

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

MEETING DATE: Friday, November 2, 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, Jackie Wotherspoon, Darlene Dufault, MaryAnn Potter, and Barbara Hunt

Staff present: Agata Gawronski, Executive Director, Connie Corley, Executive Assistant and Henna Rasul Deputy Attorney General

Members of the public present: Jennifer Gilroy, Bob Pasciano, Mirana Fisher, Tara Hamblin

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

Dianne Springborn stated that she had one correction to make for the minutes, and that would be to replace “minutes were approved”, with “motion was made by Steve Burt and second by Darlene Dufault and the motion carried”.

Darlene Dufault made the motion to accept the minutes, Jackie Wotherspoon second it, motion carried.

Item 7: Bob Pasciano- request for the supervision of more than five interns.

Bob Pasciano was present in Las Vegas, and stated that he requested this in the past “mid nineties” and was granted by the Board, and would like to do it again. Dianne Springborn informed Mr. Pasciano, that because the item wasn’t place on the agenda as an actionable, the Board will not be able to vote on it at this time, however it could be discussed. Ms. Springborn stated that the Board is very reluctant to grant the extended supervision, and was surprised to learn that Pasciano did not have time limit put on it in the past. Dianne Springborn asked where did his interns work, and Pasciano said” they work in different facilities, mostly” not SAPTA programs”, the next question was

“Who has been overseeing them up until this point”; Mr. Pasciano answered” nobody, they are new interns”. Darlene Dufault asked if these individuals were practicing and Mr. Pasciano stated ” they are practicing, I have three that work for the program that is not SAPTA founded; and I had two more, and they are both with private agencies”. Bob Pasciano was informed that he will be put on the agenda for the next meeting per Dianne Springborn.

Item 4: Jennifer Gilroy-- request to discuss notification of CEU’s certificates, waive of the late fee for intern certification renewal.

Jennifer Gilroy was present in Las Vegas, and made presentation about the notification process being mishandled by the Board and expressed her disappointment with the late fees being charged to her interns. Ms. Gilroy stated that the notification was not made sufficiently, and that she is asking the Board to waive the late fees. Dianne Springborn informed Jennifer Gilroy, that this issue was already discussed at length at the previous board meeting, and to inform the specific interns to contact Agata Gawronski personally and their cases will be reviewed by the board on case by case basis. Darlene Dufault agreed with the suggestion; when asked how many interns were charged late fees Jennifer Gilroy stated that it was one of her interns and another one from her agency- Bridge counseling. Dianne Springborn informed Ms. Gilroy that Bridge Counseling was previously advised to instruct their interns to contact Agata Gawronski .

Item 5: Executive Director Report.

Agata Gawronski, asked the Board to approve the new budget that was previously presented to the Board but was not approved, because it wasn’t placed on the previous agenda as an actionable item. Darlene Dufault asked if the automation process for the Board’s website was finished, and Agata Gawronski informed the members, that this wasn’t the case. Motion was made by Jackie Wotherspoon to approve the budget and MaryAnn Potter seconds it, motion carried.

Item 6: Training of supervisors for certified alcohol and drug counselor interns- certification process review; Darlene Dufault, Agata Gawronski, Tara Hamblin

Agata Gawronski introduced Terra Hamblin from CASAT, whom made a presentation starting with the statement about her researching other States requirements for Clinical Supervision, and most of them have a requirement of 30-35 hours of experience and education before applying for the supervision certificate. Ms. Hamblin stated that after talking to her boss they had agreed to provide 30 hours of training free of charge in the State of Nevada for one calendar year.

Ms. Hamblin informed the Board that, there is a national on –line clinical supervision training approved and available.

First one is for the existing and currently practicing supervisors, and it would be provided 8 times a year: 4 times in Reno and 4 times in Las Vegas-two day series of Advanced Clinical Supervision Class, six hours each day. After that CASAT will provide three webinars with “TIPS”, which will consist of homework assignment that will have to be

done in their agencies and discussed with the experts in the field. So there will be a total of 18 hours of continues education units provided.

For the applicants who wants to become supervisors, 18 hours of on line self pace course, which gives the foundation of clinical supervision, and then two day in person -12 hours of advanced clinical supervision and the 2 hours of follow up webinar to complete; which will be available multiple times per year free of charge, which would total in 30 hours for the new applicants. This training will also include Ethics and Social Media piece ,which per Ms. Hamblin other supervision trainings don't have, as well as the tape review process.

Barbara Hunt asked how we are going to advertise. Terra said through Agata Gawronski, and SAPTA.

Agata Gawronski stated that we can also advertise it on Boards website.

Jackie Wotherspoon made a motion to accept the proposal, MaryAnn Potter second it, motion carried.

Item 8: Miranda Fisher- Bachelors in Journalism with the minor in Sociology, asking the Board for approval to test for CADC.

Ms. Fisher was present in Las Vegas, along with her supervisor, and was informed by Dianne Springborn the agenda item was not actionable and the Board is unable to vote at this time. Ms. Fisher stated that she has Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Technical Communication, with the minor in Sociology and she has been working for Center for Behavioral Health as an CADC-I since February 14, 2011 and prior to starting with the company, she was told by the previous director- Wendy Lay, that all she needs to complete Is Minor in addiction studies, which she was able to do as Graduate special through UNR, but then she was told otherwise. Miranda's supervisor stated that Ms. Fisher has the documentation of the conversation and agreement between Wendy Lay and her, and that she will be done with the 4000 hours of her internship at the end of the next reporting period and her request is to test for CADC. Agata Gawronski requested copies of the email exchange .Dianne Springborn stated that if the Board granted the internship, it should not go back and prevent her from testing and asked Ms. Fisher to return to the next meeting.

Item 9: Provisional Licensure.

MaryAnn Potter expressed her concerns about the Provisional Licensure being issued to interns, whom haven't tested and are practicing in the field without the supervision. Ms. Potter's concern was" integrity of this Board", and she also stated that other licensing Boards are only granting the Provisional status to the individuals already licensed in other states, not to interns waiting for their test. Darlene Dufault stated that she has similar concerns, based on her recent experience with provisionally licensed individuals. DAG Henna Rasul suggested contacting Outpatient Therapy Board, because they have the NAC addressing the Provisional Licensure in details. MaryAnn Potter stated that in her opinion Provisional License should be only granted to the out of state –licensed

individuals. Dianne Springborn suggested forming subcommittee to work on the regulation change proposal.

Item 10: Public Comment

Roberta Miranda was present at the Las Vegas location, and complemented the Board for the changes about the supervision licensing process and had question how long is it going for the new regulations to take an effect, and was told by Agata Gawronski that it is taking an effect immediately.

Item 11: Adjournment

Darlene Dufault made the motion to adjourn the meeting. MaryAnn Potter second the motion,. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10.00am.