

Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE
August 30, 2012
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa
Conference Call

Call to Order:

A conference call meeting of the Iowa Board of Behavioral Science was held on August 30, 2012. The meeting was held in accordance with section 21.8 of the Code of Iowa entitled “Electronic Meetings”. The Code states that a government body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that a meeting in person is impossible or impractical, and if the governmental body complies with the provisions of section 21.8.

The meeting was called to order by Erik Oostenink, Chair at 7:03 am.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Erik Oostenink, MHC; Sarah Thomas, MFT; David Kaptain, MFT; Wade Leuwerke, Public Member; Amy Crow Sunleaf, MHC; Vickie Meine, MHC; and Sherill Whisenand, Public Member

Members Absent:

Daniel Harkness, MFT and Allen Fan, Public Member

Staff Present:

Judy Manning, Board Executive

New Business:

Kim Gamm – Consent Agreement – The Board reviewed the Consent Agreement signed by Kimberly Gamm. Ms. Gamm applied for Mental Health Counselor licensure and indicated that she had been disciplined by another licensure board. Ms. Gamm was disciplined by the Social Work Board and voluntarily surrendered her license as a Bachelors level Social Worker (BSW). Ms. Gamm applied to the Social Work Board for reinstatement of her BSW license and that Board required that she meet specific requirements to reinstate her Bachelors Level Social Worker license. This consent agreement offered by the Behavioral Science Board will mirror the terms of the requirements for reinstatement of her BSW license. David Kaptain made a motion to issue Ms. Gamm a license by consent agreement based on the reinstatement requirements for her BSW license. Wade Leuwerke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MHC Appeal – LuRene Shereck - CCE had determined that Ms. Shereck was lacking coursework in four content areas; Professional Orientation, Career and Lifestyle Development, Social and Cultural Foundations and Psychopathology. She provided information at the 8/9/12 board meeting meeting and felt she had coursework in all of the required content areas. Due to the large volume of materials for review the Board scheduled a conference call meeting on August 30, 2012 to discuss Ms. Shereck’s appeal. At the 8/30/12 meeting Board members discussed the information provided to determine if she had met the coursework requirements for licensure.

Eric made a motion to accept the Crisis Counseling course (#570) to fulfill the Social and Cultural Foundations content area and to deny the other coursework used to fulfill the Professional Orientation, Career and Lifestyle Development and Psychopathology content areas. Wade seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Petition for Waiver - LuRene Shereck filed a Petition for Waiver requesting that the board waive the coursework required to fulfill the Professional Orientation, Career and Lifestyle Development, Social and Cultural Foundations and Psychopathology content areas. When the Board considered the MHC Appeal for Ms. Shereck they determined that she had met the requirement for the Social and Cultural Foundations content area but still needed coursework in the remaining three content areas. After the Board reviewed Ms. Shereck’s Petition for Waiver David made the motion that based on the large amount of continuing education that Ms. Shereck had completed in ethics, the fact that she is already licensed in two other states, her involvement with the North Dakota Mental Health Association and the fact that she has successfully passed both the NCE and NCMHCE they would agree to waive the Professional Orientation content area but deny the waiver of the Career and Lifestyle Development and Psychopathology content areas. Erik seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board questioned if it would be appropriate to issue a consent agreement and allow Ms. Shereck to begin work while completing the two additional courses within one year of being licensed. Judy agreed to contact the AAG to determine if this would be allowed.

Judy contacted the AAG following the meeting and it was determined that it would not be appropriate to issue a consent agreement since the applicant had not completed all of the requirements for licensure.

The Board would like to discuss portability at a future board meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Erik and seconded by David to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.