

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ALCOHOL, DRUG AND GAMBLING COUNSELORS

MEETING DATE: Friday, April 27, 2012 – Via teleconference

MEETING TIME: 9:00 AM

MEETING LOCATION: **Legislative Building
Room 2134
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada**

**Grant Sawyer Building
Room 4412
555 E. Washington Street
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Members present: Dianne Springborn, Steven Burt, Darlene Dufault, MaryAnn Potter, and Barbara Hunt

Staff present: Agata Gawronski, Executive Director, Connie Corley, Executive Assistant, Saul Singer, and Keith Marcher Dep. Attorney General

Members of the public present: Roberta Hoffman, Colin Hodgen, Charlene Bynum, Jose Alberto Vilack, Charlene Bynum, Marta Wilson, Jeff Schultz.

Item 1: Welcome, Call to Order, Approval of the Minutes

Dianne Springborn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM;

Item 2: Public comments

Dianne Springborn asked for public comments and there were no public comments.

Item3: Approved Minutes

The minutes were approved by Steve Burt and Darlene Default; the motion carried.

Item 4: Board members introduction.

Dianne Springborn asked all the board members to introduce themselves to each other and the public; all the members and staff members introduced themselves.

Item 5: Quarterly reports.

Dianne Springborn called Mr. Hodgen to the stand; Colin Hodgen states that he was doing well and that he appreciates the support of this Board. Dianne asked if anybody had anything to say to Colin, and there was no response; Mr. Hodgen was excused.

Dianne Springborn asked Agata Gawronski if Adriane Chism was coming, and was informed that she wasn't coming due to work schedule, and that she had informed the board ahead of time about her inability to attend; Steve Burt asked if her absence at the

previous meeting was ever justified, and Agata said yes: Adriane couldn't make it to the meeting due to Washoe Fire.

Steve Burt than asked if Adrian's new job was in the field, Agata answered that she was not sure if the job was in the field, Dianne Springborn suggested to find out and to contact Adriane to make sure she would attend the next meeting. There was no comment. Dianne made the motion to accept the report from Mr. Hodgen, and Barbara Hunt second the motion. Motion carried. Steve Burt made a motion to continue Adriane Chism's report to the next meeting, MaryAnn Potter second it, motion carried.

Item 6:

Discussion of expiration of certification for interns practicing for more than 10 years without completion of education and training; NAC 641C.290 (Jose Florido, Charlene Bynum, Jeff Schultz, Jose Vilack)

Dianne Springborn called out Jose Florido to speak; Darlene Dufault abstained from voting on this one, because Jose is employed by her agency.

Jose stated that he applied for his test in June and would like to apply for the Provisional license; Dianne asked if he meets the qualifications to obtain Provisional license and Mr. Florido stated yes; "I have all my hours, I have approved degree, Masters of Science in Oriental Medicine". Steve Burt asked if Mr. Florido was requesting the extension of his internship past 10 years.

Dianne Springborn stated that he was good to go, with his current internship, it was established that Jose Florido will be issued Provisional Certificate.

Dianne called Jeff Schultz to speak; whom stated that he appeared before the board twice, before because of his internship expiring; and that he would like to asked the Board again, for the waiver to test without completing his bachelor's degree; Mr. Schultz stated that he was speaking with the previous board director Sharon Atkinson, and that he was told in the past that he would be able to get the extension; and also that he had contacted NAADAC and was told by the director, that If this Board would allow him, they would test him. Dianne Springborn stated that it is standard requirement from Professional Testing Company, that you must have Bachelor's or Masters Degree. MaryAnn Potter asked how far where you from your Bachelor's degree, and Mr. Schulzt stated that he is "far away" from it, and that is hard to get it done while working full time and teaching DUI school. Darlene Dufault said "we cannot extend it", and Mr. Schultz stated that he isn't asking for extension; Steve Burt said:" he is asking to get grandfathered in". Keith Marcher said that it would only be possible if the Board was willing to change the regulations, and that would take up to 6 months, Dianne Springborn stated that the Board isn't willing to change the regulations; Daren Dufult motioned to deny the request, Steve Burt second it. Motion carried.

Dianne called Jose Alberto Vilack to speak; Mr. Vilack requested the extension of his internship.; further he had named all the degrees he had competed in the past years, Dianne Springborn asked when he had obtained his intern certificate, Mr. Vilack stated that he was initially issued License by Sharon Atkinson, that was later on switched to the

intern certificate; Agata Gawronski stated that he had been an intern since October of 2001, tested at least 6 times and did not pass, in addition Mr. Vilack was Provisional at some point and went inactive two times, throughout his internship. Mr. Vilack stated that substance abuse field is his "passion" and that he is "transforming lives and minds of people" and that is what he wants to continue doing. The timelines were then reviewed by the Board President, and it raised the discussion, how is the ten years of internship being counted, and if the Provisional license "resets the clock" for someone that has to go back to the intern status after one year of provisional license. Keith Marcher pointed out the regulations, which says, the time was being counted from the initial application, and the inactive status and provisional license would not stop or reset the time of the internship; Mr. Vilack asked if he would be eligible to re-apply for the internship. Dianne Springborn made a motion to deny the request, Steve Burt second it, motion carried.

Charlene Bynum was called out to speak by the Board President, and her supervisor Marta Wilson was present with the intern; Ms. Bynum, requested the permission to take Level II test again, because she had passed her ten years of internship and failed the test multiple times; she stated that she was paid for testing since October 2011, and was never scheduled to test because, she was coming up on her ten years; Dianne Springborn asked about her degree and her hours. Steve Burt suggested that she should apply for the Provisional License in a meantime and will have one year to test.

Item 7: Intern Adrian Bravo appearing before the Board

Adrian Bravo did not show to the meeting, and was tabled to the next meeting.

Item 8: Application review of Curtis Elliot for intern certification. Discussion of cease and desist letter from the Board.

Curtis Elliot informed the Board the day before the meeting that was ill and unable to attend; the agenda item was tabled to the next meeting.

Item 9: Reviews of licensure fees.

Dianne Springborn stated that the Board fees had not been raised in a long time; suggested fees increases were: for initial application from \$120 to \$150, motion was made by Steve Burt and second by Darlene Dufault, motion carried; The renewal fee was raised from \$200 to \$250, Steve Burt made motion, Darlene second, motion carried. The oral board fee was increased from \$80 to \$100, Steve Burt made motion MaryAnn second it, motion carried.

Agata Gawronski, requested to discuss finger printing process and fees at the next board meeting; the Board agreed.

Item 10: Public Comment

Roberta Hoffman, showed up to the meeting requesting reinstatement of her expired license or to be granted Provisional Licensure; Ms. Hoffman was telling her history of

work and education, and stated that she was evicted from her home, and had to move in with her daughter in December of 2011, and stated that she was trying to renew her license on line and was unable to; later on she stated that she sent the money, and was informed that it wasn't the correct amount; and that her license had expired; Ms. Hoffman then was experiencing multiple health issues, and in a meantime was charged with knowingly falsifying the documentation by her employer- the Department of Corrections; Keith Marcher interrupted stating that "it is ok to come to the public comment and speak about the different topics", however she was not on the agenda to take the action on her certificate; so the board cannot take action on the public comment, so if she wishes to be on the agenda she would like the action to be taken on her certificate. Agata Gawronski, stated that she had informed Ms. Hoffman ahead of time and gave her plenty of opportunities to be on the agenda, however never received the actual request.

Dianne Springborn suggested for her to get on the agenda for the next Board meeting. There were no more public comments.

Item 11: Adjournment

Dianne Springborn made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10.30am.