

To: Board of Health

For: April 15th, 2020 meeting

RE: Opposition Letter to 407 Credentialing and Review Art Therapy Application

On Thursday, April 9th, 2020, the Nebraska Art Therapy Licensure Coalition spoke directly with Susan Reay, Chair of the Mental Health Practice Board, regarding the opposition letter sent to the 407 Credentialing and Review team and Board of Health on March 13th, 2020. The letter stated concerns regarding 1) modification of the certification language with regard to the eligibility of practitioners in similar fields such as psychiatry and psychology to practice art therapy, 2) the eligibility of art therapists to be licensed in the state without an art therapy certificate, 3) the ability for other mental health practitioners to employ creative activities with clients based on the scope of practice provided in the application, and 4) the Nebraska Art Therapy Licensure Coalition's consecutive absence at Mental Health Practice Board meetings starting in November 2019.

Upon speaking with Susan, the Nebraska Art Therapy Licensure Coalition was able to reconcile concern number four. We clarified and discussed concerns one, two and three as well. The coalition was invited to the next Mental Health Practice Board meeting with a date to be determined in May-June 2020 due to the necessity of meeting in-person. Please see the attached email from Susan Reay.

Details of the discussion will be explained during the Wednesday, April 15th, 2020 Board of Health meeting.

Thank you,

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Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 10:41 AM

Hi Jenelle, Yes, it was good talking with you today.

Feel free to submit this email to the board.

On April 9, 2020 Jenelle and I spoke on the phone to discuss the proposal from the art therapist. I have not had opportunity to disseminate the information from our phone call to the entire mental health board. I look forward to collaborating in the future with the Nebraska Art Therapy Licensure Coalition on issues of licensure and regulation. I encourage the Coalition to attend our next mental health board meeting so we can work collaboratively in our efforts to protect the public.

Thank you,

Susan

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