

Meeting Minutes  
IOWA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE  
November 1, 2012  
Lucas Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room #526  
Des Moines, Iowa

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:09am by Erik Oostenink, Chair

**Roll Call:**

Members Present:

Vickie Miene, MHC; Erik Oostenink, MHC; Wade Leuwerke, Public Member; Sherill Whisenand, Public Member; Daniel Harkness, MFT

Members Absent:

Allen Fann, Public Member; David Kaptain, MFT; Amy Crow Sunleaf, MHC; Sarah Thomas, MFT

Staff Present:

Judy Manning, Board Executive; Sara Scott, AAG; Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

Jill Coleman and Scott Terry

**Review Agenda:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Oostenink to approve the meeting minutes of August 9, 2012 and August 30, 2012. A second was received from Whisenand. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**New Business:**

MFT Appeal – Scott Terry: Mr. Terry was informed by CCE that he is missing two classes for the Assessment and Treatment in Marital and Family Therapy content area. States he has more than required hours. Board reviewed Mr. Terry's experience and licensure history. Board members agree that the 5 seminar courses in combination with Treatment of Trauma and Treatment of Eating Disorders will fulfill the two classes missing in the Assessment and Treatment of Marital and Family Therapy content area.

A motion was made by Harkness to approve the Treatment of Trauma and Treatment of Eating Disorders combined with the other 5 seminar courses to fulfill the Assessment and Treatment in Marital and Family Therapy content area and to approve Mr. Terry's appeal. A second was received from Oostenink. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Petition for Waiver – Jill Coleman: Ms. Coleman distributed a packet of documentation to board members and provided a letter from Dr. Linda Nebbe who is advocating for Ms. Coleman. She is requesting that the Board waive the internship requirement for licensure. She completed courses at Liberty University and is unable to find a school that is willing to allow her to complete just the internship. She hired a licensed MFT in June, 2012 to serve as her clinical director for supervision. Board agrees that Ms. Coleman needs more clinical experience. Ms. Coleman feels like she is stuck because she needs to have a temporary license before she could do more clinical activities. Erik suggested that Ms. Coleman develop a proposal and present a plan for internship to the Board.

A motion was made by Oostenink to deny the petition for waiver. A second was received from Miene. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Monica Lewis – MHC Appeal: The Professional Orientation course completed by Ms. Lewis did not include instruction on the ACA Code of Ethics. Ms. Lewis completed another course that focused on the APA code of ethics. Board agrees to deny this appeal but will allow this course if she takes the 3 hour ACA code of ethics course.

A motion was made by Oostenink to deny this appeal. A second was received from Harkness. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

MCH Appeal – Tamela Visalden is lacking the required hours for her practicum/internship content areas; has only 5 quarter hours instead of the 9 hours required. She is also lacking coursework in the Social and Cultural Foundations and Career and Lifestyle Development content areas. Ms. Visalden is currently licensed in Florida as a school counselor. Oostenink moves to deny this request for appeal. A second was received from Harkness. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

MHC Appeal – Cassandra Scheidies: Lacks the required hours in Career and Lifestyle Development and Groups content areas. Oostenink moves to deny Ms. Scheidies appeal because she does not have the adequate number of semester hours in these courses to meet the requirements. A second was received from Leuwerke. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

MHC Appeal Reconsideration – Robert Thacker: CCE stated he is lacking coursework in the following content areas: Professional Orientation, Human Growth and Development and 2

semester hours in Social and Cultural Foundations. Mr. Thacker wants the board to reconsider and sent in a letter from South Dakota University addressing the courses not approved by CCE. Harkness made motion to deny his reconsideration. A second was received from Miene. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

MHC Appeal – Donita Lynch: CCE determined that Ms. Lynch lacks coursework in Professional Orientation and Helping Relationships. Ms. Lynch provided a syllabus from several courses she took for approval. The Board felt the courses taken were focused on school counseling not MHC. Talk to CCE about what criteria they are using and make sure it is adequate to approve the school counseling classes. Content of courses completed do not fit MHC. Sara said the rules are written to include content area. Judy will contact CCE and ask about why the school counseling was approved for MHC.

