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South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists
Via Videoconference
June 12, 2020

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

Board Members Present via Videoconference: Tiffany Butler, Sherry Bartels, Roswitha Konz, Cheryl Hartman, Bobbi Brown, Jeff Wangen and Jay Trenhaile

Board Members Absent: Lynell Rice Brinkworth, Woody Schrenk

Others Present via Videoconference: Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary; Karen Cudmore, administrative staff; Erin Handke, Assistant Attorney General; Laura Ringling, Board Legal Counsel, Department of Social Services; and Marilyn Kinsman, Department of Social Services

Board members introduced themselves to Jay Trenhaile, the newest appointed board member.

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

Butler asked for comments from the public. There were no comments offered.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 17, 2020 by Wangen. Seconded by Konz. The Board voted by roll call. Butler, Bartels, Konz, Hartman, Brown, and Wangen voted aye. Trenhaile abstained. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the financial report as of May 31, 2020 by Brown. Seconded by Hartman. The Board voted by roll call. Butler, Bartels, Konz, Hartman, Brown, Wangen and Trenhaile voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion to go into executive session for consideration of contested cases and contractual matters at 10:16 am by Konz. Seconded by Wangen. The Board voted by roll call. Butler, Bartels, Konz, Hartman, Brown, Wangen and Trenhaile voted aye. Motion carried.

Butler declared the Board out of executive session at 10:41 am.

Motion to dismiss complaint 2020-01 by Konz. Seconded by Hartman. The Board voted by roll call. Brown, Konz, Hartman, Wangen and Trenhaile voted aye. Butler was recused. Bartels abstained. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the order in the Matter of the Licensed Professional Counselor Plan of Supervision application of Wendy Lohan by Wangen. Seconded by Brown. The Board voted by roll call. Butler, Bartels, Konz, Hartman, Brown, Wangen and Trenhaile voted aye. Motion carried.

Stalley provided the Board with an update on COVID-19. Stalley noted Governor Noem's executive order 2020-25 allows for the temporary suspension of the examination requirements for licensed professional counselors-mental health as a pre-requisite of licensure. Proof of examination is required by November 30, 2020 to the Board. The Board's policy regarding the testing for professional counselor and marriage and family therapist plans of supervision remain in place.

Stalley provided an office update, including the list of new licensees since the last meeting, and the status of the database project. The licensee database will be available prior to the opening of license renewals in the fall.

Stalley provided an overview of the implementation of Senate Bills 18 and 19. The Board will begin accepting applications to reactivate a qualified expired license on July 1st. The changes to licensure by endorsement will also be implemented on July 1st. Applications to inactivate a license will be ready for license renewals in the fall. Other aspects of the bills will need to be implemented through administrative rule changes.

Motion for the administrative rules workgroup to prepare a revised version of the proposed changes to the professional counselor, professional counselor-mental health, and marriage and family therapists' administrative rules to be submitted to the formal process for changes to administrative rules by Konz. Seconded by Wangen. The Board voted by roll call. Butler, Konz, Hartman, Brown, Wangen and Trenhaile voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for August 14th at 10:30 am (central).

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

The Board adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary