

**MEETING MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND
CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS MINUTES**

DATE: May 31, 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Center
Poplar Room, 665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:** Susan Hammonds-White, Ed.D. LPC/MHSP, Chair
Kimberly Speakman, LPC/MHSP
Shelly Steel, MFT
Howard Nelson, CPT
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Vanessa Hayes, Board Administrator
Nathaniel Flinchbaugh, Advisory Attorney
LaTonya Shelton, ASA 3

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 9:13. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Minutes

Upon review of the March 8, 2019 minutes, Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Steel, to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Office of Investigations Report

Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator, stated there are five (6) new open complaints for LPC's and five (5) new complaints for MFT's year to date.

Office of General Counsel Report

Mr. Flinchbaugh stated that currently, the Office of General Counsel has four (4) open cases. There is one (1) Consent Orders ready for the Boards review.

Consent Order

John Danley, LPC-MHSP license # 2863. Respondent was employed by Cornerstone in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Danley treated a patient in early 2017 and engaged in a sexual relationship with this patient from November 2017 until February 2018. The discipline in the Consent Order states he voluntary surrender his license and pay costs not to exceed \$1,000.00, payable within 24 months. He must also submit quarterly reports to disciplinary coordinator. Also, costs shall be assessed but not exceed \$1,000.00. This cost must be paid within twenty-

four (24) months of this consent order. Ms. Speakman made a motion to accept the Consent Order, seconded by Dr. Nelson. All was favor and the motion carried.

Agreed Citation

Abby Utter was issued an Agreed Citation for practicing on a lapsed license for four (4) months after the time she had available to renew. She was assessed a Civil Penalty in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) which is paid in full. Ms. Speakman made a motion to accept the Agreed Citation as written and Ms. Steel seconded. The motion passed.

Rule Changes

The taskforce proposed changes are ready for board review. Rule changes to Ethics and Continuing Education have been filed with the Secretary of State and have an effective date of August 12, 2019. The Board tabled the rule discussion until the September 2019 meeting. At this time the Board discussed having a two (2) meeting scheduled for September 19th and 20th 2019.

Legislation

Public Chapter 46

This act extends the Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists to June 30, 2023.

This act was signed by the governor on March 28, 2019.

Public Chapter 61

This act states that an entity responsible for an AED program is immune from civil liability for personal injury caused by maintenance or use of an AED if such conduct does not rise to the level of willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence.

This act took effect on March 28, 2019.

Public Chapter 131

This act requires social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, pastoral counselors, alcohol and drug abuse counselors and occupational therapists to complete a suicide prevention training at least once every 4 years (instead of every 5 years under current law) beginning January 1, 2020.

This act was signed by the governor on April 9, 2019.

Public Chapter 144

This act amends the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco and Vapor Products Act by limiting the places in which one may use vapor products. The act defines vapor products and prohibits the use of such products in a number of locations including child care centers, group care homes, healthcare facilities (excluding nursing homes), residential treatment facilities, school grounds, and several other areas. Several locations have specific exceptions set forth in the statute.

This act took effect on April 17, 2019.

Public Chapter 195

Although this act largely pertains to boards governed by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, one small section applies to the health related boards. In that section, the act removes the requirement that a member of the armed forces and/or their spouse who requests an expedited

license must have left current employment in another state. This section applies to all health related boards. The Commissioner of Health is permitted to promulgate rules, but rules are not needed to implement the act.

This act takes effect July 1, 2019.

Public Chapter 229

This act allows healthcare professionals to accept goods or services as payment in direct exchange of barter for healthcare services. Bartering is only permissible if the patient to whom services are provided is not covered by health insurance. All barter accepted by a healthcare professional must be submitted to the IRS annually. This act does not apply to healthcare services provided at a pain management clinic.

This act took effect April 30, 2019.

Public Chapter 233

This act changes the requirement for supervision of prospective clinical pastoral therapists in a clinical setting. Prior language required supervision by an “approved supervisor,” which is replaced with “board-approved supervisor”.

The act took effect April 30, 2019.

Public Chapter 243

This act mandates that an agency that requires a person applying for a license to engage in an occupation, trade, or profession in this state to take an examination must provide appropriate accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Any state agency that administers a required examination for licensure (except for examinations required by federal law) shall promulgate rules in regard to eligibility criteria. This legislation was introduced to assist individuals with dyslexia.

