

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



**Jim Pillen, Governor** 

## NOTICE Of MEETING and AGENDA Board of Mental Health Practice

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AGENDA **Revision	Posted: 2.14.2024, 2.15.2024, 2.27.24, 2.29.24
<u>Date:</u> Friday March 1, 2024 9:00 am	<ol> <li>ROLL CALL AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER <u>Announcement:</u> There is a current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the door to the meeting room and available at the link listed below.</li> <li>Introduction of New Program Manager-Sean Loving</li> </ol>
Location: State Office Building 301 Centennial Mall South (14 <sup>th</sup> and M Street) Lower Level Goldenrod Room	<ol> <li>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</li> <li>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</li> <li>CLOSED SESSION (approx. 9:15 am) Confidential Information <u>Purpose:</u> To hear discussions of confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals</li> </ol>
Lincoln, Nebraska <u>For Information</u> <u>Contact:</u> Carrie Oldehoeft 402-471-4918 or	<ol> <li>OPEN SESSION (approx. 11:00 am) Application Reviews, Recommendations, and Report Out (mail ballots)</li> <li>UPDATES AND REPORTS:         <ul> <li>a. Legislation</li> <li>b. Jacob Stotler—CEU requirement changes to require training on referral processes and options</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
dhhs.licensure2117@ nebraska.gov	<ul> <li>c. Association and Committee Updates:</li> <li>AASCB <u>http://www.aascb.org</u></li> <li>Counseling Compact <u>https://counselingcompact.org/</u></li> <li>AMFTRB <u>http://www.amftrb.org</u></li> <li>ASWB <u>http://www.aswb.org</u></li> <li>Justice Behavioral Health Committee</li> <li>d. Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, Licensure Statistics, Examination Pass/Fail Report (see agenda for reports)</li> </ul>
	<ol> <li>8. Public Comment</li> <li>9. ADJOURN (Approx. 12:30)</li> </ol>

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All items known at the time of distribution of this agenda are listed. A current agenda is available	2024 Meeting Dates:	
at the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit and	1.5.2024	7.12.2024
https://dhhs.ne.gov/Licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx	1.19.2024	9.6.2024
If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at a meeting, please call	3.1.2024	11.1.2024
(402) 471-2117 (voice), or for persons with hearing impairments, please call the Nebraska Relay	5.3.2024	
System, 711 TDD, prior to the meeting date. Advance notice of seven days is needed when		
requesting an interpreter.		

### Agenda Item 7c Active Licenses:

		SUMMARY COUNT OF LICENSE			
	License Statuses:	Active	Active-Military		
Profession	License Types				
Mental Health Prac	t EO 20-27 Prov Independent MHP License				
	EO 20-27 Prov Mental Health Practitioner				
	Independent Mental Health Practitioner	3,069	2		
	Marriage & Family Therapist	135			
	Master Social Worker	1,271	2		
	Master Social Worker (CMSW)	56			
	Mental Health Practitioner	2,340	5		
	Non-License (Exam applicant only)	18			
	Professional Counselor	1,111	1		
	Provisional Master Social Worker	484			
	Provisional Mental Health Practitioner	1,510			
	Social Worker	656			
	Supervised Marriage & Family Therapist				
	Temporary Cert Marriage Family Therapis				
	Temporary Mental Health Practitioner				
	Grand Total	10.650	10		

## **Examinations:**

EXAMINATION STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT						
Profession: Mental Hea	Ith Practice		Run Date: 02/14/2024			
Date Range: 01/01/2024	to 2/14/2024		Page No: Page 1 of 1			
Exam Battery	Exam Name	Result Status	Number of Candidates per Result Status			
Jurisprudence Exam	Jurisprudence	Pass	1			
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# Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions:

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COMPLIANCE LISTING REPORT						
Profession: Mental Health Practice Action Start Date Range: 01/01/2024 to 02/14/2024				Run Date: 02/14/2024 Page No: Page 1 of 1		
Licensee Name	License No	License Type	License Status	Disciplinary Action	Action Start	Action End
Bollinger, Reginald R	3575	Independent Mental H	Active	Probation	01/31/2024	04/02/2024
Dorsey, Antonia Marie	13370	Provisional Mental He	Active	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	01/04/2024	
Leighty, Amber Nicole	12763	Provisional Mental He	Active	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	02/12/2024	
Orellana, Alma Sandra	12784	Provisional Mental He	Active	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	02/02/2024	
Rolland, Michael Aaron	2250	Mental Health Practitio	Inactive	Probation		

#### These minutes have not been approved by the Board

## MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCING MEETING

**Board of Mental Health Practice** 

January 5, 2024

## 1. ROLL CALL AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Virtual Conferencing Meeting of the Board of Mental Health Practice was called to order by the Chair, Susan Meyerle, at 9:00 a.m. at the at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower-Level Morrill Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web 12.18.2023, and revised on 12.20.2023.

Meyerle stated that there is a current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the door to the meeting room and available at the link listed below on the agenda.

