

MINUTES

UTAH MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST LICENSING BOARD MEETING

September 11, 2015

Room 474, 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:18 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 11:32 A.M.

Bureau Manager:

Dane Ishihara

Board Secretary:

Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Scot M. Allgood, Ph. D., Chairperson
Elaine Reintjes
Alan Springer, Ph.D.
Veon G. Smith, DSW, Acting Chairperson
Adam Munk, Ph.D.

DOPL Staff Present:

Susan Higgs, Compliance Specialist
Carly Valdez, Licensing Specialist

Guests:

There were no guests

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes dated June 12, 2015. Dr. Munk made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith and carried unanimously.

Compliance Report:

#1. Ms. Debbie Moon is in compliance with her stipulation. She submitted supervisor reports for June, July and August. She submitted additional MFT specific CEUs and her essay.

#2. Ms. Debra Washburn is in compliance with her stipulation. She will not meet with the Board because she is traveling out of state.

#3. Mr. Denim Slade is in compliance with his stipulation. He submitted his quarterly supervisor report. He submitted a letter requesting early termination of probation as directed by the Board. Also submitted a letter of support from his supervisor.

APPOINTMENTS:

Ms. Debbie Moon, probation interview

Ms. Moon met with the Board for her probation interview. Dr. Munk conducted the interview. Ms. Moon stated things are going well. She is currently seeing 15 to 20 clients a week. Her supervision with Dr. Erwin is going well too. She completed two CE courses regarding forensic boundaries and dual relationships. She learned about her limitations and scope of practice as a therapist. She learned that boundaries are in place to keep the therapist and client safe. In the future, if she has any concerns, she will consult with colleagues or contact the Division, before proceeding. Dr. Smith made a motion for Ms. Moon to write an addendum to her essay. The motion was seconded by Dr. Munk and carried unanimously. The Board asked to see Ms. Moon December 11, 2015.
Ms. Moon is in compliance with her stipulation.

Ms. Debra Washburn, probation interview

Ms. Washburn is unable to keep her appointment with the Board because she is traveling out of state.

Mr. Denim Slade, probation interview

At 9:51 AM, Dr. Springer made a motion to close the Board meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith and carried unanimously. There were no written notes. A recording was not made. The Board meeting opened at 10:09 A.M.

Mr. Slade met with the Board for his probation interview. Mr. Slade stated things are going well. He has learned a lot about boundaries, their importance and the value of collaborating with colleagues. Mr. Slade stated he feels this situation has been taken care of and is now becoming punitive. The Board reviewed Mr. Slade's request for early termination of his probation and his letter to the victim. The Board noted that he has not addressed the potential or real harm to the victim. The Board would like Mr. Slade to write a letter to the victim, send it to the Board and then review the letter with his therapist. The Board does not want Mr. Slade to send this letter to the victim. The Board wants him to recognize his role and the nature of the harm he caused. Dr. Smith made a motion to require the above letter. Dr. Munk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board noted that his next supervisor report is due

November 20, 2015 and would like Mr. Slade to have his supervisor to include more information to the Board. He was encouraged to have his supervisor use the report forms on the Division website. The Board asked to see Mr. Slade December 11, 2015. **Mr. Slade is in compliance with his stipulation.**

Mr. Robert Bagley, request for MFT license

At 10:25 Dr. Smith made a motion to close the meeting to close the Board meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The motion was seconded by Dr. Springer and carried unanimously. The Board meeting opened at 10:43 A.M.

Mr. Bagley met with the Board regarding his request for approval of an MFT license. Mr. Bagley stated that things are going well. He is currently working for a software company. The Board reviewed Mr. Bagley's letter to the Board, his letter from Dr. Chamberlain and his victim impact letter. Mr. Bagley stated he reviewed the letter with his therapist. The Board expressed concerns with this letter. The Board advised Mr. Bagley that the Board could not support his application for licensure. The Board is not sure what more he could do to make a difference and feels he should consider a career in another field. If he is going to pursue a MFT license, he may want to consider seeing a new therapist.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Draft rule HB 52

Mr. Ishihara reviewed H.B.52, Mental Health Professional Practice Act Amendments with the Board. This bill amends provisions for an externship license issued under the Social Worker Licensing Act, the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act, or the Clinical Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act. The Board needs to define what deficiencies are appropriate when issuing an extern license. Currently the statute indicates "one or more deficiencies". The change removes "one or more deficiencies." The new language reads "a deficiency, as defined by division rule, in coursework. Mr. Ishihara indicated the Board will need to clearly define what deficiencies are acceptable. The Board listed some deficiencies. Mr. Ishihara will draft language for the Board to review at the next Board meeting.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

2015 Board meetings scheduled:
December 11

2016 Board meeting tentatively scheduled:
March 11, June 10, September 9, December 9

ADJOURN:

The Board adjourned at 11:32 A.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.

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Date Approved

Scott Allgood

Chairperson, Utah Marriage and Family Therapist
Licensing Board

12/11/15

Date Approved

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing