

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

MEETING DATE: Friday, May 3, 2019- Via teleconference
MEETING TIME: 09:00 a.m.
MEETING LOCATION: **University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
8050 Paradise Road #100
Las Vegas, Nevada 89123**

**TMCC Meadowood Campus
5270 Neil Road
Room MDWS 104
Reno, Nevada 89502**

MEMBER PRESENT: Barbara Hunt-- President, Merlyn Sexton –Vice president; LeAnn Malone- secretary/treasurer; Paula Chung-member; Mary Lask-member.

STAFF PRESENT: Agata Gawronski- Executive Director, Colleen Platt- Board’s Attorney

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Oscar Sida; LaWanna Calhoun

Item 1: Welcome, Call to Order.

Barbara Hunt called the meeting to order at 9.00 a.m.

Item 2: Public Comments.

No public comments.

Item 3: Approval of minutes from Board Meetings on November 30, 2018 - for possible action.

Paula Chung made motion to approve the minutes, Mary Lask second it. Motion carried.

Item 4: Settlement agreement Donald James, CADC- for possible action.

Colleen Platt informed the Board that she has copy signed by Mr. James and presented the terms of the settlement agreement to the members; Mary Lask made motion to approve the agreement, Lee Ann Malone second it. Motion carried.

Item 5: Request for approval to re-test three failed attempts – La Wanna Calhoun, CADC –I- for possible action.

Ms. Calhoun was present in Las Vegas; she informed the Board that she was studying with a group this time; Paula Chung asked if Ms. Calhoun if she knew what areas she was lacking knowledge; Ms. Calhoun stated she was not sure; Ms. Gawronski suggested purchasing practice test; Merlyn Sexton made motions to approve Ms. Calhoun to re-test two more times; Mary Lask second it. Motion carried.

Item 6: Oscar Sida –request for approval of Supervision Course - for possible action.

Oscar Sida was present in Las Vegas; he informed the Board that he has been teaching Supervision course for CASAT for the past two years and had noticed that there are a lot of people especially in the rural areas whom would like to take the course but don't have an access to it; Mr. Sida presented to the Board outlines of his on-line supervision course he had developed as a part of his approved Minor in addiction program. Barbara Hunt stated that the training was originally approved to be in person training and how important it was to have Supervision course be in person and not on line.

Merlyn Sexton praised Mr. Sida's presentation and stated that the in person course is important due to direct interactions; Mr. Sida stated that he would have preferred in person training as well , and was willing to modify his current curricula and implement some interactive components. LeeAnn Malone asked if the course changed since its approval in 2018; Mr. Sida stated that it did not, it was being thought as a separate course from the approved program. He went on to explain how the course worked. He stated he wasn't trying to compete with CASAT but rather provide alternative to the licensees;

Collen Platt explained to the Board that the program approved last year was approved as a whole; the Supervision course Mr. Sida is looking for approval of is a standalone program.

Agata Gawronski informed the Board that Mr. Sida already offered the course without the approval and charged licensees \$500 each. Ms. Gawronski stated that the course was being offered after Mr. Sida's contract with CASAT was either terminated or expired. Mr. Sida stated that he didn't understand how the course was approved as a whole but he was unable to offer individual modules; stating he had no intention to mislead anyone and that his contract was not terminated. Ms. Hunt asked if Mr. Sida was looking into teaching for CASAT again, he stated yes if the contract was offered to him again.

Merlyn Sexton asked if the capacity of CASAT was saturated; Ms. Gawronski stated that it was not the case and the classes were not full; it was explained that the program was never meant to be pulled apart and offered in separate modules; it was approved and meant to be offered as a whole. Barbara Hunt agreed with the statement and stressed the fact that the Board does not want Supervision course be offered on line. Mr. Sida repeated that he is willing to add interactive components to the current course.

Mary Lask stated that we are not opposed to on line training in general but it's the Supervision training it should be face to face. LeeAnn Malone made a motion to deny the Supervision course, Paula Chung second it. Motion carried.

Colleen Platt suggested to Mr. Sida to review the Board's comments and modify it if he would like to seek the approval again.

Item 7: Executive Director's Report (Profit& Loss Budget overview).

Ms. Gawronski presented the budget for the first three quarters of current fiscal year. She stated that the bank fees were reimbursed and the budget is on target. Ms. Gawronski presented to the Board that PERS contributions were going up and it will require raise in Board contributions. Director Gawronski informed the members that the Office was broken into and that she walked on the homeless person but no major damage was done and the person was captured the next day by the Capitol Police.

Item 8: Legislative session 2019 update –discussion and possible action, including, without limitation, authorization the Executive Director to testify on behalf of the Board, concerning Bill Numbers SB37 and SB502 is regarding revisions to NRS Chapters 641A and 641B. Agata Gawronski- for possible action.

Ms. Gawronski informed the Board that she was approached by ED of social work and President of MFT /CPC Board for the support with their proposed bills; it was mainly fee raising issue that they were seeking support on; Mary Lask made a motion to approve Executive Director’s representation in the legislative session. LeeAnn Malone seconds it. Motion carried.

Item 9: Public Comments.

Colleen Platt informed the Board about the Horton’s case being in appeal process with the Commission on Behavioral Health.

Item 10: Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 10 am; next board meeting date was scheduled for Friday, September 6th.