

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

MEETING DATE: Friday, June 14 2013 – Via teleconference

MEETING TIME: 9:00 AM

MEETING LOCATION: **TMCC**

**Redfield Campus
18600 Wedge Parkway Bldg. B, room 102
Reno, Nevada 89511**

**College of Southern Nevada
Cheyenne Campus
3200 E. Cheyenne Ave., Room 2638
Las Vegas, Nevada 89030**

Members present: Dianne Springborn, Jackie Wotherspoon, Darlene Dufault, MaryAnn Potter, Barbara Hunt, Larry Ashley, and Steve Burt
Staff present: Agata Gawronski, Executive Director, Connie Corley, Executive Assistant and Keith Marcher Deputy Attorney General
Members of the public present: Denise Quirk, Susan Hardenbrook, Mandy Canales, Cynthia Perez

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

Dianne Springborn called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM;

Item 2: Public comments

Dianne Springborn asked for public comments and Steve Burt read the letter on behalf of Denise Quirk, whom asked the Board to keep her original license number on her Certified Problem Gambling Certificate if she passes the oral examination; Dianne Springborn stated that since this issue was not on the agenda, it cannot be decided at this meeting. Darlene Dufault and Larry Ashley both stated that this sounds like a personal issue and there was no reason to make an exception for Ms. Quirk.

Item 3: Disciplinary hearing regarding Dana Brown, LADC #1268L

Keith Marcher informed the Board members that Mr. Brown's attorney called him day before the meeting and informed him that Mr. Brown agreed to surrender his License voluntarily. Darlene Dufault made a motion to accept it, Larry Ashley second it; all votes in favor, motion carried.

Item4: Approved Minutes

Steve Burt made motion to approve the minutes; MaryAnn Potter second it, all in favor, motion carried.

Item 5: Susan Hardenbrook , requesting special supervision for Cynthia Perez

Dianne Springborn asked the members if everyone read and familiarized with the case; all confirmed. Susan Hardenbrook spoke, stating that she knows and understands Board’s guidelines about the” no conviction rule and the 2 year rule”; however was asking for exception stating that Cynthia complied with all of the court requirements and was an excellent candidate for an Intern. Larry Ashley questioned what would be the justification for special treatment, Steve Burt clarified that NAC 641C stated two years from the conviction, Barbara Hunt made a point about DUI being a serious crime, and reminded the Board and the public to not treat it lightly. Keith Marcher stated that this agenda item was not phrased properly because Ms. Perez isn’t even an intern, and if she wishes to appeal her application being rejected by the Board, she needs to contact Agata Gawronski and request to be on the next agenda.

Item 6: Executive Director Report.

Agata Gawronski, asked if members had any questions regarding financial report included in the Board packets; no questions; Steve Burt made motion to approve the updated budget, Barbara Hunt second it, all in favor, motion carried.

Item 7: Tobacco Program overview regarding new legislative change in the law/Many Canales (for possible action)

Mary Canales was present at the Las Vegas location and spoke about the new legislative law regarding Tobacco use by the minors,; stating that the minors in possession of tobacco will be fined and ordered to treatment; and the question Ms. Canales was raising was “ who can provide the tobacco treatment in the state of Nevada”.

Ms. Canales also reported that Medicaid has 1 million dollars allocated for the Smoking Cessation programs in accordance with the Affordable Healthcare Plan and has been hiring providers from out of state to run the smoking cessation programs, for example Mayo Clinic is providing telephone based counseling in Nevada, but the organization is based in Minnesota ; Keith Marcher suggested to the Board to identify the agency ; make sure they are doing the treatment in the state and we could send Cease and Desist letter, if they in fact are providing treatment not education without valid Nevada license.

Jackie Wotherspoon made motion to send the letter to the insurance companies informing them about the licensure requirements to treatment tobacco dependence disorder.

Steve Burt second it, motion carried.

Diane Springborn asked for someone to draft the letter on behalf of the Board and Mandy Canales volunteered to do it with help of Larry Ashley; the letter will be sent to Agata Gawronski and presented at the next Board meeting for approval.

Item 8: Emily Garnett settlement agreement

This agenda item was tabled, because Keith Marcher did not hear back from Emily Garnett or her lawyer; it was said that if there is no response to the new settlement agreement-first proposal was rejected by the Board at the February meeting. Steve Burt asked if we could do the summary suspension for Ms. Garnett; Keith Marcher stated that this kind of actions is usually for emergency situations only. Darlene Dufault asked “what happens in a meantime”, while she is practicing and treating clients; Keith Marcher stated that since the first settlement agreement was rejected we need to start the entire process over. Mr. Marcher than proposed that he will make another attempt to contact Ms. Garnett’s attorney and request for the agreement to be signed before the next Board meeting in September, this way we could call special meeting via telephone and close the case, if the Board approves it. Steve Burt made motion that Keith Marcher will contact Emily Garnett within next two weeks, Mary Ann Potter second it, all in favor – motion carried.

Item 9: Election of all Board officers.

All the officers kept their assigned titles, with the exception of Larry Ashley; Dr. Ashley announced that he was retiring and re-locating. The Board thanked Dr. Ashley for his service.

Item 10: Public Comment

Denise Quirk was present in Reno and spoke, thanking Larry Ashley for his work, and also made a comment that Merlyn Saxton in Las Vegas would be great candidate for the Board Member.

Item 11: Adjournment

It was established that the next Board meeting will take place on September 13, 2013. Barbara Hunt made motion to adjourn the meeting’ MaryAnn Potter seconds the motion, Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10.00 AM.