Oostenink made a motion to deny appeal and to request that CCE review this case and address the concerns of the board and explain why some of this applicants courses were approved. A second was received from Whisenand. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

E-mail from Keith Willis regarding the CACREP standards for MHC licensure. The Board has the authority to write the administrative rules and determine the requirements for licensure. Judy will respond to the e-mail and direct him to the meeting minutes from November 2010. Discuss CACREP Standards for licensure at the next meeting.

E-mail from Mary Johnson - Questions about internship supervision during their educational program. Does the supervision have to take place at the facility? Judy responded and quoted the administrative rules. Mary wants the board to define “usually” provided on site. The rules are not saying the supervision HAS to be but USUALLY is provided on site. The school needs to determine the requirements for the internship course.

The letter submitted by Lisa Vogel will be discussed during closed session.

Oostenink moved to enter into closed session at 11:57am to discuss confidential material related to applications and complaints according to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1) a and d. A second was received from Leuwerke. Roll call taken: Whisenand – aye; Leuwerke – aye; Oostenink – aye; Miene – aye; Harkness – aye. Motion carried

A motion was made and seconded to return to open session at 12:33pm. Motion carried.

**Follow-up from Closed Session:**

Motion by Oostenink to close Case #09-003 and issue Termination Order. A second was received from Miene. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Motion by Harkness to close Case #12-010. A second was received from Oostenink. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Motion by Leuwerke to close Case #12-012. A second was received from Miene. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Motion by Miene to close Case #10-008. A second was received from Oostenink. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

### **Reports:**

Board Executive – Judy reported that Allen Fann, public member will be going off the board in May of 2013 after serving 9 years on the Board. Allen currently serves on the discipline committee and has asked that the Chair appoint another public member to replace him following the February meeting. Oostenink appointed Wade Leuwerke to serve on the committee.

AASCB Conference will be held in January 2013 in New Orleans. Erik has shown interest in attending. There was a consensus of Board that Erik attend this meeting if funding is available.

Bureau Chief – no report

AAG – no report

### **Administrative Rules:**

Changes to Chapter 31 and Chapter 33 were reviewed and discussed by the board. Several changes were made as they relate to the length of time applications are maintained in the Board office. Board gave consensus to notice these rules.

Chair – Erik reported that the federal government adopted new standards for TriCare, the insurance for military families. Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHCs) have historically been able to provide care under TriCare with a referral from a physician. Rules were changed in December, 2011 and there is a transitional period, not grandfathering period, for LMHCs if they want to be able to continue to provide services under TriCare. During the transitional period the LMHC must attest that they have a master's degree, are licensed to practice independently as a mental health counselor in whatever state they hold licensure, and they have two years post master experience including 3,000 hours of clinical practice and 100 hours of face-to-face supervision. Effective January 1, 2015 the Department of Defense rules won't allow individuals to practice as a LCMHC unless they complete a masters level CACREP accredited Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CMHC) program, have passed the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam (NCMHCE) instead of the National Counselor Exam (NCE), and have 100

hours of face-to-face supervision hours with a LMHC. This is different than what we have in the rules and I'm concerned that people coming out of school and going into school don't know this and aren't prepared to meet these requirements and will not be able to meet consumer needs and provide services.

Erik encouraged the Board to consider adopting the requirements of the NCMHCE for the top independent level of licensure, adopt requirements for going through a CACREP approved clinical mental health counseling program, have some discussion about having supervision by a LMHC, change terminology from LMHC to LCMHC, and instead of temporary license change to licensed associate clinical mental health counselor.

Erik indicated he spoke with Iowa MHC association and they would like to work with the Board to make these changes.

There is some concern about applicants from other states being able to get licensed in Iowa if the Board would make these changes. If other states are required to make this change also this could encourage a national standard.

Erik suggested that a committee of board members prepare a proposal for the Board. Vickie, Wade and Erik will consider serving on this committee. Dan indicated he would look at how this would affect MFT's.

Vickie commented that a committee will need to do some research and interact with the people this is going to impact and the schools that aren't CACREP.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15pm was made by Oostenink. A second was received from Whisenand. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Minutes were approved by the Board on February 7, 2013.