, when you had stated that there was a thread of MFT embedded in all of your coursework, I'm not comfortable with the thread as much as I'm comfortable with the fabric, so your transcript is strongly in line with psychology and behavioral analysis, and I'm not comfortable saying that fits for an MFT internship at this time.
- Brigid Fronapfel: Reading the course labels, I can understand that which is why I wanted to get that supplemental letter from Dr. Baker for you, to clarify that those courses weren't adequately described as far as what was actually being taught in those courses at that time. Mind you, that degree was conferred in 2007. I was passionate about it, which is why I continued my education when I got to Michigan. So, you'll see additional coursework in child behavior therapy. Um, and that is why I found that placement with Dr. Lewandowski to continue to work in this area and pursue my expertise or my repertoire in marriage and family therapy.
- Steve: You are clearly very educated. You have a terrific resume.
- Sheldon: I agree with Dr. Nicholas. We can only go off of what we have in front of us and after reviewing the documents, I see a lot of your training and education was very behavioral analysis focused and very psychology focused. My question for you is why not pursue a psychology license versus a MFT license?
- Brigid Fronapfel: I obviously went to Stan State because it had the combined program and the combined thread, and that was what I wanted to do and what I had committed to do. If I had wanted to do the formal clinical license and that whole process, I would've been able to pursue that at Western Michigan, but I decided that marriage and family therapy was more for me.
- Sheldon: Did I see that you pursued a psychology license in Michigan?
- Brigid Fronapfel: No, I never have. I did hold an internship license in California when I was in that program where again, that is no longer which is why I'm here to continue in the training. You may be asking why the pause? I got married and had two little kids and my little guys going to kinder. And so now I finally have some time to refocus on my goals and my career path.
- Jennifer: I echo Dr. Jacob's question. We have plenty of licensed psychologists here in our professional community who work with couples and families and function in their practice, much like an MFT would, but their coursework and their training to sort of aligned better with the requirements of the psychology Board. So, I guess I would just reiterate the question of not pursuing with the psychology Board, um, given your transcripts?
- Brigid Fronapfel: When I was in that practicum with Dr. Lewandowski, the assessment and process of diagnosis was in that formal neuropsych procedure, which is kind of his area. I feel like I'm better at treating. I'm better at getting it and being able to jump in and do it. Being the one that's in the chair delivering all this information and data and testing. I would rather just do what I know that works and get the clients moving on a better path.
- Sara: Would you meet the requirements for a California MFT license based on your coursework as it stands?
- Brigid Fronapfel: Now? Yes, I would.