This act took effect May 2, 2019 for the purpose of promulgating rules, and for all other purposes, takes effect July 1, 2020.

Public Chapter 255

The act permits a medical professional who has a current license to practice from another state, commonwealth territory, or the District of Columbia is exempt from the licensure requirements of such boards if: (1) the medical professional is a member of the armed forces; and (2) the medical professional is engaged in the practice of the medical profession listed in 68-1-101 through a partnership with the federal Innovative Readiness Training. The respective health boards may promulgate rules for implementation.

This act took effect April 18, 2019 for the purpose of promulgating rules, and for all other purposes, takes effect July 1, 2019.

Public Chapter 268

This act rewrites the criminal offense for female genital mutilation. Those who knowingly mutilate a female, facilitate the mutilation, or knowingly transport or facilitate the transportation of a female for the purposes of mutilation are subject to a class D felony. Such individuals are also liable civilly. Any physician, physician in training, certified nurse or midwife or any other medical professional that performs, participates in, or facilitates a mutilation shall be subject to disciplinary action by the appropriate licensing board in addition to criminal penalties. Certain medical procedures listed in the statute are not considered violations.

This act takes effect July 1, 2019.

Public Chapter 359

This act creates civil liability for the unlicensed practice of psychotherapy. A provider must have a license under Title 63 in order to treat a mental health disorder and practice without a license is illegal (though some exemptions are listed in the act). The act does not expand or restrict the scope of practice for any person holding a license under Title 63.

This act was goes into effect July 1, 2019.

Public Chapter 447

This act permits law enforcement agencies to subpoena materials and documents pertaining to an investigation conducted by the Department of Health prior to formal disciplinary charges being filed against the provider. This bill was brought by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

This act went into effect May 22, 2019.

Insurance Legislation

Multiple acts were passed during the 2019 legislative session that affect healthcare plans and insurance and create certain obligations on providers and facilities. A few pieces of legislation include [Public Chapter 407](#) and [Public Chapter 239](#). Healthcare providers and facilities are encouraged to review these to make sure they meet their statutory obligations.

Administrative Report

Ms. Hayes reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are two thousand five-hundred and thirty-five (2535) active Licensed Professional Counselors, of those, two thousand-one hundred and ninety-nine (2199) have the Mental Health Service Provider designation and four hundred thirty-one (431) are approved supervisors. There are currently two hundred forty-seven (247) temporary LPC/MHSP licenses. There are six hundred eighty-nine (689) active Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and one hundred fifty-seven (157) temporary MFT licensees. Ms. Hayes said there are twenty-two (22) Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists. Ms. Hayes stated that there have been seventy-two (72) newly licensed LPC's and twenty-three (23) newly licensed MFT's since the March 8, 2019 Board meeting.

Board meeting dates for 2019 have been scheduled for:

2019

September 19-20, 2019

December 6, 2019

Newly Licensed

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Little, to approve the following newly Licensed Professional Counselors with MHSP designation. The motion carried.

**Ahmed, Esra
Barnes, Chastidi
Bender, Wendy Sue
Bogart, Anna Marie
Breeding, Nicole M
Cochran, Molly Beth
Courtney, Cecilia**

**Peacock, John Christopher
Piiparinen, James Michael
Porch, Jamie Runyon
Pritchard, Lance Allan
Proctor, Michelle Lynn
Reddick, Anna Ruth
Salsbury, Nicholas Allen**

**Cravillion, Shawna Nicole
Daniel, Melissa Jean
Dewerff, Melanie Ann
France, Tiffany
Goode, Tina
Grossman, Jeffrey A.
Henderson, Ashley Michelle
Hoskins, Emily Mikala
Hughes, Jessica Marie
Jochai, Laura Lee
Johnson, Christen Cates
Johnson, Triscilla D'Anne
Kemp, Rachel Laraine
Knapp, Kellie Humbert
Lambert, Jeffrey R.
Macdonald, Kyle
Magliacano, Melanie Elise
Maynard, Bryan E.
Mccloud, Adam Blake
Mcfee, Kristen Ann
Miller, Charles George V
Milner, Rebecca J.
Money, Kristin Caroline
Mullen, Anika Kathryn
Murphy, Megan
Null, Catherine Michelle**

