

MINUTES

UTAH Clinical Mental Health Counselor Licensing Board MEETING

September 23, 2015
Room 474 - 4th floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:10 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:10 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Dane Ishihara
Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Jason H. King, Ph.D., Chairperson via phone
Ruth A. Baxter, Vice Chairperson
Kenneth Roach
Travis Manning
Jerri Sena

DOPL Staff:

Susan Higgs, Compliance Specialist
Carly Valdez, Licensing Specialist

Guests:

A.J. Metz, U of U
Colleen Sandor, Westminster College
Uma Dorn, U of U
Chad Steur, Attorney
Alexandra Clark-Ditulla

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes dated June 24, 2015. Ms. Sena made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Compliance Report:

Ms. Higgs, Compliance Specialist

1. Ms. Sandy Brooke is a new probationer. Ms. Brooke's probation term is May 28, 2015 to May 28, 2017. She submitted a practice plan. When Ms. Brooke came to the Board meeting in June, she did not meet with the Board. She has not contacted Ms. Higgs since that meeting.
2. Ms. Julie Ann Berg is in compliance with her

stipulation. She submitted employer reports for July and August from Odyssey House. She changed employment; however, we do not know where she is working. She has had two negative UAs, and missed three check ins.

4. Ms. Bonnie Warenski is in compliance with her stipulation. She submitted supervisor reports for February, June and September. Her essay has not been approved.

Sandy Brooke, new probation interview

Ms. Brooke met with the Board. Her attorney, Mr. Chad Steur, was with her. Mr. Manning conducted the interview. Ms. Brooke reviewed the reasons her license was placed on probation. She provided mental health therapy to a female client and authored a letter to the court regarding custody recommendations. She failed to verify the accuracy of facts. The Board briefly reviewed the UMHCA Professional Code of Ethics with Ms. Brooke. The Board asked Ms. Brooke to submit a letter regarding what she has learned regarding her violations. The Board wants to her include the following:

1. Ethical boundaries;
2. How biases can be involved; and
3. The importance of a third party evaluator.

The Board reminded her that she has until the end of May 2016 to complete the CE requirement and then she has 30 days to submit her essay. The Board asked to see Ms. Brooke December 2, 2015. **Ms. Brooke is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Julie Ann Berg, probation interview

Ms. Berg met with the Board. Ms. Sena conducted the interview. Ms. Berg stated she continues working at the Salt Lake County Metro Jail one day a week. She is also working at Steps Recovery, Tuesday through Saturday. She emailed her stipulation to her supervisor, Cory Dennis, LCSW, and will meet with him next week. Ms. Berg stated that she is working 40 hours a week at Steps Recovery and is enjoying it. Her support system includes reaching out to coworkers & supervisors. She exercises and keeps busy. Ms. Berg stated she missed the check ins when she was out of town and then when her daily pattern had changed. Since then she has consistently been checking in. The Board asked to see Ms. Berg December 2, 2015. **Ms.**

Berg is in compliance with her stipulation.

Bonnie Warenski, probation interview

Ms. Warenski met with the Board for her probation interview. Ms. Baxter conducted the interview. Ms. Warenski stated that things are going well. Her son continues to improve. The Board encouraged Ms. Warenski to contact the national alliance on mental illness with brain injuries for information and support. Ms. Warenski's continues meeting with her supervisor. The Board reviewed Ms. Warenski's essay. Mr. Manning made a motion to accept her essay as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roach and carried unanimously. The Board noted that Ms. Warenski's probation term ends April 9, 2016. The Board asked to see Ms. Warenski March 15, 2016.
Ms. Warenski is in compliance with her stipulation.

Anastasia Pollock, CMHC, request for additional supervisees.

Ms. Pollock met with the Board. The Board reviewed Ms. Pollock's request for additional supervisees. She sees 15 clients and has 25 hours available for supervision and other duties as needed. She usually supervises 3 supervisees. This will be the first time she will supervise 4. There are two other fully licensed individuals in the agency to consult with. Dr. King made a motion to approve her request for one additional supervisee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roach and carried unanimously.

Sara Remaley, review qualifications for licensure

The Board had questions for Ms. Remaley and because she failed to keep her appointment with the Board tabled her application until she contacts Mr. Ishihara.

Melissa Campbell, review education for ACMHC license

Ms. Campbell met with the Board. Ms. Baxter conducted the interview. The Board reviewed Ms. Campbell's internship hours. Ms. Baxter stated she feels she met the internship hours. The Board approved her extern license.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. CACREP degree need for licensure (tabled from March meeting)

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Loose regarding changing the Utah education requirement to a CACREP degree only for Utah licensure. Ms. A.J. Metz, Ms. Colleen Sandor, and Ms. Uma Dorn participated in this discussion. Dr. King noted that there are external forces putting pressure on the community, across the nation,

including State Licensing Boards, to require their education programs, in clinical mental health, be CACREP accredited only. Counselors will not be able to work in government jobs, ie. VA Hospital, unless their degree is CACREP. This limits their portability or employment. NBCC has indicated that by 2020 only applicants with CACREP education will be allowed to take the NCMHCE exam. Ms. Dorn, Ms. Sandor and Ms. Metz expressed concern that currently NBCC will grandfather educators into the CACREP program; however, during renewal of the program educators are required to obtain the State CMHC license. The Board tabled this discussion to a future meeting.

2. Draft rule – H.B. 52

The Board reviewed the proposed draft regarding H.B. 52, Mental Health Professional Practice Amendments. Mr. Ishihara noted that this language change clarifies the deficiency in the education requirement when the extern license may be issued. Mr. Ishihara will draft language for the Board to review.

3. Proposal to change the date of the December Board meeting

The Board moved the December Board meeting to December 2nd.

4. Review 2016 Board meeting and consider proposal to move meetings

The Board meetings for 2016 have been moved to Wednesdays, i.e.: March 15, June 21, September 20, and December 6.

BOARD MEETINGS:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2015

2015 Board meetings tentatively scheduled:
December 2

2016 Board meetings tentatively scheduled:
March 15, June 21, September 20, December 6

Motion to adjourn at 12:10 P.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

12/2/15
Date Approved

(ss) [Signature]
Chairperson, Utah Clinical Mental Health Counselor
Licensing Board

12-2-15
Date Approved

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing