

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

MEETING DATE: Friday, January 12, 2024
MEETING TIME: 9:00 a.m.
MEETING LOCATION: **Online via Zoom**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lask – Board President, Denise Everett -Secretary/Treasurer, Milagros Severin-Ruiz, Paula Chung, Rory Reid, Erin Warrell

STAFF PRESENT: Agata Gawronski- Executive Director, Paula Hlade- Licensing Specialist, Colleen Platt- Legal Counsel

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Dev Bararia, Itzel Granados Dominguez, Jaime Clemens, Golda Hogan, Adrienne Renwick, Jennifer Leach, Chelsea Baca, Jeanyne Ward, Deborah Grinager, Monica Real, Joslyn Christman, Alex Tanchek,

Item 1: Welcome, Call to Order.

Mary Lask called the meeting to order 9:01 a.m.

Item 2: Public comments

Adrienne Renwick asked the Board for clarification regarding the five interns at one time limit.

Adrienne Renwick informed the Board that she has five CADC interns and the same group of people is seeking gambling internship with her congruently. Agata Gawronski clarified that it is ok to do so if the total number of hours combined between problem gambling and substance use disorders does not exceed 1000 per reporting period.

Item 3: Introduction of new member Erin Warrel

Erin Warrel introduced herself to members; she has been practicing as LADC and MF practicing for the past 17 years, currently in private practice between Reno and Carson City.

Item 4: - Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting on October 13, 2023- For Possible Action.

Milagros motion to approve, Denise second motion. Unanimous vote, approved.

Item 5: Hearing For LCB File R086-23- For Possible Action.

Colleen explained process and directed Board President to open for public comment, no public comment so Colleen explained the Governor's request to remove regulations that are preventing streamlined business - fee increases. Erin Warrell asks for clarification on CEU cost increase, and it was clarified that cost was now not broken down by number of CEUs and is flat \$150.

Item 6: Discussion of public comment for LCB File R086-23 and possible adoption of LCB File R086-23-For Possible Action

Rory Reid made a motion to approve, Paula Chung seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of proposed regulation.

Item 7: Appearance by Deborah Grinager pursuant to Settlement Agreement for Case No. 2022-11-01 and possible reinstatement of license- For Possible Action.

Colleen Platt presented the case; Deborah Grinager's supervisor license was suspended for 6 months as a part of settlement agreement reached last year.

The six-month suspension expired, and she is now before the Board as part of the agreement asking for reinstatement.

Grinager was present at the meeting, she informed the Board that she met all her requirements, completed all the CEU's mandated by Agata Gawronski. She stated that she had learned a lot about herself during the last six months and that she realized that she was overwhelmed with five interns and did not want to supervise this many but was forced by her agency to do so. Grinager stated that her current job is a very positive environment and that she is in a much better place. Milagros Severin asked her what she learned about the ethical boundaries she had trouble with prior to her suspension; Grinager stated Saul Singer's ethics class was very helpful to learn about the boundaries. Dr. Reid reminded everyone that the original complaint was that she was focused on herself not the clients, and asked Deborah what she was going to implement moving forward with her clients to ensure that this was not happening again.

Grinager was unable to provide clear answers to the multiple board members, Dr Reid and Milagros Severin- Ruiz expressed their concerns about the actual well-being of hers.

DR. Reid asked" how are you going to ensure that you keep your attention and focus on clients and their issues and how are you going to be a better active listener, and that the therapy will be about them not about you.?"

Grinager stated that her training she has been taking since November was helpful with improving her skills and stopping and thinking about what was said in session.

Dr Reid made a motion to deny the request to have the supervisor license reinstated. Milagros Severin – Ruiz second it.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation is work plan with identified supervisor, psych eval – follow recommendations, personal workbook.

Deborah Grinager made a final statement that she no longer wishes to be a supervisor and that she never wanted to become one.

Item 8: Election of Officers- For Possible Action.

Denise Everette nominated Milagros Severin-Ruiz for the Board President; Paula Chung seconds it; motion carried unanimously.

Milagros nominated Denise Everette for vice chair, Paula Chung second it, motion carried unanimously.

Milagros nominated Dr Rory Reid for the treasurer, Denise second it; motion carried unanimously.

Item 9: Golda Hogan, CADC-I- request to extend her internship past the allowed 5 years- For Possible Action

Read statement regarding request Aug 2022 worked in LV, took hiatus in 2017 and relocated to other areas due to husband's work. Did not know 5-year timeframe to complete internship was in place.

Paula Hlade confirmed that Golda only had around 700 hours completed on the record and needs around 2300 hours.

Golda asks for 3.5 years for 3000 hours, Mary added 3mos to find employment with supervision.

Dr Reid made a motion to approve the request to extend the internship, Milagros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10: Monica Real, CADC-I- request to extend her internship past the allowed 5 years- For Possible Action.

Monica informed the Board that she started her internship in 2019 and her father had a stroke that year, which made her unable to continue with work and school as she was carrying for him; afterwards COVID 19 happened which made it more difficult to get back to work force and school. She is now asking for an extension. She plans to graduate with her bachelor's degree in the spring of 2025 and is currently working as a case manager and CADC-I. Ms. Real is asking for the extension until the end of 2025.

Denise Everette make motion to extend the internship until December 31, 2025, Milagros seconds, Motion carries unanimously.

Item 11: Jillian Lund, LADC 06816-L (Case Number 2023-02-01) Review, Approval or Disapproval of Settlement Agreement. For Possible Action.

Mary Lask made a motion to approve the settlement agreement.

Denise seconds: Motion carried unanimously.

Item 12: Update on Problem Gambling-For discussion

Jeanne Ward with CASAT presented to the Board that there are 5 state-funded agencies for Problem Gambling treatment which is free at all agencies due to state grants. Ms. Ward also informed the Board about various projects and learning opportunities for the interns.

Item 13: Public Comment

Jeanne Ward announced the ARPA work development funds they received and would be able to spend it on supervision trainings; to incentives current supervisors as well.

Item 14: Adjournment.

Meeting is adjourned at 11:15 am