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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Mental Health Practice
May 3, 2024

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Mental Health Practice was called to order by the Chair, L. Janeen Gill, at 9:00 am. 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 <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on 4.22.2024 and revisions 4.29.2024

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, (9)

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
Renea Gernant, Member
Susan Meyerle, Member

Members Absent (1):

Adrian Martin, Member

Others Present:

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Sean Loving, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General
Abby Nissen, Assistant Attorney General
Antonio Carranza, DHHS Attorney
Anna Harrison-DHHS Compliance Monitor
Larry Wiehn, Carla Cue, Trevor Klassen -Investigations

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. Introduction of New Program Manager-Sean Loving

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Meyerle moved, seconded by Gernant, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Gernant, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Martin (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

9:06 am Sund, DHHS attorney entered Webex

9:06am Braddock, Licensure Unit Administrator entered room

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: Stocking moved, seconded by Czaja-Stevens, to adopt the minutes. . A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Gernant, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Martin (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

5. CLOSED SESSION - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

MOTION: Battleson moved, seconded by Batter, to enter into closed session at 9:07 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, Gernant, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Martin (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

9:08 am Gill and Czaja-Stevens exited room
9:10 am Meyerson entered room
9:32am Gill and Czaja-Stevens entered room
9:41am Stocking exited room
9:49 am Stocking entered room
9:49 am Klassen exited room
10:07 am Cue exited room
10:16 am Czaja-Stevens exited room
10:17am Czaja-Stevens entered room
10:30 am Board entered break
10:43am Board returned to close session

11:34 am Verbal agreement from all board members to enter open session.

6. OPEN SESSION

Application Reviews, Recommendations, and Report Out

Dennis Vandermause

MOTION: Davis moved, seconded by Meyerle, to recommend issuance of the license with a Limitation for 2-years, no solo practice, no active participation in billing practice, no supervision of other licensees. Basis: Discipline in other jurisdictions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Gernant, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Martin (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

Amanda Crow

MOTION: Meyerle moved, seconded by Czaja-Stevens, to defer recommendation. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Gernant, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Martin (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

Sarah Newcomer:

MOTION: Batter moved, seconded by Gill, to recommend denial of application. Based on failure to meet qualification for licensure. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Gernant, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Martin (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

Raymond Phillips:

MOTION: Batter moved, seconded by Gernant, to recommend issuing the license without terms and conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Gernant, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Martin (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

Oldehoeft reported out that Practice Monitors for Rachel Shum McAlpin has been approved by the board.

7. UPDATES AND REPORTS:

a. Legislation:

Braddock, Loving and Oldehoeft updated the board on the following legislation:
LB896, LB 932, LB1130 and LB822, LB605 and LB1417

Braddock reported LB605 passed regulations, and a special meeting will be held in June. Loving discussed and handed out DRAFT regulation to review prior to June meeting.

12:03pm Gernant exited room

b. Association and Committee Updates:

- AASCB <http://www.aascb.org>
Meyerle update the board the next virtual hang out is May 17.

Gill reported that the Regulatory Summit, requested items to discuss at meeting, board discussion and determined that Supervision, Boundaries and Art Therapy are things that they would like more on.

- Counseling Compact <https://counselingcompact.org/>
Meyerle updated that she is on the committees for Software and Back Grounds and there are currently 34 states active.
- AMFTRB <http://www.amftrb.org>
Battleson reported the annual meeting is in September.

MOTION: Czaja-Stevens, moved, seconded by Gill, to approved funding for Battleson to attend the Annual meeting and be the Nebraska state delegate. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Gernant, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Martin (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

- ASWB <http://www.aswb.org>
Batter updated the board that the Compact did pass.
Loving updated the board that we will begin working on the regulations and that we will have a special meeting June to discuss.
- Justice Behavioral Health Committee
Gill reports no updates or scheduled meetings currently.

c. Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, Licensure Statistics, Examination Pass/Fail Report (see agenda for reports)

8. Questions on interns practicing prior to PLMHP.
At this time there are no option for this to occur.

Oldehoeft did advise that licensee's may apply 30 days prior to graduation, to speed up the process for licensure.

Question on discount of certifications.

ADJOURN

Gill declared the meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm; the next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2024 via virtual (WebEx) meeting.