



South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists

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Kneip Building Conference Room #3, Pierre, SD
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President Rice Brinkworth called the meeting to order at 9:02 am central and determined a quorum.

Board Members Present via Telephone: Lynell Rice Brinkworth, Tiffany Butler, Sherry Bartels, Cheryl Hartman, Roswitha Konz, Woody Schrenk, Bobbi Brown, and Jeff Wangen

Board Members Absent: Jill Schoen,

Others Present in Person: Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary; Jim Carlon, legal counsel; and Erin Handke, Assistant Attorney General

Other Present via Telephone: Bonnie Jameson, Administrative Assistant; and Marilyn Kinsman, Department of Social Services

Motion to approve the proposed agenda by Konz. Seconded by Butler. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Hartman, Konz, Schrenk, Brown and Wangen voted aye. Motion carried.

Rice Brinkworth asked for comments from the public. There were no comments offered.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 12, 2019 by Schrenk. Seconded by Konz. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Hartman, Konz, Schrenk, Brown and Wangen voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the financial report as of September 30, 2019 by Schoen. Seconded by Hartman. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Hartman, Konz, Schrenk, Brown and Wangen voted aye. Motion carried.

Rice Brinkworth asked Kinsman for an update from the Department of Social Services. Kinsman reported the contract with Albertson Consulting was approved and being circulated for signatures. Work on the database development can begin when the contract is executed.

Motion to go into executive session for consideration of contested cases and contractual matters at 9:12 am by Butler. Seconded by Schrenk. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Hartman, Konz, Schrenk, Brown and Wangen voted aye. Motion carried.

Rice Brinkworth declared the Board out of executive session at 11:08 am.

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2019-04 by Brown. Seconded by Hartman. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Hartman, and Brown voted aye. Motion carried. Schrenk, Wangen and Konz abstained.

Schrenk and Rice Brinkworth provided a report on their attendance of the AASCB meeting. Portability and supervision hours continue to be a topic of discussion. The meeting also focused on educational standards being accepted in states, notably the fact that some states are not requiring CACREP education. The availability and opportunity for disaster mental health services is an emerging topic that may require attention to rules to allow for practice on certain disaster situations.

Rice Brinkworth and Stalley provided a report on their attendance of the AMFTRB meeting. Similar discussions about portability and supervision hours were the focus of the meeting. Examples of the disciplinary processes used to provide consistency in sanctions were shared at the meeting.

Stalley shared the final formatted internal rule of procedure for review of applications with an indication of criminal history for the Board's information. The procedure is being used to review applications and will be posted on the Board's website.

Stalley gave the Board an update on the licensee database project. The delay in executing the contract will keep the 2019/2020 renewal process manual. Work on setting up the database will begin in the next month.

The Board discussed comments and suggestions about the proposed legislation for 2020. The Board reviewed written comments provided. Motion to support the submission of the current proposed draft (two tiers of licensure and separate bills for counselor and marriage and family therapy changes) as legislation for the 2020 legislative session by Schrenk. Seconded by Konz. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Hartman, Konz, Schrenk, Brown and Wangen voted aye. Motion carried.

Stalley provided an office update, including the list of new licensees since the last meeting, an update on upcoming board vacancies and reappointments and the renewal process underway.

Rice Brinkworth recognized Jill Schoen for her outstanding service to the Board over her nine years of serving on the Board. A plaque recognizing this appreciation will be sent to Schoen on behalf of the Board.

The Board scheduled its next meeting for December 6, 2019 at 10:00 am (central) in Pierre.

Motion to adjourn by Butler. Seconded by Hartman. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Hartman, Konz, Schrenk, Brown and Wangen voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 12:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary

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