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DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
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Board of Social Worker Licensure
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Commissioner

Minutes
Maine Board of Social Worker Licensure
January 14, 2022 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Butler, Board Chair
Angela Fileccia
Dennis Dix
Lee-Andra D'Attilio

MEMEBERS ABSENT

Christopher McLaughlin, Complaint Officer

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 9:10 a.m.

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to move the addendum item to just before the administrator's report.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of December 10, 2021.

In a motion by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia the Board voted to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: 4 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2020-SOC-16813

A motion was made by Linda Buter and seconded by Angela Fileccia to enter into executive session at 9:22 a.m.

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Linda Buter and seconded by Angela Fileccia to come out of executive order at 9:42 a.m.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to preliminarily deny the renewal application, set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Code of Ethics 1.10 and imposing a reprimand and suspension of the license for 90 days, additional supervision of one hour a month for one year by an appropriately licensed clinical social worker to focus on telehealth. Supervision can be through video conference. The supervisor will be required to submit a typed quarterly report every 3 months and a final report.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 recused – Dennis Dix)

2021-SOC-17696

A motion was made by Lee D’Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to dismiss with a letter of guidance referencing 1.07M of the Code of Ethics. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for 2 years.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 recused – Dennis Dix)

2021-SOC-17775

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

Vote: 4 in favor

2021-SOC-17857

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

Vote: 4 in favor

2021-SOC-17873

A motion was made by Lee D’Attilio and seconded by Dennis Dix to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 recused – Linda Butler)

2021-SOC-17878

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

Vote: 4 in favor

2021-SOC-17859, 17860 and 17869

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to dismiss with a letter of guidance referencing 4.03 of the Code of Ethics, regarding ethical principles in social media. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for six months.

Vote: 4 in favor

2021-SOC-17738

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

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

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2020-SOC-16988 Reports

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to accept the reports as submitted.

Vote: 4 in favor

2020-SOC-16838 Reports

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Dennis Dix to accept the reports as submitted.

Vote: 4 in favor

2021-SOC-17568 Request for Modification of CA

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Dennis Dix to adjust the consent agreement to remove revocation of license, citing Code of Ethics 1.06B, 1.09B, and 2.08, and Board Rules Chapter 16(3)(3)(D) and Chapter 16(4)(C), and imposing a reprimand, additional 8 hours of continued education with 4 hours on boundaries and dual relationships and 4 hours on self-awareness and clinician impairment, additional

supervision of one hour a month for 12 months by an appropriately licensed clinical social worker. Supervision can be through video conference. The supervisor will be required to submit quarterly reports.

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

REQUEST TO GRANT CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR FIELD INSTRUCTION

University of Southern Maine, University of Maine, University of Maine Presque Isle, University of New England, St. Joseph's College. Representatives of the universities attended the meeting to answer questions from the board regarding granting continuing education credit for field instructors' teaching. The board will discuss during rulemaking to determine if appropriate.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator provided the license count to the board. Kristina stated that the legislature is back in session and she will keep the board up to date on any pending bills that may affect social work or other bills of interest to the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

RULEMAKING

Rulemaking will be discussed at the next meeting that does not have a hearing scheduled.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dennis Dix and seconded by Angela Fileccia to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Vote: 4 in favor