**Seymour, April Lyn
Shannon, Colton
Skelton, Elle Grace
Sullivan, Michelle
Surrette, Evonna
Talley, Alysia
Tarics, Allison
Taylor, Chelsea Nicole
Tucker III, Stanley Randolph
Van Dyk, Rachel Danielle
Veale, Sarah Ann
Vickers, Christopher Stephen
Walters-Carlson, Cameron
Woodard, Chelsea Doyscher
Zanskas, Catherine A.**

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Little to approve the following newly Licensed Professional Counselors without MHSP designation. The motion carried.

**Jenna Kaufman
Nicholaus Barajas
Kerri E. Paulsen
Sheila Taylor
Kenneth A. Paul
Marcia K. LeBeau
Ronellis Tunstill
Danielle Jackson**

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Steel, to approve the following newly Licensed Marital and Family Therapists. The motion carried.

**Bassham, Allison Lincoln
Beacham, Sarah B.
Birmingham, Meaghan A.
Cline, Melody
Coble, Patricia Garrigan
Crick, Christy Renee**

**Mccoy, Jessica Buckley
Miller, Jennifer Ellen
Omeirs, Lindsay Sue
Rickman, Amara Lynn
Robbins, Tonya
Russell- Martin, Leslie Ann**

**Gilbert, Chelsea Marie
Goff, Hannah Rochelle
Harb, David Montgomery
Haugland, Cresson Ann
Jaeger, David P.
James, Tamara Michelle**

**King, Janet Shaw
Sullivan, Emily Runyan
Wren, Michelle Lynn**

Temporary Licenses

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Professional Counselors. The motion carried.

**Latonia D. Bailey
Tiffany Bartell
Kaylee Bebee
Jacob Michael Bentley
Jared Myles Davis
Emily Ector-Volman
Frances Isabelle Ellmo
Jennifer Hubbard Lake
George Mack III
Samuel Kyle Mason
Muriel C. McKinzie
Paul Bradley Morrell
Roxanne Pennington
Jennifer Denise Robinson
Carly Michelle Samudre
Natasha N. Schwinn**

**Elizabeth G. Scoville
Christina Vanheerden Smith
Kylie Stough
Genevieve T.W. Thomas
Elizabeth S. Townsend
Alyse Danielle Woods
Christa M. Yandell**

Ms. Steel made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the following Temporarily Licensed Marital and Family Therapists. The motion carried.

**Cynthia Hass Bullinger
Abigail Combs
Avi Benjamin Dressler
James Allen Davidson
Sarah Caitlin Helton
Ashley Knight
Grace Morene Mullins
Kayla D Smith**

**Jared Anthony Howard Farley
Hannah Elizabeth Feliciano
Amy Marie Howard
Deanna Milford
Shaye Pennington
Tomauro Tyrrell Veasley
Elizabeth Alyce Zellmer**

Reinstatement Applications

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson to approve the following reinstated Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Professional Counselor with MHSP. The motion carried.

Lori Ann Boudreaux

Phillip R. Washer

Enoch C. Idol
Mark S. Pearson
Abbe' Utter

Lynda Wick
John Bledsoe (MHSP)

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Steel to approve the following reinstated Licensed Marital and Family Therapists. The motion carried.

Joyce Sharp
Ellen Wilkins

Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Steel to approve the following reinstated Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapist. The motion carried.

Craig Wascovich

Correspondence

Ms. Lisa May- KY Reciprocity- Ms. May has a TN LPC license and states that she is eligible for reciprocity from Kentucky to add the MHSP designation to her LPC license. The Board agreed to table this until the next scheduled meeting and requested Ms. May appear at the next board meeting.