- Jenny: Have you considered, could you consider applying for licensure in California and then licensure here via reciprocity? Our hands are a little bit tied in your coursework. There are a few things that don't completely line up and I see your, your program does qualify you in California for MFT licensure. Is that something that you would consider exploring?
- Brigid Fronapfel: I had thought about that, but I was hoping I would be successful within the state first, but I had thought about pursuing that, if needed.
- Steve: I want you in our profession. I just can't accept the transcript as it's written right now, but I am hoping that this can work. So, to Jenny and Sarah's point if there's a way to get that blessing. so, our hands are less tied. I just can't agree to that transcript.
- John: I appreciate when there are a lot of academic programs that have particular specialties that do not map cleanly into a licensure situation and most traditional schools take a constructivist approach where a group of experts say this is what we'd like our graduates to be, but that may not match up with what the state would require for licensure. I think University of Phoenix was the opposite. It takes a regression analysis approach and says, what do we want the outcome to be? A license. What do we need to do to construct a program to lead to that license? So, I appreciate that your transcript, your program is very much a particular specialty that doesn't map completely cleanly to a license. I would point out in particular, the issue of strands. In the counseling profession, CACREP's frame of reference is the idea of multiculturalism, social justice, legal and ethical issues, are strands throughout all the coursework, but in licensure, we still need a specific course in legal, ethical issues, a specific course in, in multicultural social justice issues. That is still going to be an issue that we have to deal with in some way.
- Steve: I don't have anything else to say right now. I'm pausing because I want this to work. I just can't make it work right now. The shoe fits, but it doesn't fit as appropriately as it needs to for our transcript. To John's point, I need to see specifically systems, couples therapy, family counseling theory, and practicum that is specifically targeted toward marriage and family therapy for my comfort level to be there.
- Brigid Fronapfel: May I interrupt? I'm sorry. I don't mean to go with the OML process. I know that I made minimum standards. I know statute also states that we don't have to judge it by the course title. There was a ton of systemic therapy in my coursework and in my practicums specifically in Michigan, that was with everything. As I was reading statute, there is that little leeway that you can use some of that real world experience if you're feeling that there's some holes or discrepancies there. That said another thought that's popping on me is what about CPC?
- Steve: I think we could talk about that in an academic review. Your academic and your real world, as I've read it, are in behavior analysis.
- Brigid Fronapfel: I was talking about the two years with Dr. Lewandowski.
- Steve: I think it would take some time to put this back into an academic review for CPC. I don't have that answer right off the top of my head. John, does anything come to mind or Marta?
- John: I don't want to preemptively eyeball it and commit to something. I would do it from scratch. I'd rather do it from scratch and do a fresh review.
- Henna: I agree with John. I think that to make it cleaner for the record, if you want to possibly consider CPC application, then you could table this Steve, and put it on the next agenda and specify that it's for CPC application. That also gives the Board members enough time to review

an application in that context and so they can clearly deliberate and review the items in front of them.

- Jenny: You've been helpful with your supplemental materials. Would you be comfortable writing us up a little something of how your experience would translate in the CPC realm?
- Sara: Just a reminder to everybody: save your syllabi. I think that would've been hugely helpful. and we didn't get that benefit.
- No action taken. Agenda item tabled until after Dr. Fronapfel submits a CPC application for review.

10. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding review of Diane Davis's application for licensure as a CPC intern (For discussion/possible action) – Diane Davis

- Joelle: Diane Davis applied to be CPC intern and did not need the requirements for licensure outlined in NAC. She is missing one supervised clinical experience course. She is here today to explain how the other courses she's using meets our requirements.
- Steve: I've reviewed this one pretty thoroughly as well. I am not as familiar with her modality of therapy as I'd like to be. So, I jumped in that pool a little bit and it sure does qualify for almost everything except for her request for her special topics to be considered as clinical practice and supervision and my hang up there is specifically it's class, GEXT 87888.
- Diane Davis: I am here if you guys have any questions for me as well.
- Sara: So, I was seeing in that course, 7888, there was some counseling and wellness groups, for the undergraduate students during weeks 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9. So that's five weeks out of the 40, Then we have two practicums, which were 14 and 16 weeks. So, I get to 35 weeks of my calculations instead of 40.
- Diane Davis: So, in that first course, it was a COVID accommodation. Um, my places in Boston, weren't accepting interns at that point and so the university tried to create this as an accommodation. So yes, we delivered, they called them wellness groups to the undergraduate students and then we also facilitated wellness groups on each other for the remainder of the weeks, as well as psychoeducational groups that we presented to, to the undergraduate and graduate students. I just received it yesterday from the field training director at Leslie university. She was on vacation and just got a letter to me yesterday that explains a little bit more of the design of the course, the CACREP standards that they took into consideration and how they feel like the clinical supervision and experience was implemented into that semester.
- Steve: So, I, I did look into your university program, and they are in CACREP accreditation process, and I've been a part of CACREP accreditation and that takes time. I still can't fit that special topics in to get you your 40.
- Diane Davis: Is the reason being that only weeks 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 are what you're counting?
- John: So, what we look for is the supervised practice, in this case, in clinical professional counseling. So that means that it is a 40-week practicum. The CACREP standard is, is 40% of hours, so 240 would be the direct face-to-face counseling with clients in the CPC scope of practice. That that's the thing. So that is talk based therapy. Dance therapy is a specialization, which is great, and those adjuncts certainly enhance the skills and the type of treatment you're able to offer. But when it comes to the essential academic program, we're looking for the CPC

scope of practice. If the emphasis is on dance movement therapy, then that is not in the spirit of the emphasis being on the CPC delineated scope of practice in the NRS.

