

## MINUTES

### UTAH Clinical Mental Health Counselor Licensing Board MEETING

March 19, 2013

Room 475 - 4<sup>th</sup> floor – 9:00 A.M.  
Heber M. Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

**CONVENED:** 9:05 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 2:20 P.M.

**Bureau Manager:**

Richard J. Oborn

**Board Secretary:**

Lee Avery

**Board Members Present:**

Jason H. King, Ph.D. Chairperson  
Ruth A. Baxter, Assistant Chairperson  
Jerri Sena

**Board Members Absent:**

Dee Zarkos  
Rodger Bischoff

**Guests:**

Kent Murphy, Idaho Society of Individual Psychology

#### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

#### DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

**MINUTES:**

The Board reviewed the minutes dated December 18, 2013. Ms. Sena motioned to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Ms. Baxter. The motion carried unanimously.

**Compliance Report:**

#1. Mr. John Washington is in compliance with his stipulation. The Board needs to review his supervisor reports for March and his therapy report. He did retake the exam in February 2013.

#2. Ms. Jodi Hildebrandt is in compliance with her stipulation. The Board needs to review December, January and February supervisor reports. Review CE, to be completed by 1/27/13 and her essay.

#### Discussion:

The Board reviewed her essay and noted that it was written very well. She talked about consultation,

She failed to understand the unprofessional conduct involved. She submitted a proposed supervisor CV and submitted her probation plan.

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

John Washington, probation interview

Mr. Washington met with the Board for his probation interview. Ms. Sena conducted the interview. Mr. Washington stated things are going well. Work has picked up and he is doing more evaluations. He has some study material and requested additional material for the CMHC exam. He hopes to take the test in April or May. The Board noted that his reports have been received and are positive. Mr. Washington stated that he enjoys walking and takes the bus because he is not able to drive. Mr. Washington stated he feels calmer and more focused now. His wife's health is improving. He continues with therapy and counseling. In the next year, he hopes to have both exams passed and his CMHC license issued. The Board asked to see Mr. Washington in June 4, 2013. **Mr. Washington is in compliance with his stipulation.**

Jodi Hildebrandt, probation interview

Ms. Hildebrandt met with the Board. Mr. King conducted the interview. Ms. Hildebrandt stated things are going well. She continues to deal with the issues of the stalker who has come to her home. Ms. Hildebrandt stated she is setting her own personal boundaries. She is being proactive in obtaining the appropriate releases. She is working to stay current on the laws by interacting with people who know what the current laws are and reviewing them herself. The Board encouraged Ms. Hildebrandt to look at the written ethical standards, case studies and contact the state and national chapters as well as those within her community for input. She should also review the pros and cons with the client before she releases information. The Board noted Ms. Hildebrandt has completed her continuing education requirement. The Board reviewed her essay and felt it was done very well. The Board noted Ms. Hildebrandt's probation is for one year and is scheduled to end July 27, 2013. The Board encouraged her to come to the next Board meeting prepared with letters indicating why she feels she should be released from probation. She needs to have her supervisor include a note stating she supports Ms. Hildebrandt termination from probation. The

Gregory Hood, probation interview

The Board tried to contact Mr. Hood, via telephone, due to his illness. The Board telephoned him at 11:30 A.M. but he did not answer. The Board telephoned him a second time at 11:40 A.M. but he did not answer.

Ms. Baxter made a motion to recommend the Division revoke his license due to non-compliance, him being unavailable for meeting, and because the Board felt he misrepresented facts regarding the criminal charges filed against him. He has not been in compliance with his stipulation. Ms. Higgs had to contact him for all documents needed for the Board. In addition, the Board was concerned about how he misrepresented his credentials (i.e. when he started working at a yoga facility, teaching yoga, he indicated in the flyer that he was licensed as a LPC). He failed to be in compliance with the AMHCA Code of Ethics. Seconded by Ms. Sena and carried unanimously. Ms. Baxter added to the above motion that if there is a conviction of the criminal charges, his license is immediately revoked, seconded by Ms. Sena. The motion was carried unanimously. The Board noted that if he submits a written response, the Board would like to see it.

Board called Mr. Hood again at 2:06 P.M. He was advised that there were details about his arrest that he failed to share with the Board. The Board's concern is that he minimizes information and this reflects a lack of personal responsibility. Ms. Higgs has had to reach out to him many times to obtain his documents for the Board. At this time, the Board feels the Board and Division are working harder on his probation than he is. The Board advised Mr. Hood that when he signed the stipulation, he indicated he would adhere to the AMHCA Code of Ethics. It is the Board's opinion that he is avoiding or minimizing his actions and not seeking to move forward. He became intoxicated and indiscriminately discharged a firearm. The Board has recommended to the Division to revoke his license. Mr. Hood was advised that he will receive a notice from the Division, regarding the allegations and will need to respond in writing within 30 days of receiving an order to show cause. **Mr. Hood is not in compliance with his stipulation because he was not available for his interview when the Board called**

areas listed in her stipulation. The Board asked her to send the link to Ms. Higgs. Ms. Sena motioned to accept both the supervisor and ethics course, seconded by Ms. Baxter.

The Board asked to see Ms. Spangler June 4, 2013.

**Ms. Spangler is in compliance with her stipulation.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Annual investigation report

Ms. Thorell gave the Board a handout and reviewed the annual investigations report for 2012 with the Board.

2. Consideration of acceptable locations for completion of 4,000 hours of supervised experience needed for CMHC license

The Board reviewed the letter from Ms. Dawn Sheen requesting the Board's consideration of acceptable locations for completion of 4,000 hours of supervised experience required for the CMHC license. Ms. Sheen is employed by the school district where she works as a school psychologist. As a result, she is exempt from needing to be licensed by DOPL. The school district makes sure school psychologists meet the schools training and experience requirements. Ms. Sheen is an ACMHC and works part time for Davis Behavioral Health.

The Board reviewed R156-60c 102

*(2) "Practicum" means:*

*(a) one or more courses completed as part of a program at an accredited school:*

*(i) in a public or private agency engaged in the clinical practice of mental health therapy as defined in Subsection 58-60-102(7); and*

*(ii) under supervision provided by a qualified mental health training supervisor as defined in Section R156-60c-401.*

The Board questioned if a school engages in mental health therapy and determined that based on information submitted they do not. Ms. Sena made a motion to not allow the hours be included from her position in the school to count towards the clinical mental health requirement used towards licensure. The motion was seconded by Ms. Baxter and carried unanimously.

3. Continued consideration of proposal to increase number of CE hours acceptable to complete via distance learning methods from 6 to 10

The Board discussed the consideration of a proposal to increase number of CE hours acceptable to complete via distance learning methods from 6 hours to 10 hours. Mr. Oborn noted that the LCSW Board is considering up to 15 hours, the MFT Board is considering up to 15 hours, the Psychologists Board is

her drug/alcohol addiction.

9. Scheduling of 2013 Board meetings

The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2013, location to be determined.

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

The next Board meeting June 4, 2013.

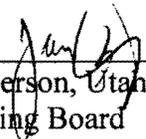
**2013 Board meetings have been scheduled:**

June 4, September 17, December 3.

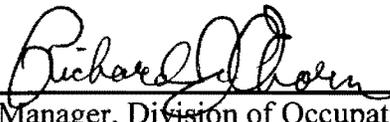
Motion to adjourn at 2:20 P.M.

*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.*

7/10/13  
Date Approved

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Chairperson, Utah Clinical Mental Health Counselor  
Licensing Board

7/11/13  
Date Approved

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &  
Professional Licensing