The Board reviewed correspondence and documents from **Ms. Carla Archuletta**, requesting current course approval for her online TN LPC-MHSP workshops and webinars and for a new online workshop titled "Professional Boundaries for Mental Health Counselors". Ms. Steel made a motion to approve this CEU workshops and webinars, seconded by Dr. Nelson. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Mr. John Hart** requesting to become a CEU provider. Mr. Hart is interested as a national training analyst for the academy of doing 101 Introduction to Hypnosis: Preparatory Skills for Age Regression (AAMH Basic Course) for Physicians, Psychologists, Marriage and Family Therapists, Professional Counselors, Licensed Pastoral Counselors, and Social Workers. (Mental Health and Medical Licensed Professionals who attend our events must have Masters level or above degrees.) . The Board agreed to approve the CE for awarded seven (7) hours.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Mr. David Anderson** requesting out of state supervision under Dr. Michael R. McCart to be considered for approval for seventy-five (75) hours out of the required one hundred and fifty (150) hours for licensure as a professional counselor in the State of Tennessee. The Board agreed that Mr. Anderson needed to provide additional information regarding his hours meeting the rule requirements.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Amy Dale** requesting to allow video supervision up to twice a month via Skype. The Board met on May 31, 2019 and discussed that Skype is not an approved means of video communication as it is not a secure means of transmission and is not HIPPA compliant. The Board wanted to know is there some other form of video transmission she would have available to use. If so, the board would approve the request.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Joanna Peck** requesting to allow video supervision. The Board met on May 31, 2019 and considered your request for video supervision with Kathleen Puckett. Before making a decision, the board asked for more information regarding what type of license Ms. Puckett has and does she meet the qualifications of an approved supervisor. Furthermore, they mentioned any video supervision must be HIPPA compliant. Programs such a Skype are not acceptable. The board agreed that you will need to send the requested information before a decision can be made.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Maria Riddle** requesting to allow video supervision. The Board met on May 31, 2019 and considered her request to allow the use of video supervision. After discussion of her letter, the board voted to allow her to complete her supervision hours as outlined in her letter.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Danielle Roach** submitted a letter to accept her accumulated clinical client contact and supervision hours in an attempt to earn her LPC-MHSP licensure from the state of Tennessee. The hours in question were completed February 21, 2013 through November 4, 2014 under the supervision of Dr. Francis Martin. During that time, she was able to complete 1,327- client contact hours and 66 supervision hours. However, after taking some time away from earning hours towards licensure she is ready to pursue licensure as an LPC- MHSP in the state of Tennessee. The Board approved hours for 2013-2014, but they have the following questions regarding:

1. Ms. Roach's current position?
2. Does her setting meet the clinical setting requirements to accumulate hours?
3. Are the remaining hours in a clinical setting?

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Megan Key** requesting to allow video supervision. The Board considered your request for video supervision with Mr. Keith Nilsen, LPC-MHSP. Ms. Steel made the motion to accept your request and Mr. Nelson seconded. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Mr. Jonathan Adair** requesting approval of supervised clinical experience hours earned from February 2012 through September 2014 while being employed as a mental health therapist with Meharry Medical College. After a lengthy discussion Ms. Speakman made a motion not to accept your request and Mr. Nelson seconded. This motion passed.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Ms. Grace Ann Visser** requesting to be allowed to count clinical hours earned between 2012 and 2014 under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker. The Board met on May 31, 2019 and had a lengthy discussion about your situation. After the discussion, the board denied your request to use the hours for the following reasons:

1. The hours are out of date range, and
2. The LCSW does not meet the supervisor requirements in place after January 2013.

Discuss Other Board Business

Dr. Ed Gray, Ed. D., LMFT, LPC-MHSP, NCC wrote a letter stating his interest in

volunteering to serve the profession by editing the TN MFT Jurisprudence Exam. Dr. Gray stated that he was one of the original professionals that created the exam when the profession removed the oral exam ten (10) years ago. He also stated there are some typos, questions that lack clarity, and an ethics question that need updated work. It was agreed by the Board that the exam should be updated and corrected as well as meet the current ethic standards. Ms. Speakman made a motion to create a taskforce at the next meeting for this matter and Dr. Nelson seconded the motion. This motion carried.

The Board discussed AASCB/NBCC Conference will be held in August. Ms. Little made a motion for Mr. John Tidwell to be approved to attend the conference in place of Ms. Teddy Wilkins, seconded by Ms. Speakman. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed multiple supervisors for group supervision and clinical setting definition for internship sites. After a lengthy discussion the Board was undecided and took no action at this time.

Adjourn

With no other Board business to conduct Ms. Speakman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Little. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.