The following members answered roll call:

#### Members Present (9):

Susan Meyerle, Chair Sara Batter, Member Dale Battleson, Secretary Rebecca Czaja-Stevens, Member (in room) Paul Davies, Member (in room) Renea Gernant, Member Janeen Gill, Vice-Chair Scott Stocking, Member (in room) Amanda Milander-Mace, Member (in room)

#### Members Absent (0):

#### **Others Present:**

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General Abby -Assistant Attorney General Anna Harrison, DHHS Compliance Monitor Juliann Lanphier-Willson, DHHS Attorney Clair Covert-ByBee, Program Manager, Licensure Unit

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION**: Stocking moved, seconded by Czaja-Stevens, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

## 3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

**MOTION**: Czaja-Stevens, moved, seconded by Gernant, to adopt the minutes of 12.1.2023 with corrections. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

## 4. CLOSED SESSION - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

**MOTION**: Gill moved, seconded by Batter, to enter into closed session at 9:04 a.m. to hear discussions of a confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

9:05 am Czaja-Stevens exited room9:19 am Czaja-Stevens entered room9:30 am Harrison exited room

9:39am Verbal agreement from all board members to enter into open session.

## 5. <u>OPEN SESSION</u>

Application Reviews, Recommendations, and Report Out

#### **Conviction Reviews:**

## **Reginald Bollinger – Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner:**

**MOTION:** Battleson moved, seconded by Gill, to recommend issuance of the license the same terms as the currently in place on the Mental Health Practitioner and Certified Master Social Worker. Basis current probation. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Meyerle, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: Czaja-Stevens (1). Motion carried.

## Hannah Tangeman - Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner, Licensed Mental Health Practitioner and Master Social Worker:

**MOTION:** Gill moved, seconded by Battleson, to recommend to issuance without any terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

#### 6. Education requirements (172 NAC 94 .007 and 38-2123)

The board discussed what information would need to be submitted to show training equivalency, they would need a detailed syllabus, course description and Instructor bio, verification of course completion and a practicum documentation.

It was suggested that the Department reach out to Veteran Affairs to see what information would be able to be obtained by a service member.

## 7. FAQ review

The board reviewed the current FAQ's and determined no additional information was needed for them at this time. The board was given information from Department legal on who to send questions to when they receive them.

#### **8. Public comment:** No comments

## 9. UPDATES AND REPORTS:

• Legislation 2024

Social Work compact was introduced to legislation (LB822) BY Senator Blood. The board will have a special meeting January 19 to discuss their standing of the bill.

## • Association and Committee Updates:

- AASCB <u>http://www.aascb.org</u> Meyerle reported she would be attending
- Counseling Compact <a href="https://counselingcompact.org/">https://counselingcompact.org/</a>

Meyerle reported she would be attending the January 10 meeting

- AMFTRB <u>http://www.amftrb.org</u> Battleson reported no updates
- ASWB <u>http://www.aswb.org</u> Batter reported ASWB exam is being worked on. March is Social Work Month
- Justice Behavioral Health Committee They have not been meeting
- Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, Licensure Statistics, Examination Pass/Fail Report (see agenda for reports)
   Oldehoeft reported, they are attached no additional information

#### 10. By-Laws

Board discussion, No changes to be made

### 11. <u>Annual Business</u>

Election of Officers

**MOTION**: Battleson moved, seconded by Batter nominate Gill as Chair. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: Meyerle (1). Motion carried.

**MOTION**: Battleson moved, seconded by Gill to nominate Czaja-Stevens as Vice-Chair. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

**MOTION**: Czaja-Stevens moved, seconded by Gill to nominate Batter as Secretary. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

## 12. <u>ADJOURN</u>

Meyerle declared the meeting adjourned at 10:19am; the next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2024.

Sara Batter, Secretary Board of Mental Health Practice Summarized by: Licensure Unit

#### MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING

**Board of Mental Health Practice** 

January 19, 2024

## 1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Mental Health Practice was called to order by the Chair, L. Janeen Gill, at 2:00 p.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level, Goldenrod Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <u>http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx</u>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on 1.8.2024.

Gill stated that there is a current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the door to the meeting room and available at the link listed below on the agenda.

The following members answered roll call:

### Members Present, (8)

Susan Meyerle, Member Dale Battleson, Member Paul Davies, Member Sara Batter, Member, Secretary L Janeen Gill, Member, Chair Rebecca Czaja-Stevens, Member, Vice-Chair Scott Stocking, Member Amanda Milander-Mace, Member

## Members Absent (1):

Renea Gernant, Member

## **Others Present:**

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit Clair Covert-ByBee, Program Manger, Licensure Unit (in room) Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General Juliann Lanphier-Willson, DHHS Attorney

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION**: Czaja-Stevens moved, seconded by Gernant, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gernant (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

2:08 pm Gernant entered call

## 3. Legislation 2024

Board discussion on LB822, the board is in support.

**MOTION**: Czaja-Stevens moved, seconded by Gernant, to recommend Batter represent board at hearing on the bill. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gernant, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

Board discussion on LB932, the board is in opposition.

**MOTION**: Batter moved, seconded by Czaja-Stevens, to recommend Meyerle represent board at hearing on the bill. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gernant, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace,

Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

Board discussion on LB896, the board is in opposition.

**MOTION**: Batter moved, seconded by Battleson, to recommend Stocking represent board at hearing on the bill. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gernant, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

Board discussion on LB896, the board is in opposition.

**MOTION**: Meyerle moved, seconded by Batter, to recommend Gernant represent board at hearing on the bill, via a letter. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gernant, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

### **ADJOURN**

Gill declared the meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm; the next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2024 in person.

Sara Batter, Secretary Board of Mental Health Practice Summarized by: Licensure Unit