

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

MEETING DATE: Friday, September 13, 2013- Via teleconference

MEETING TIME: 12.30 PM

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**

MEMBER PRESENT: Dianne Springborn, Jackie Wotherspoon, Darlene Dufault, Barbara Hunt, and Steve Burt

STAFF PRESENT: Agata Gawronski Executive Director, Connie Corley Executive Assistant, Sarah Bradley Deputy Attorney General

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Colin Hodgen, Hans Meadows, Lindsey Holland, Paula Chung, Marivelle Nunez.

Item 1: Welcome, Call to Order.

Dianne Springborn called the meeting to order at 12.40pm

Item 2: Public comments

Dianne Springborn asked the public for the comments, there were no public comments.

Item 3: Approval of the Minutes for June 14th, 2013 meeting.

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

Item 4: Executive Director financial report/ new budget proposal

Agata Gawronski presented the budget for the Fiscal year 2013/14, Darlene Dufault made motion to approve it, Jackie Wotherspoon second it, motion carried.

Item 5. GL Solution, new licensing system overview

Agata Gawronski presented the proposal from the new state approved vendor GL Simple to build new data base and implement new on-line licensing/renewal system. It was presented as cost effective project, in comparison to the State proposal. The new system will replace existing date base and will be directly

connected with the Board's website. It takes about five months to "go live". Darlene Dufault asked if Agata saw the demo, Agata Gawronski stated that she had seen on line presentation, and that the historic data will be transferred to the new web based system. Steve Burt makes motion to approve GL Simple; Darlene Dufault seconds it, motion carries.

Item 6: Changes in testing by Professional Testing Corporation

Agata Gawronski presented to the Board the letter from Professional Testing Corporation, informing the Board about the upcoming changes; starting January of 2014, PTC will conduct MAC, LEVEL I and LEVEL II on monthly basis as opposed to quarterly, and the registration and payment will be done on line not thru the Board anymore but directly to the testing company; also the results are going to be available a lot of sooner than in the past. Within 2 -3 weeks from the testing date.

Item 7. Marivelle Nunez –requesting permission to take Level II test after failing three times

Dianne Springborn asked Ms. Nunez what was her difficulty with the MAC test, and Ms. Nunez stated that she was studying for the MFT test at the same time and maybe got confused between the two. Dianne Springborn suggested good tutor. Ms. Nunez was granted permission to take the written exam again, Jackie Wotherspoon made motion to approve it, Darlene Dufault second it. Motion carried.

Item 8.Hans Meadows- intern application review.

Mr. Meadows was present at the Reno location with his supervisor Lindsey Holland; Steve Burt stated that after the application package for internship was received by the Board's office from Mr. Meadows, the Board received two letters of complaint against him from the public and needed to clarify the alleged issues before granting the internship; Sarah Bradley – deputy from Attorney's General office stated that the letters weren't investigated yet so they are confidential and cannot be discussed in public meeting. Sara Bradley suggested closing the meeting to the public. Mr. Meadows stated that he is open to any questions without knowing what the letters were about. Sara Bradley ordered a break to give Mr. Meadows time to read the letter. Barbara Hunt stated that she must abstain from this agenda item, because of conflict of interest. Mr. Meadows read the letter and the meeting resumed. The letters were stating that he was fired from the Ridgehouse INC. for having personal relationship with the client; Mr. Meadows stated that he was not fired, but left the Ridgehouse voluntarily because of that relationship; and admitted to having a child with her. Mr. Meadows stated that he had learned from his mistakes and moved on, with his life and his recovery; that he learned boundaries; the next accusation was that Mr. Meadows offered room to his client at his home; Mr. Meadows stated that he learned from it and he is now aware of the boundaries he must have with his clients. Dianne Springborn asked "how are you going to work on it and implement those boundaries with the clients to avoid dual relationships from happening in the future, since it already happened twice?"; Mr. Meadows response was that he had learned from his experience and is now utilizing this experience when his running groups; Darlene Dufault asked "what kind of groups are you conducting". Mr. Meadows stated that he is running "orientation groups". Steve Burt asked "are those groups being documented as therapeutic interventions?" Mr. Meadows stated "I don't think so". Darlene stated that her concern was that there was a therapy implemented in the groups, he was in charge of. Lindsey Holland, spoke and stated that she was contracted by Westcare, where Mr. Meadows is employed to supervise interns, and she was conducting therapeutic groups; but the groups ran by the client advocates were not therapy groups. Diane Springborn shared her concern about his earlier

