



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

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Kneip Building Conference Room #3, Pierre, SD
February 14, 2020

President Rice Brinkworth called the meeting to order at 10:04 am central and determined a quorum.

Board Members Present: Lynell Rice Brinkworth, Tiffany Butler, Cheryl Hartman, Woody Schrenk, Bobbi Brown, Jeff Wangen and Seth Olson

Board Members Present via Telephone: Roswitha Konz

Board Members Absent: Sherry Bartels

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

Motion to approve the proposed agenda by Wangen. Seconded by Butler. Motion carried.

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

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 6, 2019 by Schrenk. Seconded by Butler. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the financial report as of January 31, 2020 by Brown. Seconded by Hartman. Motion carried.

The Department of Social Services provided an update to the Board. Amy Iversen-Pollreis is leaving the Department at the end of the month. A replacement will be named after her departure. Marilyn Kinsman will continue as the Board's primary contact for the Department.

Stalley provided the Board with an update on legislation under consideration by the Legislature. Senate Bills 18 and 19 are the Board's proposed legislation. Both bills passed the Senate committee and floor votes. The bills are awaiting action by the House of Representatives.

Stalley provided an office update, including the list of new licensees since the last meeting, renewal progress for the 2019 renewal period, and the status of the database project.

The Board discussed the equivalency of semester hours and quarter hours for required courses. The consensus of the Board is that 4 quarter hours equal 2.66 semester hours. For purposes of a transcript review, the totality of the program hours should be considered, along with the course hours in determining if a specific course is acceptable to meet educational requirements.

The Board noted the time and place for the LPC plan of supervision application hearing of Wendy Lohan. Lohan appeared before the Board and presented information concerning her qualifications for a plan of supervision.

Motion to go into executive session for consideration of contested cases and contractual matters at 12:05 pm by Hartman. Seconded by Wangen. Motion carried.

Rice Brinkworth declared the Board out of executive session at 12:55 pm.

Motion to approve the LPC plan of supervision application of Wendy Lohan on the condition that Lohan submit a corrected application for an LPC plan of supervision; Lohan is supervised by Amy Hartmann and/or Bruce Fogas while under the plan of supervision; and Lohan complete eight (8) hours of continuing education in the areas of recordkeeping, boundary issues, or confidentiality by March 1, 2021 by Butler. Seconded by Schrenk. Olson was recused.

Stalley announced that Bonnie Jameson is leaving the Board's office to pursue another opportunity. Stalley will introduce Jameson's replacement at the next Board meeting.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 17th at 9:00 am (central) by teleconference.

Motion to adjourn by Konz. Seconded by Brown. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary