

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

MEETING DATE: Monday, April 12, 2021

MEETING TIME: 10:30 a.m.

MEETING LOCATION: **Online via Zoom**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lask, Denise Everett, Milagros Severin-Ruiz, Paula Chung, Lee Ann Malone, Merlyn Sexton

STAFF PRESENT: Agata Gawronski- Executive Director, Paula Hlade- Licensing Specialist, Colleen Platt- Legal Counsel

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Alex Tanchek, Kasey Chu, Sarah Mesereau-Adler, Ryan Knuppenburg, Ester Quilici, Denise Quirk, Mark Brana, Adrienne Renwick, Ashley Brown

Item 1: Welcome, Call to Order.

Mary Lask called the meeting to order 9:33

Item 2: Public comments

Sarah Mesereau-Adler with Silver State Government Relations, representing Vitality Unlimited and New Frontier stated that Vitality & New Frontier wanted to thank the Board and staff regarding the development of the Temporary Regulation for virtual supervision. Sarah stated all parties are looking forward to working with board on permanent regulation in the future. Sarah also updated the Board regarding SB181, which was voted on this week and moved to the Senate.

No other public comments.

Item 3: Approval of the Minutes for Dec. 11, 2020, meeting.

Mary Lask and Colleen Platt opened the discussion and ask for any changes or edits. No changes or edits were suggested.

Merle sees no changes. Denise moves to approve minutes as is.

Milagros seconded; the motion was carried unanimously.

Item 4: Mark Brana request to supervise additional intern

Mark Brana addressed the Board and stated he would like to add a sixth intern as he has three preparing to test and will be eligible to apply for certification/licensure in July.

LeeAnn Malone asked for clarification regarding the timeframe of Mr. Brana's current interns and their status. Mr. Brana stated his intern should be testing after July.

Merle Sexton questioned the timeframe if approved now and for six-month extension if they aren't testing until after July. Colleen reiterates historically Supervisors will return in six months to request extension if the Intern has not passed. Merle moves to approve sixth intern with timeframe allotted for six months. LeeAnn seconds. Motion unanimous.

Item 5: Notice of Adoption of Temporary Regulation to authorize supervisors to electronically supervise interns.

Mary opened the topic up for discussion for Board members. Colleen clarified that the Board can discuss and adopt or modify the regulation. In July, the Board can have larger workshop regarding permanent regulation and then submitted to LCB for drafting. Colleen recommends adoption as drafted and then continue conversation in July.

Mary Lask opened the issue up for up for public comment.

Adrienne Renwick requested for the board to consider allowing supervisors to be at different sites as it is difficult for interns to find supervisors, and this would expand the field.

Denise Quirk stated she seconds what Adrienne said and feels that due to the current COVID restrictions there is a great need for telehealth. Denise also stated she would like to work on workforce development and will submit comments prior to the July workshop on a more permanent regulation.

Ashley Brown echoed the sentiments by Adrienne and Denise.

Colleen clarified that most of the comments have been related to off-site supervision, but since this would be substantive change, the regulation would need to be revised. Mary explains the public comments are being allowed on record, but the amendments proposed regarding off-site supervision should be tabled.

Mary asks for motion to adopt the regulation. Milagros makes motion to adopt the regulation as is. Merle seconds and adds that he believes the supervision should be via *video* but wanted clarification if the regulation only stipulates audio. Colleen clarifies that the regulation states 'secure electronic means' and explains that specifically adding 'video' is a substantive change.

Vote unanimous.

Colleen clarifies statute will not go in effect until it is approved by LCB.

Item 6: Second review of the application for CADC-I- Ryan Knuppenburg

Mr. Knuppenburg introduced himself and stated he currently works at Bristlecone and Quest and was asked at the previous meeting to complete a substance use evaluation after his Background Check returned an arrest for "Misuse of 911" which is a Gross Misdemeanor which occurred on Dec. 15, 2019 and was resolved in March 2020. His background also showed a prior DUI 11 years ago that was not disclosed. Requested evaluation was completed and sent to Agata. The diagnosis was Mild Alcohol Use Disorder and Mild Cannabis Use Disorder, both in sustained remission; The recommendation was to continue with current therapy.

Paula Chung asked about last use. Ryan stated that he last used marijuana and alcohol in Dec. 2019.

Milagros asks Ryan to check 'in recovery' on his application and when he completes his renewals.

Mary moves to approve with amendment on application as 'in recovery'. Merle seconds motion. No further discussion, motion carries unanimously.

Item 7: Request to retake oral/written examination after three failed attempts approved by Executive Director – Brenda Rogge, Terry Blakeney- for possible action.

Agata discussed resources for studying that are available.

Mary asks for motion to approve. Denise moves to approve the retake for both candidates. Merle seconds and the motion carries unanimously.

Item 8: Executive Director's Report

Director Gawronski sent updated budget to board members. She explained that the Board is low on income, but most license renewals are later in the year. She also mentioned that the Board is spending less money on merchant processing since the switch to a new company. No further discussion. Mary asks for motion to approve.

Paula moves to approve and Denise seconds. Report carries unanimously, approved as is.

Item 9: Legislative Updates

Colleen discussed two bills SB181 and SB335. SB181, which decreases the number of supervised hours required for licensure from 4000 to 3000 and implements an education requirement, was amended out of committee.

SB335 bill consolidates smaller boards into the 'Department of Business and Industry'. This would require that Department to establish a singular Board and sweeps 5% of money taken into all Boards and shifts the funds to the new Department to regulate the industries the new Board oversees (Physical Therapy, Massage Therapy, Oriental Medicine, etc.). According to Colleen, this bill passed out of committee and is going to the floor and likely the finance committee. This bill does not require a 2/3 majority vote. This could be the start of more boards moving over to this new Board in the future. Colleen discussed that the 5% cut of all Board funds is likely to continue indefinitely in the future. LeeAnn and Paula asked for clarification about why funds would be needed from Boards not under this consolidation.

Merle asks if future fees will need to increase to cover the funds shifting; Colleen clarifies that *fees* can be increased, but may not be approved if not comparable to other boards of the same nature across the country.

No other discussion regarding the current legislative session.

Item 10: Public Comments

No public comments.

Item 11: Adjournment

Mary Lask adjourns meeting 10:15

Next meeting TBD as well as July workshop.