- Diane Davis: So, the program really implemented both. I was doing dance movement therapy, but I was also doing talk therapy individually with the residents at my internship site. It was at an assisted living facility.
- John: How many hours per week average during your internships did you have of talk therapy either individually one-to-one or with families, but really for CPC it's mostly individual.
- Diane Davis: Individually it was between 15 and 20 hours a week and in the supporting documents, I have a letter from my site supervisor. So, there's the practicum hours I acquired, the internship hours I acquired and then at the bottom of that document is a letter from my site supervisor.
- John: There's a lot of dance movement therapy, I presume that is individual work. I would feel comfortable seeing the average number of hours per week in talk-based therapy. Then I can say here are the CPC scope of practice skills.
- Steve: Thank you John for that articulation and direction. I echo that 100%. When we receive applicants who don't get the quick pass of COAMFTE or CACREP accreditation, we are obligated to give a thorough review. This is in line with thorough review, and it is not because we are trying to keep people out. It's because we are trying to help the best people come in for serving our public. We need to be able to see that you are working with these individuals in accordance with a CPC program.
- Diane Davis: So just an additional letter clarifying that.
- John: Yes, I think so.
- Diane Davis: Yes. Okay, because the logs kind of break down the direct client contact, but you're saying you just want it to be specific that like how many direct client contact with dance therapy versus individual like talk therapy.
- Steve: And we need to see 40 weeks.
- Oscar Sida: I've been working with Diane. I'm a clinical supervisor and I reviewed the logs before we sent it over and we kind of came up with a plan to make sure there was enough supporting documentation to make it easier for you to make a qualified determination, whether she met the minimum requirements. In my estimation, when you look at the log, it's very clear. If we need a clarifying letter from a prior supervisor, I don't think that's going to be a big issue, but in the interest of allowing Ms. Davis to obtain her internship license and begin to practice and make her living through the profession that she dedicated so much time and effort to, I think that would be appreciated, but of course we defer to the Board.
- John: I do see on those logs direct client contact. So, if this was a mental health, clinical mental health counseling program then those individual hours would automatically be clinical mental health counseling but because this is a clinical mental health counseling plus dance movement therapy, then individual hours needs to be further delineated.
- Marta: I did a secondary look at this one and mine would go back to the number of weeks. I wasn't sure where Diane wanted to put the 7888 course into, but I didn't see where it added up to the 40 weeks. So that's where I would like to see that documentation come in, that we have the three courses and the 40 weeks,



