

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

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South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists
Via Videoconference
May 17, 2024

President Butler called the meeting to order at 9:02 am central and determined a quorum.

Board Members Present via Videoconference: Tiffany Butler, Cheryl Hartman, Jill Janecke, Jay Trenhaile, Jeff Wangen, Mary Guth, Amy Hartman, and Stacy Solsaa

Board Members Absent: Maureen Gustafson.

Others Present via Videoconference: Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary; Natalie Young, administrative staff; Court Roper, Board Legal Counsel, Department of Social Services; Erin Handke, Assistant Attorney General; Tracy Mercer, Department of Social Services; Emma Qurashi, member of the public.

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

Butler asked for comments from the public. Emma Qurashi offered comments related to the newly adopted Counseling Compact.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 16, 2024 with a noted correction to the spelling of Janecke's last name by C. Hartman. Seconded by Trenhaile. **Motion carried.**

Motion to accept the financial report as of April 30, 2024 by Trenhaile. Seconded by Guth. **Motion** carried.

The Board discussed the newly adopted Counseling Compact. Stalley provided an overview of the Compact Commission and the anticipated timeline for the Commission issuing credentials. The Commission does not anticipate issuing credentials in 2024 and South Dakota will need to have a background check process in place before South Dakota licensees are eligible for credentials through the Compact. Stalley reported that the anticipated time for the Board to receive an ORI number to begin accepting background checks is 16 months. The Board will provide information to licensees and stakeholders about the effective date of the compact legislation and the anticipated timeline for the Board's full participation in the Compact via email and a series of webinars.

Motion to go into executive session for the purposes noticed at 9:32 am by Janecke. Seconded by Trenhaile. **Motion carried.**

Butler declared the Board out of executive session at 9:52 am.

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2024-01 by C. Hartman. Seconded by Wangen. Motion carried.

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2024-02 by Guth. Seconded by Wangen. **Motion carried.** Janecke was recused.

Motion to renew the contract with Albertsen Consulting for database services for 2024-2025 as proposed by Trenhaile. Seconded by Guth. **Motion carried.**

Motion to approve a contract with Midwest Solutions, Inc. for executive services as proposed by A. Hartman. Seconded by Janecke. **Motion carried.**

Motion to appoint Jennifer Stalley as the delegate for the Counseling Compact and Amy Hartman as the alternate delegate by Trenhaile. Seconded by Guth. **Motion carried.**

The Board discussed board approved supervisor/supervisee limitations. Stalley provided the Board with information about supervisors who are not licensed by the Board but serve as Board approved supervisors. Currently there is no limitation on the number of supervisees a Board approved supervisor can supervise. The Board discussed options for overseeing supervisor/supervisee numbers. The Board instructed Stalley to provide data about the number of Board approved supervisors and the number of supervisees of each supervisor and data about Board approved supervisors not licensed by the Board for further discussion.

Stalley provided an office update.

Mercer provided the Board with a Department update.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2024 at 9:00am (central) via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn at 10:33 am by Wangen. Seconded by Trenhaile. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary