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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure
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Anne L. Head
Commissioner

Minutes
Maine Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure
January 24, 2022 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer King
Christine McKenzie
Kim Shaffer, Board Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sharon Abrams, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Megan Hudson-MacRae, Assistant Attorney General
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Kim Shaffer called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of November 22, 2021.

A motion was made by Jennifer King and seconded by Christine McKenzie to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: 3 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2019-COU-15808

A motion was made by Jennifer King and seconded by Christine McKenzie to find the licensee in violation of 10 M.R.S. §8003 Section, 5-A(A)(10) and to offer a Consent Agreement to include; 1 year of probation with a requirement that the licensee voluntarily surrender the license without admission of facts.

Vote: 3 in favor

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

2021-COU-17694

A motion was made by Jennifer King and seconded by Christine McKenzie to find the licensee in violation of Board Rules Chapter 8-A(5)(1) and to offer a Consent Agreement to include; 1 year of probation with a requirement that the licensee meet with a Board approved supervisor once a month for at least 90 minutes, the supervisor must be a licensed LMFT, LCPC or LCSW whose license has been active and in good standing for at least the past 5 years, the supervisor is required to submit quarterly reports, submit proof of completion of the course on record keeping within 60 days.

Vote: 3 in favor

2021-COU-17741

A motion was made by Christine McKenzie and seconded by Jennifer King to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 3 in favor

2021-COU-17751

A motion was made by Christine McKenzie and seconded by Jennifer King to dismiss with a letter of guidance, requesting that the licensee review the laws and rules pertaining to payment sources used and HIPPA Compliance. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for 6 months.

2021-COU-17825

A motion was made by Jennifer King and seconded by Christine McKenzie to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 3 in favor

2021-COU-17838

A motion was made by Christine McKenzie and seconded by Jennifer King to find the licensee in violation of Board Rules Chapter 8-A(2), and Chapter 8-A (3)(2-A), and 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(5) and to offer a Consent Agreement to include; 4 additional continued education credits on ethics, continued education credits are to be completed within 6 months, and cannot be counted towards the required continued education for renewal, and submit a copy of Informed Consent, Disclosure, and Notice of Privacy Practices Forms for board review within 30 days.

Vote: 3 in favor

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2018-COU-14729 Reports

A motion was made by Christine McKenzie and seconded by Jennifer King to amend to the correct case number, approve the reports submitted and request the two additional 90-minute session reports required.

Vote: 3 in favor

2019-COU-15723 Reports

A motion was made by Jennifer King and seconded by Christine McKenzie to table and request all previous reports be submitted for review.

Vote: 3 in favor

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen provided the board with the current number of licensees. Kristina discussed LD1920 with the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jennifer King and seconded by Christine McKenzie to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.