- Oscar Sida: I think the missing weeks come into the accommodation that was afforded the students because of COVID. So, they had this alternative activity or clinical experience that was created for the course. I understand why it looks short, but Diane provided more information to clarify the hours in total make up for it. The reason for that was COVID. It doesn't line up perfectly, but that's because of COVID, it wouldn't have been in those final weeks where she was doing this alternative activity because that's how they tried to accommodate the students.
- Steve: I appreciate that offering. We are bound by statute and that says 40 weeks, I do see how the hours are delineated but again, we need to see 40 weeks and yes, COVID through a wrench in so many things. If there was a CACREP or COAMFTE stamp, we wouldn't be talking about this, but there's not. And therefore, we have to talk about this, and it doesn't meet the academic review in my estimation. I think it can with more practicum work with individuals specifically.
- Oscar Sida: I'm hearing two messages from the different board members with your own individual opinions. We're not asking to circumvent the statute, what we're asking is to consider time in terms of hours and weeks equivalent, if you divide them into a unit of measurement.
- Steve: I'm trying to stay in the lane that we have to be in. Of course, we all want to bring dynamic clinicians who are going to help. I don't think that we can.
- Sara: So, between all of that time, it appears there's 325 direct client hours, which I'm comfortable with. It's that one course that I'm hung up on. And I'm wondering if another practicum course could actually serve all of the concerns of the Board right now. You would be able to count 175 direct contact hours with a practicum toward your intern hours. If you were to do that, we can accept up to 500 client hours from your program.
- Diane Davis: I also wanted to clarify where I was getting the weeks from on that course. It's in the syllabus. It's weeks five through nine, when we were facilitating wellness groups for the undergraduate students, and then weeks 10 through 14, where we were facilitating, warm-ups and in-service presentations. I was under the impression that psychoeducation counts as clinical experience.
- Steve: We've talked at length about that interpretation.
- Marta: I totally empathize with where this degree is at. For me, it's our statues, don't name hours, they name weeks. So, it's makes it more difficult for us if we don't have the weeks in there.
- Steve: I believe that comes down to semester weeks, 15 plus 15, plus. It's almost a whole calendar year. Is that about, right?
- John: That's correct. That's when we came up with that 40. 15 times three is 45. I think your suggestion was let's make it 40 just because of some people have short semesters. That was the idea that it is over the course of three semesters, more or less. So, 40 is actually a lower figure by a few hours. My suggestion on the letter would be with regard to saying then that this practicum would be substantially equivalent for mental health counseling. I did not say, and I did note on my review, the 40 weeks issue. So that still would be an issue.
- Diane Davis: Okay. So, are any of the weeks from that GXT 7888 course counting?
- Steve: I'm not comfortable saying that role plays, wellness groups, presentations, and psycho ed qualify as the practice of clinical professional counseling. That doesn't fit for me.

- John: The schools made accommodations for COVID. CACREP made accommodation for COVID in terms of allowing counting of practicum hours toward the 600-hour minimum of internship but that's internal and doesn't affect licensure. That does not map into then trying to find a way to skirt our code and law because the school said we're doing some things for expediency here, so we can get them graduated and that's understandable, but it's a separate process. We can't just take that and arbitrarily say, well, we'll just let it pass and wave it through. We just don't have that authority.
- Steve: No, we do not. So, we need some sort of motion team. I don't think that it meets academic review.
- Motion to deny Diane Davis's application for licensure as a CPC intern: 1<sup>st</sup> Marta, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheldon. No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.

11. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding approval of Paula Releford's application for licensure as a MFT intern (For discussion/possible action) – Joelle McNutt

- Joelle: Ms. Releford has been an intern since 2010. She has had two intern numbers and her current internship license expired on April 29<sup>th</sup> and she had to reapply. Within the re-application process, her background check came back positive. She did have three felony counts and one misdemeanor count. Most of those charges were dismissed. The one that stuck was a felony charge that she pled guilty to. I'm bringing it to the Board for approval based on the positive background check.
- Paula Releford: I did plead guilty. It was an honest mistake. It was within the first three months that we had started. They said that we should have paid more attention to our billing clerk. She was billing wrong. They said, when you own the business, you have to pay attention to what is going on. It was a lack of me not paying attention. That's how the wording came out that for the fraud. I pled guilty. I had to pay back restitution, but it was an honest mistake. It wasn't that I was trying to defraud Medicaid but that's how it came out in their wording. I learned from my mistake. I learned that if I have a business that I have to pay attention to the staff and the people that I have working around me. They said after investigation stuff that I was clear to apply back to become a provider for Medicaid, but I didn't. I have no desire to bill Medicaid. Since 2019, I haven't even done therapy at all. I haven't been doing at all. I stopped doing it. One of the reasons why I wanted to reapply for my internship license is because I need to pass my test. I paid all this money, put in all these hours and everything, and I need to pass my licensing test.
- Steve: Your three years was extended to six. Did that expire Ms. Releford?
- Paula Releford: Yes.
- Steve: You're applying to be a new intern to do your internship over and then take that test.
- Paula Releford: Yes.
- Steve: Your internship expired. So, you're applying for a brand-new internship that includes the hours.
- Paula Releford: So, I have to do the hours all over again too?
- Steve: Pretty sure we're going to get there. So, I have a couple of questions before we get there. When you were charged with several counts of Medicaid fraud, you pled guilty to

Medicaid fraud and you paid a fine of \$20,000 for Medicaid fraud, did you report that to the Board of Examiners?

