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DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
Board of Social Worker Licensure
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Anne L. Head
Commissioner

Minutes
Maine Board of Social Worker Licensure
March 10, 2023 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Butler, Board Chair
Lee-Andra D'Attilio, Vice Chair
Angela Fileccia
Karen Lemoine
Christopher Leighton
Benjamin Strick

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 9:06 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of February 10, 2023.

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

Vote: 3 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2022-SOC-18710

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

Vote: 5 in favor (1 recused – Benjamin Strick)

2022-SOC-18759

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

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 4.04, 4.06(C), and Title 10 §8003 (5-A)(A)(1) and imposing a reprimand, a civil penalty of \$1,500.00 per violation with a total of \$4,500.00.

Vote: 5 in favor (1 recused – Benjamin Strick)

2022-SOC-18717

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 Board Rules Chapter 16(5)(A), 1.06(C), and 1.09(C) of the Code of Ethics and imposing a reprimand and revocation of the license.

Vote: 3 in favor

2022-SOC-18742

A motion was made by Lee D’Attilio and seconded by Linda Butler to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Code of Ethics 3.04(A), and 1.07(B) and imposing a warning, additional supervision of one hour a month for twelve months by an appropriately licensed clinical social worker to focus on best practice. Supervision can be through video conference. The supervisor will be required to submit typed quarterly reports, and a final report.

Vote: 6 in favor

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2020-SOC-16699 Reports

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Lee D’Attilio to request the May through September reports and extend the probation period until all reports are received.

Vote: 6 in favor

2022-SOC-18026 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Lee D’Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to approve the supervisor.

Vote: 6 in favor

2022-SOC-17568 Reports and Final Recommendation

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Benjamin Strick to accept the reports as submitted and end probation.

Vote: 6 in favor

2022-SOC-18590 CA Change Request

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Benjamin Strick to accept a change to supervision to allow for supervision from a board approved LCPC.

Vote: 6 in favor

2022-SOC-18132 Complaint Additional Information

No action required.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen provided the board with the number of licensees. Kristina stated that there are proposed legislative changes to the social work loan repayment program and changes withing the school. Kristina mentioned that March 23, 2023 is National Social Worker Day and that there will be an event to celebrate it at the State House.

COMPLAINT OFFICER DISCUSSION OF ROLE AND VOTE FOR APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to appoint Benjamin Strick complaint officer.

Vote: 6 in favor

RULEMAKING DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Benjamin Strick to direct staff to place the Rule for proposed rulemaking notice and comment for 30 days.

Vote: 6 in favor

ASWB EXAMINATION DISCUSSION

SOCIAL WORK COMPACT DISCUSSION

Christopher McLaughlin, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Maine Chapter, provided an update on proposed legislative changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLEAR TRAINING MODULE 1

Kristina Halvorsen discussed Clear Training with the Board.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Karen Lemoine and seconded by Benjamin Strick to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Vote: 6 in favor