

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

MEETING DATE: Friday, November 3, 2017- Via teleconference

MEETING TIME: 9:30 a.m.

MEETING LOCATION : **Charleston Campus  
6375 W. Charleston Blvd.  
Building H, Room 105  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89146**

**TMCC Redfield Campus  
William Pennington Health Science Center  
18600 Wedge Parkway  
Building B, Room 130  
Reno, Nevada 89511**

**MEMBER PRESENT:** Darlene Dufault - President, Paula Chung-member, Merlyn Sexton-member, Dani Danley-member , Barbara Hunt-secretary treasurer, Lee Ann Malone- member.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Colleen Platt, Board's Attorney, Agata Gawronski, Executive Director

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Reno:** No public; **Las Vegas:** Katro Haynes, Oscar Sida, Bryan Veal.

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

Darlene Dufault called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Item 2: Public Comments.**

No public comments.

**Item 3/4: Approval of minutes for August 11, 2017 meeting and September 8, 2017 (for possible action)**

Dani Danley made motion to approve minutes, Barbara Hunt second it, motion carried.

**Item 5: Introduction of new board member Lee Ann Malone, LADC.**

Lee Ann Malone introduced herself, stated that she has been practicing as LADC for about 10 years and worked in different treatment modalities. She is currently employed as an Outpatient Counselor at the Ridge House. The members present at the meeting welcomed Ms. Malone.

Darlene Dufault made comment to the members about the importance of their roles as public officers and how crucial it was for everyone to obey the open meeting law and confidentiality.

**Item 6: Oscar Sida, LCADC, GPGC- review of curriculum for Substance Abuse Addiction Medicine Counselor Training Post Baccalaureate Program at Great Basin College and possible approval of program for purposes of NAC 641C.205 ( for possible action).**

Mr. Sida was present in Las Vegas, he gave the board an overview of his proposal, and (the Board received the syllabus prior to the meeting in their packets).

Oscar Sida stated that he was the only faculty member to teach the entire program at the Great Basin College; he stated that the on line program has great potential of reaching many people in rural areas whom currently don't have access to such education.

Darlene Dufault asked if bachelor's degree was required to enroll in this program, he stated that yes in social science. Ms. Dufault also mentioned that the participants would have to meet all the requirements of the board to be approved for the program. Mr. Sida agreed.

Agata Gawronski asked if the program will be CACREP accredited, Mr. Sida answered no.

Paula Chung questioned the fact that the program was being advertised as satisfactory to meet the requirements for Gambling counselors and, the syllabus did not prove the amount of 60 hours required.

Mr. Sida stated that he does offer 4 credits which equals 60 hours.

Paula Chung stated that her problem with the proposal was that the UNR program ran by Denise Quirk is not accepted towards the 30 hours, and that if this was supposed to be gambling specific training, and the proposal does not look like one.

Ms. Sida stated that his program does meet state/board requirements, since he completed one while obtaining his Gambling license. Mr. Sida stated that besides UNLV's 3 credits in Gambling education there is not much more out there to help potential Problem Gambling Counselors with education or to promote the career path and that he was feeling determined to change that.

Merlyn Sexton stated that Carol O'Hare with National Council on Problem Gambling in Las Vegas has been trying to get her program approved for a while and has not been able to do so.

President Dufault stated that we should be more open to different programs to promote our profession. Agata Gawronski stated that neither Carol O'Hare nor Denise Quirk ever approached the Board nor asked for the program approvals.

Ms. Gawronski proposed that Ms. Chung sends her proposal of amendments to the program and work with Oscar Sida on it, so he can return to the next Board meeting for approval.

Merlyn Sexton made motion to table this item and for Mr. Sida to work with Agata and Paula and bring the new proposal before the Board again for approval. Dani Danley second the motion, it carried.

**Item 7: Katro Haynes- request to retest after three failed attempts (for possible action).**

Darlene Dufault asked Ms. Haynes why she was failing her written examinations. Ms. Haynes responded that the first couple of times it was test anxiety, and that she was not sure why because she stated that she had all the study guides and that she was practicing with her supervisor before testing. She stated that her supervisor recently passed away and that she was currently practicing under Provisional certificate, which expires in January of 2018. Dani Danley made motion to approve re-retesting for Katro Haynes, Merlyn Sexton second it, motion carried.