- Paula Releford: I did not. I did not know I had to.
- Steve: Now I'm hearing a couple examples of some oversights and as somebody who's going to carry a license and serving the public. These are real basic considerations to protect people and it's not only unethical, it ends up being against statute, that you didn't self-report to the Board of Examiners when you pled guilty to felony fraud against the public whom you were serving. Did you also report this to your supervisors at the time?
- Paula Releford: Yeah, she knew, and I gave her a copy of the letter too
- Steve: So, your supervisor, I'm under the impression, neglected to let the Board know. I have some big red flags here.
- Paula Releford: Okay. I understand.
- John: I think here it's really important to get that as soon as beginning to apply, and really this is ideally done as a student, you become familiar with the rules and the laws. It is on us to understand and to be accountable to the rules and the laws. It is unacceptable. And in my mind, it is the demonstration of unprofessional behavior to just simply say, well, I can't be held accountable to that because no one told me.
- Paula Releford: Yeah, I did say I take ownership of what happened. Okay. I stopped therapy in 2019, because I knew that I couldn't do therapy because of the incident that happened. So, I didn't continue doing it. I was not lying to the people that I serve and continue doing therapy with them. No, I didn't do that at all. I'm taking ownership for what happened.
- John: This as a cautionary tale that it's very messy on the backside because you missed something. That's why I'm saying going in the beginning as a student to be on top of the rules and the laws to be certain that you're complying with them because it says 10 days you have to notify the Board to avoid these kinds of complications.
- Steve: Ms. Reliford, since 2019 and you stopped practicing, have you taken any continuing education in ethical decision making or any additional coursework?
- Paula Releford: No, I haven't, but I can, if you recommend.
- Sheldon: I recently signed on as Ms. Releford's secondary supervisor. I wasn't aware of the charges that had been brought against her. I just want everybody to be aware that I'm under the current application.
- Steve: Thank you Dr. Jacobs.
- Marta: Paula, you are not an intern under the Board? You submitted a new application to become a new intern?
- Paula Releford: Yes.
- Marta: When did that internship end?
- Paula Releford: April.

- Marta: Of 2022 and you haven't been practicing since 2019, right? Were you still continuing to see a supervisor week by week?
- Paula Releford: Yes.
- Marta: Your primary supervisor week by week during that two years?
- Paula Releford: It wasn't week by week, more like once a month.
- Marta: Just for information's sake, the statutes do state that we see our primary supervisor week by week.
- Steve: Not only are primary supervisors obligated to be really on top of these ethical considerations and statutes and guidelines and best practices. Anyone who enters a licensed internship is also obligated to be on top of these things and to be extremely fluent with the guidelines and practices and best practices. I am troubled that Medicaid fraud to multiple counts happened. I am incredibly troubled at what seems to be a lack of supervision from your primary and guidance in these. And I am stumbled by the fact that you didn't think it appropriate to report these things to your state Board so that we could be in a position to advocate for the public.
- Paula Releford: Most of the charges were dismissed. dismiss in. They were inadequate of maintaining public records. After all the investigations and they did put it down to a misdemeanor.
- Steve: Note keeping is very important. I'm not as concerned about the Medicaid fraud as I am about your lack of transparency.
- Paula Releford: Right. I understand that.
- Steve: So, if you were going to have another internship, what is your internship proposal and design?
- Paula Releford: I didn't know I had to do the 3000 hours again. I was just wanted to get another intern license so I can study to take the test.
- Steve: I'm under the impression that the clock resets at zero.
- Joelle: In the past, we have allowed internship hours to carry over to the new number so I would need your clarification if you wanted her to do additional hours.
- Marta: Are you having the same primary supervisor Paula?
- Paula Releford: Yes. Is that your teacher? Okay. Yes.
- Marta: Thank you. I think that we have a couple of things that we need to discuss as a Board.
- Steve: What is in front of us is approving or declining an application for internship for Ms. Reliford. I think where I sense that you are going is, we have an issue to address that might be in the form of an administrative complaint, and we will not do that during this meeting because that is not agendaized. I am not comfortable approving this internship.
- Jenny: For clarification here, since this would be a new application, then I would want to see an internship proposal and plan. So, I don't feel like I have enough of the information now. And as

