

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

MEETING DATE: Friday, January 31, 2014- Via teleconference

MEETING TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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, Carol Masterson, Executive Assistant, Keith Marcher, Deputy Attorney General

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:** Berry Lovgren, Carmen Martin, Emily Garnett, Roberta Moranda

**Item 1: Welcome, Call to Order.**

Dianne Springborn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Item 2: Public comments**

Dianne Springborn asked the public for the comments, Berry Lovgren, distributed materials regarding programs that are not funded by the state. Mr. Lovgren state these facilities and staff are unlicensed and unregulated by SAPTA and providing substance abuse counseling. Citing NRS449 that licensure and regulations for substance abuse treatment facilities, only applies to state funded programs. He would like to see the statue and regulations revised. Steve Burt asked that Mr. Lovgren provide materials to Agata Gawronski, and she will distribute the materials. Steve Burt will present to the legislative subcommittee.

**Item 3: Approval of the Minutes for June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting.**

Steve stated that agenda items 14, 17, 15, & 16 were taken out of order. #15 A verbal evaluation and review of Agata Gawronski's job performance was presented by Diane Springborn at the previous meeting, she will present a written version as soon as possible. Diane Springborn will complete and submit to the board. Steve made a motion that the minutes be approved with changes. Darlene Dufault seconded the motion was carried.

**Item 4: Emily Garnett – Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor on probation with the Board-first quarterly report (for possible action)**

Ms. Garnett is in compliance with probationary requirements. The board suggested advanced Ethics training possibly thorough NVAADAPTS. Agata Gawronski, stated that the restricted license had been issued and that Ms. Garnett had a fine to pay.

**Item 5. Robert Bledsaw Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor – pending renewal application for questions related to the education (for possible action)**

Steve Burt abstained: The board reviewed Mr. Bledsaw's educational background. Keith Marcher state that Mr. Bledsaw's license was issued in error. Mr. Bledsaw lacks the educational requirements to renew licensure. Darlene Dufault made a motion to deny the renewal application. Barbara Hunt second it, motion was carried with one abstention.

**Item 6: Ricky McGee-Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor – probation agreement (for possible action)**

Keith Marcher stated that there was an ethical lapse on the part of Mr. McGee. The board reviewed the proposed settlement agreement with Mr. McGee. Steve Burt motioned to accept the settlement agreement, Jackie Wotherspoon second it, motion was carried.

**Item 7. Carmen Martin – Intern, requesting permission to test after three failed attempts (for possible action)**

Dianne Springborn asked Ms. Martin what was her difficulty with the MAC test, and Ms. Martin stated that she experiences extreme test anxiety has asked for extension of time but was told she had to be diagnosed with test anxiety. Language barriers may also contribute, but the test is in Castilian and could prove more problems. Darlene Dufault, stated that we must be consistent and fair. Steve Burt stated that we have granted retesting in the past. Merle Sexton stated that proper testing materials should be provided by supervisors. Jackie Wotherspoon stated that she would like to have an agenda item added to the next meeting defining supervisor's responsibility when interns do not pass the MAC. Ms. Martin was granted permission to take the written exam again, Steve Burt made motion to approve it, Jackie Wotherspoon second it. Motion carried, with one abstention.

**Item 8. Lee Purdioux – requesting Board's permission to test after multiple attempts (for possible action)**

Steve Burnt made a motion to table the item as Lee Purdioux was not present. Barbara Hunt second it, the motion carried.

**Item 9. Legislative Subcommittee initial report on proposed changes to NRS 641C (for possible action)**

Steve stated that much of the work was on clarification and outlining. Examples: Conversation about requiring more education for internship, and NAC641C.290 cutting internship from ten years to five years as interns would possess more education. Some will be grandfathered in. Running fingerprints every two years, NAC 641-250 location supervision. Conversation around development of a peer credential certification. The board reviewed proposed changes. Diane Springborn stated on NRS641C.310 #2 need to have gambling disorder added to the changes. Keith Marcher stated that the board can approve the

proposed changes in sections and present them in full to the LCD. Steve made a motion to adapt the changes as stated, Barbara Hunt second it, the motion was carried

**Item 10. Executive Director report (year to date budget and FY 2012/13 audit/GL Suite project report).**

Agata Gawronski stated we are on target with the budget. Applicants are positive about the new testing process. We are finalizing and processing the last of payments. Error on page 19 Employee Benefits Program, Agata will review and change where necessary. GL Solutions: Agata spent three days with the GL Solutions Programmers and other government agencies and all feedback was positive. Currently ahead of schedule and anticipating going live in March or April.

**Item 12 Public Comment**

Darlene Dufault asked that public comment be taken out of order; Roberta Moranda, clinical supervisor helping with supervision classes by CASAT. Clarification to help interns prepare for oral boards. Dianne Springbord stated we voted to begin using the DSM 5. Agata Gawronski stated that all interns we sent the changes to DSM 5 and ASAM with their progress report renewal stickers.

Berry Lovgren commended the board for looking at the statutes and making positive changes.

**Item 11. Proposed changes to the forms used at the Oral Boards/ Steve Burt – (for possible action)**

Jackie Wotherspoon, Steve Burt, and Agata Gawronski have rewritten the documents, scenarios, and worksheets related to the oral boards. Make changes in the documents from DSM IV to DSM 5. Darleen Dufault made a motion to accept the changes, Jackie Wotherspoon second it, the motion was carried.

**Adjournment.**

