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Maine Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors
Minutes of June 19, 2015 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McBrady called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Timothy McBrady, LPN, LADC, CCS, Chair and Complaint Officer
Catherine Clough-Bell, LADC, CCS
Gregory Romanoff, M.S.Ed. LSW, LADC, CCS
Thomas Comiciotto, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Kelly McLaughlin, Senior Consumer Assistant Specialist
Jessica Gowell, Planning and Research Associate I
Judith Peters, AAG, Board Attorney
Geraldine L. Betts, Administrator

OLD BUSINESS

Review and approval of the minutes of May 29, 2015

In a motion by Clough-Bell, seconded by Comiciotto, to accept the minutes of May 29, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Approve Decision & Order – Mark Giroux 2013 ALC 8878

McBrady and Romanoff recused and left the room.

In a motion by Comiciotto, seconded by Clough-Bell to accept the Decision & Order in the matter of 2013 ALC 8878 as presented with amending the timeframe to pay the civil fine to ninety (90) days from the signing of the Decision & Order. Motion carried, McBrady and Romanoff recused.

2014 ALC 10371

In a motion by Comiciotto, seconded by Clough-Bell, to dismiss 2014 ALC 10371 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

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2015 ALC 10955

In a motion by Clough-Bell, seconded by Comiciotto, to dismiss 2015 ALC 10955 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

2015 ALC 10779 & 2015 ALC 10780

In a motion by Clough-Bell, seconded by Romanoff to authorize the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate a consent agreement with the Licensee on behalf of the Board in the matter of 2015 ALC 10779 & 2015 ALC 10780. The proposed terms of the Consent Agreement are: 1) Admission to violation of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(2); Board Rules Chapter 8, Section 3(3)(B) and (D); 2) Reprimand; 3) Probation for a minimum of eighteen (18) months during which time the licensee's practice will be subject to disciplinary supervision by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor who is certified as a clinical supervisor and has held a license in good standing with the Board for a minimum for five (5) years; 4) The disciplinary supervision will consist of face-to-face ninety (90) minute sessions with the Disciplinary Supervisor taking place every four (4) weeks with quarterly reporting and 5) Not eligible for licensure as a certified clinical supervisor for a minimum period to two (2) years from the date of the licensee's signature on the Consent Agreement. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

2015 ALC 11047

In a motion by Romanoff, seconded by Clough-Bell, to dismiss 2015 ALC 11047 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

2012 ALC 8766

In a motion by Clough-Bell, seconded by Comiciotto, to approve the 2nd and 3rd Quarterly Report in the matter of 2012 ALC 8766. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

Board Action on Applications

Joanna Pool – LC89 (Reinstatement)

In a motion by Clough-Bell, seconded by Comiciotto to accept staff recommendation and issue a preliminary denial without the offer of a consent agreement pursuant to 32 MRS §6207-A; 32 MRS § 6214-D(1)(B) and 32 MRS § 6214-D(1)(D)(2) and to deny the applicants request to withdraw the reinstatement application. Motion carried.

Administrators Report

Administrator Betts informed the Board that renewal reminders and licenses are being sent via email. This change went into effect June 8, 2015. The Board was also informed that the ability to apply online for an initial license will be in production within a few months.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Comiciotto motioned to adjourn, seconded by McBrady at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried.