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Minutes
Maine Board of Social Worker Licensure
December 9, 2022 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Butler, Board Chair
Angela Fileccia
Lee-Andra D'Attilio
Benjamin Strick

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Lemoine
Christopher Leighton

STAFF PRESENT

Samantha Morgan, Assistant Attorney General
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Linda Butler called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of October 14, 2022.

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: 4 in favor

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to table until the next meeting when all members can be present.

Vote: 4 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

2022-SOC-18026

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D’Attilio to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Code of Ethics 2.01A, 3.04A and B, and 4.04 and imposing a reprimand, additional supervision of one hour twice a month for eighteen months by an appropriately licensed clinical social worker. Supervision can be through video conference. The supervisor will be required to submit quarterly reports.

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-18159

A motion was made by Lee D’Attilio and seconded by Linda Butler to dismiss with a letter of guidance referencing 1.06A of the Code of Ethics, be mindful of boundaries. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for three months.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 opposed – Angela Fileccia)

2022-SOC-18461

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Lee D’Attilio to dismiss with a letter of guidance referencing 1.12 of the Code of Ethics, refrain from using derogatory language. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for two years.

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-18464

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-18499

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D’Attilio to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Code of Ethics 1.17B and F, and imposing a censure, additional supervision of one hour a month for one year by an appropriately licensed clinical social worker. Supervision can be through video conference. The supervisor will be required to submit quarterly reports.

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-18528

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Angela Fileccia to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-18555

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-18614

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-18645 and 18646

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Code of Ethics 1.06D and 1.10. imposing A Reprimand; b. Suspension of the clinical social worker license for a period of 180 days beginning on the date of the last signature to this Consent Agreement. Consultation with a Board-approved Practice Consultant consisting of at least one session of a minimum period of one hour each month for a period of at least 24 months. Licensee shall, at least 60 days before the date on which the suspension of the license ends, submit to the Board for its approval the name of one or more candidates willing to act as the licensee's Practice Consultant. The consultation sessions, which may occur via videoconference, shall begin on the date on which the suspension of the license ends. Licensee shall be responsible for ensuring that after three months, six months, nine months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 21 months, and 24 months of consultation the Practice Consultant issues written, typed, reports to the Board, on the standard form provided to the Practice Consultant, addressing the licensee's compliance with consultation and licensee's overall progress with respect to the consultation issues. To that end, the reports must address specifically: a) the work done in consultation relative to each of the consultation issues; b) Licensee's understanding of the nature of the consultation issues; and c) the Practice Consultant's assessment of licensee's progress with respect to each of the consultation issues. In the event that there is any period of time during the period of mandated consultation that the licensee is not practicing social work under a license from the Board, licensee will document that period to the Board at the time a quarterly report is due. A determination as to whether consultation shall continue during any period of time that

the licensee is not practicing will rest in the sole discretion of the Board. 18. At the end of the 24 months of consultation, the licensee will ensure that the Practice Consultant issues to the Board a written recommendation with respect to licensee's progress and whether consultation should continue. A determination as to whether consultation shall continue will rest in the sole discretion of the Board.

Vote: 4 in favor

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2022-SOC-18122 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Linda Butler to approve the supervisor.

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-16813 Reports

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to Approve the reports as written.

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-17568 Reports

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Benjamin Strick to approve the reports as written.

Vote: 4 in favor

APPLICATIONS

Ekatrina Jaynes – Initial Application

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to issue the license if all requirements have been met.

Vote: 4 in favor

Arthur Shepherd – Initial Application

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to table and request - additional information.

Vote: 4 in favor

CONDITIONAL LICENSE REQUEST

Emily Nadeau

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Benjamin Strick to allow the individual to apply for a new conditional license.

Vote: 4 in favor

Reagan Waite

No action required.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY

Review of the remote participation policy is tabled until the next meeting.

NASW PASS/FAIL RATE ANALYSIS

Discussed the NASW pass/fail rate analysis and will discuss at the next meeting with additional information.

DIAGNOSIS BY CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

A discussion regarding correspondence from licensees with questions about the ability to diagnose ADHD and ASD. This will be discussed at a later meeting once additional information is obtained.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator provided the license count to the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Vote: 4 in favor