

MINUTES

UTAH Clinical Mental Health Counselor Licensing Board MEETING

June 24, 2015
Room 474 - 4th floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:03 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:00 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Dane Ishihara
Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Jason H. King, Ph.D., Chairperson
Ruth A. Baxter, Vice Chairperson
Rodger Bischoff
Travis Manning
Jerri Sena

DOPL Staff:

Susan Higgs, Compliance Specialist
Ben Baker, DOPL Investigator

Introductions:

Mr. Baker introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Baker is the DOPL investigator assigned to the mental health professions.

Guests:

None

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes dated March 17, 2015. Ms. Sena made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Mr. Bischoff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Compliance Report:

Ms. Higgs, Compliance Specialist

1. Ms. Sandy Brooke, new probation interview. Her license was issued in December 2005. Ms. Brooke provided mental health therapy to a female client from about 2006 to 2014 and provided several letters on behalf of the client to the court containing custody recommendations. She failed to verify accuracy of the facts.

Discussion:

She needs to complete continuing education hours. The Board needs to decide how many hours she needs to complete.

2. Ms. Julie Ann Berg, new probation interview. She has not submitted a probation plan. July 7, 2005 Ms. Berg was convicted on two counts of acquiring a CS by RX alteration, Class A misdemeanor. She was on probation while practicing as a SUDC from October 2010 to October 2013.

4. Ms. Amber Maldonado, probation interview. She submitted March and June supervisor report. Her essay was submitted, however, there are no notes indicating the Board had reviewed the report. Ms. Maldonado submitted a written request for early termination of probation. She also submitted a letter of support from supervisor.

Discussion:

The Board reviewed her essay.

APPOINTMENTS:

Sandy Brooke, new probation interview

It was decided to reschedule Ms. Brooke's appointment with the Board. **She is compliant with her stipulation.**

Julie Ann Berg, new probation interview

Ms. Berg met with the Board. Ms. Sena conducted the interview. Ms. Berg reviewed the circumstances that placed her license on probation. She was convicted on two counts of acquiring a controlled substance by altering a prescription, class A misdemeanor. She saw a therapist for six months. She has been clean for two years and three months. She works at the Salt Lake County Metro Jail, through Odyssey House. She finished her Master's degree. She is now working on her supervised hours. Her Supervisor is Ms. Cami Clark. She knows Ms. Berg's ACMHC license is on probation and has reviewed her stipulation. The Board asked to see Ms. Berg September 23, 2015. **Ms. Berg is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Amber Maldonado, probation interview

Ms. Maldonado met with the Board. Mr. Bischoff conducted the interview. Ms. Maldonado stated she is married now. She is currently working at Cottonwood Hospital. They are in the process of closing the

hospital and she is finding it difficult to find employment. Once prospective employers know her CMHC license is on probation, they decline to hire her. The Board noted that her probation term is 12/17/2013 to 12/17/2016. She has completed over half of her probation term. The Board reviewed Ms. Maldonado's letters from her colleagues supporting early termination of her probation. The Board reviewed Ms. Maldonado letter to the Board requesting termination of her probation. Mr. Bischoff motioned to recommend early termination of her probation, because she has been in compliance since she started probation and she has completed half of her probation term. Ms. Sena seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tamara Ollerton, ACMHC application review

Ms. Ollerton met with the Board to review her ACMHC application and education. Ms. Ollerton's education is a Masters level music therapist. The Board decided Ms. Ollerton does not meet the education requirements for a CMHC license based on the following deficiencies in her education:

- a. Professional orientation and ethical practice
- b. Social and cultural diversity
- c. Career development
- d. Helping relationships
- e. Substance use disorders
- f. Psychometric test theory
- g. Assessment of mental status
- h. Research and evaluation
- i. For her practicum and internship we need to know the license type and number of her site supervisor for the 1,200 hours earned and the 1,040 hours earned – at both locations. We also need to verify that she conducted assessments of clients and formulated DSM disorder diagnoses.

The Board encouraged Ms. Ollerton to take the NCMHCE exam and provide the Board with her score before taking any college level courses.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

The Board reviewed the announcement from NBCC regarding the change in the education requirement for applicants taking the NCE and NCMHCE exams. The Board tabled this discussion until the September 2015 Board meeting, giving Mr. Ishihara time to invite the Utah CMHC program representatives.

2. Move the September Board meeting to September 16

The Board decided to move the Board meeting scheduled for September 16 to September 23.

3. NBCC Conference, August 2015

The Division received information from NBCC that there will not be a conference in August 2015.

4. Discussion of proposed rule filing

Mr. Ishihara reviewed HB 209 with the Board. This statute change requires all health care applicants to obtain suicide prevention education before licensure and as a part of their continuing education hour requirement. This becomes effective July 1, 2015. The Division will require it starting in 2016.

BOARD MEETINGS:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2015

2015 Board meetings tentatively scheduled:
December 15

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

Motion to adjourn at 12:00 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.

9-23-15
Date Approved

(ss) Paula Baxter
Chairperson, Utah Clinical Mental Health Counselor
Licensing Board

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Date Approved

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &

Professional Licensing