

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

MEETING DATE: Friday, January 21, 2022

MEETING TIME: 9:00 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: Sarah Mesereau-Adler, Alicia Rocha, Adrienne Renwick, CASAT staff, David Marlon, Bracy Simmons, Mark Brana, Stacy Ledesma, Tracy Corwin, Lisa White, Kristy Edwards, Kristine Peters

Item 1: Welcome, Call to Order.

Mary Lask called the meeting to order 9:05a.m. and asked that attendees wishing to speak raise their hand on the meeting platform.

Item 2: Public comments

David Marlon thanked the Board for their service during pandemic and stated he has represented SNAAP in the past and would like to ask that Master's prepared interns be allowed to have remote supervision.

Alicia Rocha- Secretary of SNAAP asked what the Board has been up to since last meeting and Colleen clarified that Public Comment is not a discussion and the meetings minutes and agenda items indicate what the Board has been working on.

No other public comments.

Item 3: Approval of the Minutes for August 31, 2021 meeting- for possible action.

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

Merle moves to approve minutes as is.

Milagros seconded; the motion was carried unanimously.

Item 4: Stacy Ledesma- Request for Reinstatement

Mary opens the agenda item by asking for discussion or clarification regarding the settlement and reinstatement.

Milagros asks what steps Stacy has taken and she stated she completed IOP in 2020, has attend regular meetings three times per week, obtained a sponsor, and is now a treatment advocate at Desert Hope. Stacy stated that she has strengthened her relationships with women and regularly attends women's meetings. Stacy stated she was diagnosed with cancer and then honorably discharged from Drug Court.

No other questions for clarification.

Milagros moves to reinstate. Lee Ann seconds. All approve and motion carries to reinstate CADC.

Item 5: Bracy Simmons- CADC-I Application review- for possible action.

Discussion regarding Bracy's Bachelor's in Sociology and the initial approval as an intern without direction to obtain 24 credits in an approved social science prior to applying for CADC. Bracy stated he obtained over 4000 hours primarily at Mission Treatment Center and does not have the funds, time, or desire to enroll in more classes which he could have been working on the past three years while an intern.

Agata stated that the Board approval as an intern in 2019, should only have been granted with the verification that he was currently enrolled in an approved social science and stipulation that he obtain 24 credits in counseling addictions prior to applying for CADC. The Board discussed the requirements of validating his Sociology degree and Collen clarified the regulation stated 24 credits. Bracy's supervisor Mark Brana discussed Bracy's internship and stated he has the skills and knowledge to become fully certified.

Mary moves that the Bord allow him to continue internship and then obtain the 24 credits if he so chooses.

Leann Seconds the motion.

Denise abstains during the vote.

Motion carries to accept degree with 24 credits should he choose to continue his application.

Bracy stated he would not be pursuing CADC at this time and would like a refund and Agata asked him to contact her after the meeting.

Item 6: Tracy Corwin- request to retake oral exam after three failed attempts- for possible action.

Tracy requested the Board allow her to retest and stated she has been working with staff at Vitality Unlimited to work on areas of improvement noted by the oral exam panel members. She stated she feels she has figured out what she has been doing wrong in her exams and had worked to remedy. She discussed her criminal justice background and how she feels that has affected her presentation in the exam.

Licensing Specialist Paula Hlade noted that as an oral exam panel member, she reached out to Tracy via email in October with the offer of additional feedback but has not heard from Tracy since. Tracy stated she had not received the email, so Paula forwarded her the email that was sent.

Mary asked if there is a motion to allow Tracy to retest and Denise moved to allow her to retest. Milagros seconded the motion and asked that Tracy consult Paula Hlade for feedback. Tracy agreed and stated she will contact Paula after the meeting is adjourned.

Motion carried and Tracy will be allowed to take oral exam again.

Item 7: Lisa White -request to retake oral exam after three failed attempts- for possible action.

Lisa requested the Board consider letting her take the written test again and stated she feels she has improved in the areas that were noted as low on her score report.

Paula Chung motioned to allow Lisa to take the written exam for a fourth time. Milagros seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and motion carried.

Item 8: Kristy Edwards- request to retake written exam after three failed attempts- for possible action.

Kristy requested the Board consider letting her take the written test again. Kristy stated she has never seen a breakdown of her scores and would like to see the reports in order to improve in the low score areas. Paula Hlade stated she would send Kristy the score reports if she could not find them in her emails.

Milagros made a motion to allow Kristy to retest and Denise seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Item 9: Kristine Peters- request to retake written exam after three failed attempts- for possible action.

Kristine requested the Board consider letting her take the written test again. Kristine also stated she has not received the score reports and Paula Hlade stated she would also send to Kristine.

Milagros made a motion to allow Kristine to retest and Denise seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Item 10: Executive Director's Report (Profit & Loss Budget overview)/ Audit Report for fiscal year 2020/21-Agata Gawronski- for possible action.

Director Gawronski presented the Board with the annual audit report which was accepted and approved by the Board.

Item 11: Annual performance evaluation of Executive Director- for possible action.

Mary Lask presented the Board with the annual performance evaluation and proposed a 4% increase which was approved unanimously.

Item 12: Public comments.

No public comments.

Item 11: Adjournment

Mary Lask adjourned meeting 11:08 a.m.

Next meeting TBD.