

MINUTES

**UTAH
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST
LICENSING BOARD MEETING**

May 31, 2013

**Room 210, 2nd Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:03 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:30 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Richard J. Oborn
Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

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

DOPL Staff Present:

Susan Higgs, Compliance Specialist
Dee Thorell, DOPL Investigator

Update regarding Board vacancy

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that the individual recently appointed to the Board was unable to keep the appointment due to changes in his schedule. The Division is looking for a new appointment.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes dated March 15, 2013. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Springer and carried unanimously.

Compliance Report:

#1. Lawrence Bradley is in compliance with his stipulation. He submitted a supervisor report for April and has started working in the field. The Board may want to inquire how is the custom CE course coming?

#2. Richard Passoth is in compliance with his

stipulation. He submitted a CV for Dr. Valerie Hale and requested she be his supervisor. He submitted 2 supervisor reports from Dr. Hale and certificates for the CE courses he attended.

#3. Deanna Gallagher is a new probationer. The Board reviewed Ms. Gallagher's stipulation.

APPOINTMENTS:

Lawrence Bradley, probation interview

Mr. Bradley's interview was scheduled to be conducted via telephone.

9:45 A.M. Mr. Bradley did not answer his phone.

11:59 A.M. Mr. Bradley did not answer his phone.

Mr. Bradley is not in compliance with his stipulation

Richard Passoth, probation interview

Mr. Passoth met with the Board. Mr. Smith conducted the interview. Mr. Passoth stated he feels he completed all of the required ethics and submitted the documentation. These hours were completed before his probation started and the Board has opted to not accept them for his probation. He may use these hours towards the renewal of his license. Mr. Passoth stated he completed two additional courses since he last met with the Board. Mr. Passoth stated he is meeting with his supervisor, Dr. Valerie Hale, once a month. He met with her 5 times, 2 times since she was approved by the Board for his supervisor. Mr. Passoth stated he feels he has learned everything he needs to and has completed the supervision requirement in his stipulation. He does not see the value of continuing with supervision and wants to move on. The Board noted that his probation started November 2012 and is scheduled to end November 2013. The Board does not feel his probation with should be terminated at this time. The Board would like Dr. Hale to document the areas reviewed in their meetings and keep the supervision specific to the violations in his stipulation. Dr. Passoth stated he is moving to Colorado and is considering surrendering his license. He was advised that until he does surrender his license, he needs to continue meeting the terms of his probation, i.e. meeting with his supervisor, monthly, and completing his continuing education hours. Mr. Smith made a motion that if Mr. Passoth is going to continue his license beyond July 2013, the Board wants a letter

from his Supervisor, Dr. Hale, detailing what has been discussed in his specific cases. The motion was seconded by Dr. Springer and carried unanimously. The Board asked to see Mr. Passoth September 13, 2013. **Mr. Passoth is in compliance with his stipulation.**

Robert Bagley, applicant interview

Discussion:

Mr. Oborn reviewed the violations the Division had with Mr. Bagley before his license expired in February 2009. Mr. Bagley's application in Alaska was denied in March 2010. Mr. Bagley applied for reinstatement of his Utah license in 2013.

Mr. Bagley met with the Board. Mr. Smith motioned to close the Board meeting at 10:35 A.M. to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The motion was seconded by Dr. Springer. There were no written notes taken. There was no recording made. The Board meeting opened at 11:05 A.M.

Dr. Springer made a motion to deny the application Mr. Bagley submitted and for him to obtain a year of personal therapy with someone who is recognized by the Arizona Board with specific reports on decision making including religion, boundary issues, transference, counter transference, and at the end of the year, ask for another psyche. evaluation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

Deanna Gallagher, new probation interview

Ms. Gallagher met with the Board. Dr. Springer conducted the interview. Board introduced itself. Ms. Gallagher reviewed the violations that placed her license on probation. She allowed boundaries to be crossed and confided in a partner about a client. Ms. Gallagher stated that she is in therapy and has developed a good support system. The Board expressed concern that she does not recognize the risks to her friend when she changed the dynamics of their relationship from therapeutic to a friendship. The Board wants her to be able to identify and articulate what these risks are. She needs to take an ethics course and write report, with a clearly written statement, detailing what it is about dual relationships

that are harmful. The Board encouraged Ms. Gallagher to contact AAMFT or NASW regarding continuing education courses specific to her violations. The Board noted that all continuing education courses need to be preapproved by the Board. These need to be submitted to Ms. Higgs as soon as possible. Ms. Gallagher proposed Ms. Lynn Clark Burnson, LMFT, St. George, as her supervisor. Before approving Ms. Brunson, the Board requested she submit additional information regarding Ms. Brunson's supervision experience. This information is not listed in her CV. Mr. Smith motioned to approve the written plan submitted, seconded by Ms. Reintjes. The motion was carried unanimously. The Board asked to see Ms. Gallagher September 13, 2013. **Ms. Gallagher is in compliance with her stipulation.**

DISCUSSION:

1. Update regarding proposed changes to Utah Admin. Code R156-60 promoted by bills passed during 2013 General Legislative Session

Mr. Oborn reviewed the update regarding proposed changes to Utah Admin. Code R156-60 promoted by bills passed during 2013 General Legislative Session. The legislative change allows the Division and Board to define direct supervision via remote, real time methods in the rule. Mr. Oborn noted that the Boards are moving to require this type of supervision be preapproved and will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Mr. Smith made a motion to support the proposed rule changes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reintjes and carried unanimously.

2. Additional proposed rule amendments

Mr. Oborn advised the Board additional rule amendments will need to include updating the AAMFT Code of Ethics. The current rule indicates 2001. This has been updated by AAMFT to 2012.

3. UAMFT proposals

UAMFT had questions regarding the definition of an employee. Mr. Oborn will send out an email/letter to all licensed MFTs clarifying that an employee needs to be a W-2 employee.

4. Application review

The Board reviewed the application submitted by Ms. Amanda Nelson and determined she could be issued an AMFT extern license. This will allow her time to meet the educational requirements for the MFT license.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None at this time.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

The Board next meeting is scheduled for September

13, 2013

2013 Board meetings tentatively scheduled

September 13.

The Board will discuss rescheduling the December 13, 2013 Board meeting at a later date.

ADJOURN:

The Board adjourned at 12:30 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.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Marriage and Family Therapist
Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing

Waiting for formal approval