statement when Mr. Meadows said that he was “sharing some of his stuff with the group”; and that it was too much disclosure and ongoing boundaries issue. Mr. Meadows stated that he is really working on it, as well as his language and other issues. Darlene Dufault asked if he was enrolled in school, and he confirmed that he was starting but haven’t taking any field related classes yet. Darlene stated that the Board had no reason to deny his application, Dianne Springborn suggested to Mr. Meadows to enroll and complete Ethics training ASAP, and to familiarize himself with the NAADAC’s Code of Ethics. Steve Burt made motion to not block the intern application from further processing, Darlene Dufault second the motion all in favor, motion carried.

Item 9. Letter to the healthcare providers/insurance companies, regarding Tobacco Use

Agata Gawronski presented the letter from Mandy Canales to be sent out to the healthcare providers on behalf of the Board, Agata Gawronski will correct the letter. Steve Burt made motion to make corrections and send out the letter, Dianne Springborn second it. Motion carried.

Item 10. Emily Garnett settlement agreement.

The motion was made to approve the settlement agreement, Ms, Garnett will be on probation with the Board for the minimum of one year; pay the investigative costs; report to the Board quarterly and have her license in restricted status. Motion carried.

Item 11. DSM5 Substance related disorders (training proposal created by Colin Hodgens)

Mr. Hodgen was present at the Reno location, and presented the outline of his multi-phase program he would like to conduct in the substance abuse field. Steve Burt stated that DSM 5 stated that he didn’t think there was need for such training since the training was already in place and offered by CASAT. Agata Gawronski stated that she wanted to make sure that the sufficient amount of training was being offered to the community before January 2014. Diane Springborn stated that she is supportive of the multiple training choices. Barbara Hunt made motion to approve the training proposal, Jackie Wotherspoon second it. Motion carried.

Item 12 Clinical supervision training discussion/ waiver for the current MFT supervisors.

The letter from Ronald Lawrence from Las Vegas was presented, asking for the waiver from the supervision training, for current MFT supervisors, due to their extensive training. Dianne Springborn did not agree with the proposal, stating that this training is specific to the addiction field, and that it would not be fair to those whom already completed this training to waive it in September. Steve Burt denied the request, Darlene Dufault second it; motion carried.

Item13. Appointment of the legislative subcommittee.

Barbara Hunt, Steve Burt and Jackie Wotherspoon were appointed to the subcommittee to work on the changes in NAC 641C and NRS 641 C. First meeting was scheduled for October 4th, 2013 at 12.30 pm at the Ridgehouse in Reno.

14. Kelly McDermott request to supervise more than 5 interns.

This item was not discussed at the meeting, because Ms. McDermott e-mailed the office two days before the meeting and asked for her request to be withdrawn.

17. Next meeting date.

The date of the next Board meeting was scheduled for January 10, 2014.

15. Executive Directors performance and compensation review.

Verbal review was presented by the Board president Dianne Springborn, and supported by all the Board members, Steve Burt proposed the pay increase for Agata Gawronski, effective immediately, Jackie Wotherspoon second the motion. Motion carried.

16. Public comments.

There were no public comments.

18. Adjournment.

Dianne Springborn made motion to adjourn the meeting, Barbara Hunt second it, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 2.30PM.

