

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

MEETING DATE: Friday, October 13, 2023

MEETING TIME: 9:00 a.m.

MEETING LOCATION: **Online via Zoom**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lask – Board President, Denise Everett -Secretary/Treasurer, Milagros Severin-Ruiz, Paula Chung, Rory Reid

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

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Joby Mae Jimenez, Catherine Hamrock, Madi Roman, Taylor Dela Torre, Shelby Hertel, Joby Mae-Jimenez, Alex Leathers, Jennifer Espinoza Ramirez, Ana Karen Santos Ibarra, Kim Garcia, Adriana Filorio, Jacqueline Yanes, Michelle Berry, Hieu Van Le, Heather Lucalesco, Ian Mitchell, Hailey Snook, Ariana Anaya, Alex Tenchek, Shelby Helter, Kylie Abrahamson, Laura Clark, Maddie Jordan.

Item 1: Welcome, Call to Order.

Mary Lask called the meeting to order 9:04 a.m.

Item 2: Public comments

Hieu Van Le made a comment that he was representing Vitality Unlimited.

Agata Gawronski made a public comment that testing for Problem Gambling Counselor had been challenging and that we lost the testing site in Nevada. Prometric is now the testing company in place of PTCNY.

Paula Hlade contributed to this stating that we have tried multiple times to contact IGCCB and were unable to solve the problem at this time. The Board was unable to act on the item because it was not a part of the agenda.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2023, Board Meeting.

Denise Everett made a motion to approve the minutes. Mary Lask second it. Motion carried.

Item4: - Catherine Hamrock - internship application for approval and request to extend her internship past the allowed 5 years- for possible action.

Catherine was present on the call and informed the Board that she was currently in graduate school and that she let her intern certificate expire; she is now working at the agency and have a supervisor available to continue with her internship hours and would like to be granted extension past the 5 years allowable. Colleen reminded the Bord the circumstances specified in the recently amended regulations.

Paula Hlade confirmed that Catherine needed 1200 hours to complete her internship which would roughly be 9 months of full-time employment.

Rory Reid asked Ms. Hamrock to site the circumstances that were unforeseeable or out of her control that necessitated her request.

Catherine stated that she was unable to work fulltime and finish her undergraduate degree; she then proceeded to work on her graduate degree full time and was unable to find employment that would accommodate her; she was later offered supervision, but it did not happen.

Rory Reid stated that he was supportive of her application to be approved based on her circumstances.

Mary Lask asked Catherine how much time she was requesting for her extension. Paula Hlade explained that testing, timing and scheduling could take up to 6 months or so until she can get fully licensed after completing her hours.

Catherine requested 2 years extension.

Rory Reid made a motion to approve the extension for Catherine, Denise second it. Motion carried.

Item 5: Barbara Wallen-Adams – request to supervise up to 6 interns. Request pursuant to NAC 641C.280 for possible action.

Barbara was not present at the meeting, Paula Hlade attempted to contact her, it was unsuccessful. Paula stated that her situation might have resolved itself.

Mary Lask tabled the item.

Item 6: Formal Hearing: Whitney Canfield Case No. 2023-07-01 for possible action.

Colleen Platt informed the members that the matter was resolved as Ms. Canfield voluntarily surrendered her license and internship. The settlement agreement was presented to the members in board packets. Milagros made a motion to approve the settlement agreement; Denise second it. Motion carried.

Item 7: Workshop for proposed regulation. For Possible Action

Colleen Platt informed the Board about the mandate coming from the Governors office to revise and remove regulations that were unnecessary to keep. The regulations were reviewed by the director and the counsel, and the following was proposed: the deletion of repeated fingerprinting and revision of licensing fees. The renewal fee was raised to the maximum allowable amount of \$300 and the fee for the CEU approvals was also raised to the maximum allowable amount of \$150. Agata Gawronski stated that intern renewal fee wasn't properly charged for years, and it was broken down in half per renewal. It will be now \$75 per renewal vs \$37.50 per renewal. Gawronski informed the Board that the last time fees were raised was 9 years ago and that we are currently facing a budget deficit of approximately \$12000 per fiscal year, so the action is necessary to cover the Board's expenses.

Colleen Platt informed the Board that the next step would be to submit the proposal to LCB for drafting and we would then have an adaptation meeting afterwards.

Milagros made a motion to approve the regulation change, Denise seconded it. Motion carried.

Item 8: Public comments

Agata Gawronski announced that there were openings on the Board, and she encouraged the members to send the recommendations to her directly.

No more public comments.

Item 9: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10.05 am.