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Public Session Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2016

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Members Present: Don Thomson, LPC, Chair
Doug Querin, LPC, Co-Chair
Lindsay McGrath, LMFT
Tony Lai, LPC
Suzan Turley, Public Member
Tina Anctil, LPC
Rick Roemer, Public Member

Staff: Charles Hill, Executive Director
LaRee Felton, Operations Manager
Lonnie Knotts, Intake Coordinator
Warren Foote, AAG
Rogelio Daniels, Investigator
Natalie Altermatt, Office Assistant

INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Don Thomson called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. The Board convened in executive session to discuss complaints and investigations through authority provided in ORS 192.660(2)(h) and (L).

BREAK 10:07 a.m.

RECONVENED 10:27 a.m.

BREAK 12.00 p.m.

Following Executive Session, Mr. Roemer was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 1:02 pm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Hill reviewed the budget projections and financials. Currently the Board has approximately 12 months of reserves. Mr. Hill and Ms. Felton are working on projections for 2017-2019. They are also reviewing database systems and are in discussions with a company to consider upgrading the Board's current database systems.

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Querin moved and Ms. Anctil seconded a motion to approve the February 5, 2016 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed. (5-0)

CONSUMER PROTECTION CASES

Case # 2016-003 Ms. McGrath moved and Ms. Anctil seconded a motion to close the case and renew the license, however reserve the right to reopen in case of non-compliance with the Arizona Board. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

Case # 2012-033 Mr. Querin moved and Ms. McGrath seconded a motion to approve the stipulated order. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

Case # 2014-049 Ms. McGrath moved and Ms. Anctil seconded a motion to approve the stipulated order. The motion passed. (5-1) Mr. Lai cast the dissenting vote.

Case # 2015-037 Mr. Lai moved and Ms. Anctil seconded a motion to approve the default order. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

Case # 2014-024 Ms. Anctil moved and Mr. Lai seconded a motion to approve the stipulated final order. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

Case # 2015-036 Mr. Querin moved and Ms. McGrath seconded a motion to approve the default order. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

Case # 2014-033 Ms. Anctil moved and Mr. Lai seconded a motion to approve the stipulated order. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

Case # 2014-067 Ms. McGrath moved and Ms. Anctil seconded a motion to approve the default order. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

Case # 2016-002 Ms. Anctil moved and Ms. McGrath seconded a motion to issue a notice of intent to revoke the internship registration and assess costs. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

Case # 2015-038 Mr. Lai moved and Ms. Anctil seconded a motion to dismiss. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

Case # 2015-039 Mr. Querin moved and Ms. McGrath seconded a motion to dismiss. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

Case # 2010-046 and 2011-011 Ms. Anctil moved and Ms. McGrath seconded a motion to issue an order to terminate the final order. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

INVESTIGATION EXTENSIONS

Mr. Querin moved and Mr. Lai seconded a motion to grant extensions for case #s 2016-005i, 2016-006i, 2016-007i, 2016-008i, 2016-009i, 2016-010i. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

LICENSES RATIFIED

Mr. Querin moved and Mr. Lai seconded a motion to approve the 81 new LPC and LMFT licenses submitted to the Board. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING: CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

The Board reviewed public comments received. Mr. Querin moved and Mr. Lai seconded a motion to file a permanent rule to eliminate the requirement for criminal background checks upon license and registered intern renewal. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

BUDGET MERGER: AGENCY NAME

Mr. Hill gave the Board an update on the concept to combine the Board of Psychological Examiners' and the Board of Licensed Counselors and Therapists' budgets into one budget. This budget merger would not mean the two Boards are merging, just that their budgets would consolidated into one budget bill, which would then be presented to the legislature. The Board discussed naming the agency which would oversee the two Boards: "Mental Health Regulatory Agencies." Ms. McGrath moved and Ms. Anttil seconded a motion to approve the name. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

LICENSURE EXEMPTION WORKGROUP UPDATE

Mr. Thomson updated the Board on the Workgroup's progress. The Committee is in the process of conducting outreach and collecting feedback regarding the draft legislative concept that will remove the "counselor education exemption" from ORS 675.825(4)(a). The Board recommends centralizing the information by posting it on the website and directing inquiries there. Staff will send out a blast email to licensees and interns, and invite leadership from ORCA and OAMFTE to attend the next meeting on April 27th.

LAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE

The Committee has been meeting monthly to review each rule division, and will finalize a proposal to bring to the full Board in June. Division 90, Distance Counseling, will not be a part of this package because this review requires significant additional research and discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exceptions cannot be made to the due date for amounts owed as set forth in a Board order. Mr. Daniels has reviewed records to identify cases with unpaid civil penalties and/or disciplinary costs, and is drafting letters to refer unpaid balances for collection.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Don Thomson adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.