**Item 8: Bryan Veal, CADC – review of renewal application for board’s approval/disapproval (for possible action).**

Mr. Veal was present in Las Vegas; Agata Gawronski stated that Bryan Veal was brought before the Board at the March meeting because he failed background check upon the renewal of his CADC, but because the Board wasn’t provided with the finger print reports, the item was tabled.

Finger prints were completed by Mr. Veal since that meeting, and the Board was provided with the Judgment of Conviction and plea of guilty in their packets, prior to this meeting.

Ms. Gawronski stated that she was concerned about renewing his license due to his recent criminal record and incarceration since his last appearance before the Board. Merlyn Sexton asked if Mr. Veal was on probation after his incarceration. Mr. Veal stated that he was not on probation, and that he is seeking legal advice and had retained new attorney. Mr. Veal stated that he plead guilty to conspiracy to commit coercion. He stated that since there were only two people involved in this incident, it was impossible to have conspiracy and that is why he is fighting his charges.

Bryan Veal stated that he was never incarcerated in his life and that the only reason he plead guilty was to protect his three teenage children, and it was an easier route for him and to not go to prison for long time.

Mr. Veal reported that he has been in counseling field since 1993, and that he was never in violation with the law and that this was the only thing on his record.

Colleen Platt, stated that since Mr. Veal plead guilty to conspiracy to commit coercion which is gross misdemeanor the original charges were dismissed (two charges of sexual assault, one charge of kidnapping in first degree). So it is current judgment of conviction as of April of 2017; Ms. Platt stated that in Board’s regulations 641C. 215 the Board has authority to deny the application if the applicant committed any crime.

Mr. Veal stated that he had to do probation exit interview, and that his probation officer” could not believe he was on house arrest for two years. “

Agata Gawronski asked Bryan Veal about his 2 years on house arrest and if he kept his license active at that time, and what was the time frame of his house arrest.

Ms. Platt stated that the renewal application was submitted on March 2, 2017 and his arrest was dated September 2, 2014, which means he did not disclose this information as required by the law at the time of his arrest. According to Board’s record, the license was placed on inactive status by him from 2016-2017 and nothing was reported until the background check upon renewal in March of 2017.

Mr. Veal stated that he had mentioned at the March Board meeting that the reason he did not report the arrest was because he was first incarcerated and then unemployed; and that he was neither aware nor thinking about the importance of reporting this to the Board.

Ms. Dufault stated that the issue at hand was him not reporting his arrest within 10 days as required by law. Mr. Veal stated November 2, 2014 was his initial arrest date, and then after 77 days in jail goes on house arrest, Mr. Veal stated that he requested his license to be placed on inactive in 2015. Ms. Gawronski stated that this was not true because his request was signed on 02/02/2016.

Barbara Hunt made motion to not renew Mr. Veal's license at this time, Dani Danley second the motion. Five members present voted in favor with one nay from Merlyn Sexton. Motion carried.

Mr. Veal got upset upon hearing Board's decision and stated that it was "appalling that this Board allows someone with six DUI's to practice alcohol and drug counseling". Ms. Gawronski asked whom he was referring to, he stated "the guy at the last meeting was approved to renew with six DUI's".

Mr. Veal proceeded with racial slur towards Board members, and that he will include this Board in law suit, and that he" felt sorry for this Board". Ms. Dufault asked Mr. Veal to leave the meeting however he continued with insults towards the members, stating that" Paula had issues and should be looked into".

Darlene Dufault called security, Bryan Veal was screaming about including the Board in his law suit.

Barbara Hunt, asked members in Las Vegas to notify the security immediately and let them know what type of vehicle Mr. Veal is in and to ask security to be escorted out of the building when they leave.

Darlene Dufault stated that they called security and notified them about the situation; she stated she was concerned about their safety, and that the meeting should adjourn.

#### **Item 9: Adjournment.**

Dani Danley made motion to adjourn the meeting, Barbara Hunt second it, motion carried unanimously.