we're talking much more has come to light, which has raised other questions and concerns for me. So, I'm would not be ready to approve this internship today.

- Motion to deny Paula Releford's application for licensure as a MFT intern: 1<sup>st</sup> Jenny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marta, Sheldon abstains; Motion approved.
- Steve: please go back to the drawing board and try to articulate and write up a very clear internship proposal of who you'll be seeing, where you'll be seeing them, how you'll be seeing them, articulate your supervisors and the supervisory plan so that we have more information to go on. Can we ask that of you?
- Paula Releford: Yes.

#### 12. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding review of financial statements 4th Quarter FY22 ending June 30, 2022 (For discussion/possible action) – Joelle McNutt

- Joelle: I included the balance sheet, profit and loss statement, and the bank transactions report for your review for the last quarter of the previous fiscal year. We are on track with all of our expenditures included in the budget. All looks good.
- Motion to approve the financial statements for 4th Quarter FY22 ending June 30, 2022: 1<sup>st</sup> John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheldon, No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.

#### 13. Report from President (Advisement)

- Steve: I don't have too much to offer except thanks. Gratitude for these Board members, especially the process that we started in January. We said that we wanted to scrub the books and make any changes that we needed to, and we did, and everybody worked very, very hard, especially in the Board office. So, thank you. Thank you. We had almost 300 pages of supporting documentation for today's meeting. So again, thank you for being so diligent, detail-oriented, and involved. Uh, it is a, it is an honor and a pleasure to work with you all. That is my report.

#### 14. Report from Treasurer (Advisement)

- Sara: No report. I'm really proud of this Board.

#### 15. Report from Executive Director (Advisement)

- Joelle: I did provide the productivity spreadsheet for you to review applications submitted, licenses issued, and supervisors approved. Our auditing contract for Casey Nielon was signed off by the Governor's Office. The audit is underway right now. Anything that requires a fee has a corresponding step in Certemy. I was notified that the website migration project is halted until further notice. The Legislative Council Bureau requested that I be present to testify to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. They reviewed our regulations RO57-22 and there weren't any comments or any questions from that legislative body regarding that. Part of that agenda was to hear from the Behavioral Health Regional Boards regarding some of the bill draft requests that they are going to submit for this next legislative session.
- Steve: I have a comment because you are very humble. It's worth noting that this legislative process has been remarkably clean. There's been zero feedback and there's been zero corrections for us. She received high praise with how she's running her Board and high praise for creating examples that other Boards can and hopefully will follow. So, thank you.

- Joelle: You are most welcome.

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

- Henna: I am continuously working with Joelle and Steph on complaints. Speaking of which, please make time for your calendars September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for a two-day hearing that will, um, be occurring as of today. As you know, it's great to have unanimous voting on the books either way it goes, however you rule, it's always good to have a full Board at these types of hearings.

#### 17. Discussion regarding future agenda items and possible future meeting dates:

- Steve: Our proposed next date is the third Friday in October, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### 18. Board member comments

- No comments.

#### 19. 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)

- Jake Wiskerchen: It is my understanding is the reason we have the NBCC code is because the NCMHCE is the exam that is required for CPC licensure. So that aligns with that organization. I think that the Board gets a little wrapped up in the protection the public part because you are looking for reasons to deny rather than approve. I have concerns about the academic review process.
- Melissa Fisher: I just want to say thank you for your time, your due diligence and for having compassion towards the people that you guys serve.

#### 20. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

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