

Open Session Teleconference Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

December 9, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present

Blake Stephenson, BCBA

Natalia Indrasari, MFT

Kevin Allemagne, MFT

Amy Mooney, MHC

Cody Samec, MHC

Echo Kent, MFT

Kerry Lust, Public Member

Ramona Wink

David Wolter, Public Member

Members Absent

Laura Wilcke, BCBA

Staff Present

Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief

Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General

Tony Alden, Board Executive

Beth Jorgenson, Discipline Administrator

Vicky Winter-Clearman, Assistant to Board Administration,

Public Present

Sandra Conlin, Lobbyist Tanager Place

Courtney Ackerson, Past President IMHCA

Jennifer Becker, LMHC

Joan Tamara, Temporary Licensed Mental Health Counselor

Larry Jackson, Temporary Licensed Mental Health Counselor

Emily Piper, Lobbyist, AAMFT, IMHCA

Introductions

Were made by the Board members and staff present

3/10/20223/10/2022 2:20:56 PM

Approval of Open Session Minutes September 9, 2021

Stephenson moved approval of the September 9, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. A second was received by Samec. Abstained, Kent and Wink, all other ayes,, nays none, motion carried.

Reports

Board Executive Report – Administrative Update

Alden reported the AASCB is seeking feedback for CACREP standards. He noted comments are due on December 31, 2021. Alden stated a link for response is available via email in the Board documents.

AAG Report

AAG Steffensmeier reported on the Cucatera Supreme Court decision. She said the investigative information is redacted from public documents.

Requests

Request to waive 645 IAC 31.7(1)(f) regarding supervision plans—Joan Tamara
Ms. Tamara introduced herself to the Board. She briefly reviewed her employment history. Ms. Tamara requested inclusion of supervised hours she attained in December of 2018 after graduation from her masters' program, but prior to passing the national examination in 2020.

Alden reviewed the waiver criteria.

Wink recused herself from the discussion.

Indrasari moved the Board deny the request to waive 645 IAC 31.7(1)(f) regarding supervision plans – Joan Tamara. A second was received by Kent. Recused, Wink, all other ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Request for alternate supervisor approval – Angela Erickson
Board consensus is for approval of the proposed psychologist as an alternate supervisor.,

Mooney moved the Board approve the request for alternate supervisor of Angela Erickson. A second was received by Samec. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Discussion of authorizing administrative approval for alternate supervisor requests.

Alden reviewed the Board's preference in potentially referring administrative approval of an alternate secondary supervisor, such as a psychologist.

Allemagne noted the Board's preference in evaluating whether a proposed supervisor's academic and clinical expertise supports the proposed supervision.

Samec recused himself from discussion of the following and departed from the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Request to waiver 645 IAC 31.3(1)(c) regarding exam requirements for full licensure – Jessica Bedard

The Board reviewed the documents included in the meeting materials.

Mooney moved the Board deny the request to waive 634 IAC 31.3(1)(c) regarding exam requirements for full licensure for Jessica Bedard. A second was received by Kent. Recused none, all other ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Applications

Larry Jackson, Jr. Supervisor Review

Mr. Jackson introduced himself to the Board. The Board reviewed the documents included in the meeting materials.

Mr. Jackson reviewed his background in community service, real estate and part time clinical mental health counseling.

In response to Mooney's inquiry, Mr. Jackson noted he has not yet passed the national examination.

In response to Kent's inquiry, Mr. Jackson noted he is not currently under supervision or providing mental health counselling, having recently moved back to Dubuque for his daughter's health. He clarified he is currently offering life coaching to five individuals.

In response to Allemagne's inquiry, Mr. Jackson noted the difference between coaching and counseling is there is no diagnosis or assessment. He stated he is not certified in life coaching but as a former pastor, many of his clients seek spiritual support as well.

Board consensus is to table the supervision review of Larry Jackson, Jr.

The Board recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

Sarah Jones – Appeal of CCE education evaluation

The Board reviewed the documents included in the meeting materials.

Mooney moved the Board deny the appeal of CCE education evaluation for Sarah Jones. A second was received by Allemagne. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Administrative Rules

Proposed Notice of Intended Action to promulgate joint supervision rule changes between the Board of Social Work and the Board of Behavioral Science (implementing HF891)

Alden referred to the documents included in the meeting materials. He briefly reviewed the stated opposition to the Board's proposed rules on 4,000 hours, which was changed to 3,000 as well as direct observation hours was changed to observed or recorded. The number of supervisors a supervisee may have was increased to four.

Ms. Ackerson spoke on the implemented changes as the increase in the number of “steps” required for licensure and supervision, which was not the intent in combining the rules.

Allemagne noted the proposed rules are a compromise. He said the Board is seeing an increase in the number of supervision issues and reducing requirements is a protection of the public.

Kent stated her agreement.

Ms. Emily Piper inquired as to the effective date of the proposed rules for individuals. Alden noted the proposed rules must follow the administrative rules process. He said the earliest effective date would be six months from now.

Steffensmeier noted the increased requirement is in the directly observed supervision hours.

Stephenson moved the Board approve the proposed Notice of Intended Action to Promulgate Supervision Rule Changes between the Board of Social Work and the Board of Behavioral Science (Implementing HF891) as discussed. A second was received by Kent. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Closed Session

Stephenson moved the Board go into closed session at 10:43 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a), to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings,. A second was received by Kent. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Wink- Aye

Allemagne – Aye

Stephenson – Aye

Indrasari – Aye

Lust- Aye

Kent-Aye

Allemagne - Aye

Mooney – Aye

Samec – Aye

Wolter- Aye

Motion Carried.

Return to Open Session

Vote on any items discussed in closed session requiring final action

The Board returned to open session at 1:09 p.m.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2021

Stephenson moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes of September 9, 2021 as presented. A second was received by Indrasari. Abstained Wink and Kent, all other ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Allemagne moved the Board close 21-0156 and 21-0107. A second was received by Stephenson. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Mooney moved the Board approve the Combined Statement of Charges Settlement Agreement and Final Order in 19-0137, 19-0237. A second was received by Kent. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Mooney moved the Settlement Agreement and Final Order in 21-0014. A second was received by Kent. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Mooney moved the Board approve the Release from Probation in 14-0136. A second was received by Kent. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Mooney moved the Board close 21-0032 and 21-0178. A second was received by Kent. Recused Winkler, all other ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Stephenson moved the Board close 21-0334. A second was received by Kent. Recused Allemagne, all other ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Future Board Meetings

March 10, 2022

Adjournment

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:42 p.m. on a motion by Wink and a second by Kent. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.