

Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE
August 9, 2012
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Erik Oostenink, Chair at 9:08am.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Daniel Harkness, MFT; Allen Fann, Public Member; Erik Oostenink, MHC; Sarah Thomas, MFT; David Kaptain, MFT; Wade Leuwerke, Public Member; Amy Crow Sunleaf, MHC; and Sherill Whisenand, Public Member

Members Absent:

Vickie Meine, MHC

Staff Present:

Judy Manning, Board Executive; Sara Scott, AAG; Barb Huey, Bureau Chief and Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant

Guest Present:

Jacob Schaefer, LMHC; Paul Johnston, MA; Laura Hoffman, MA; LuRene Boehm Shereck; Robert Thacker, MA; Maria Escalante de Smith; and Daniel Smith

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Thomas to approve the meeting minutes from May 3, 2012. A second was received from Leuwerke. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

New Business:

Chairman, Erik Oostenink asked that there be a 5 minute limit on comments from the public.

MHC Appeal – Laura Hoffmann is a 2009 graduate from Loras College which is not a CACREP accredited program. Laura has had an evaluation of her educational credentials completed by CCE and they determined that Ms. Hoffmann is lacking the required coursework in the area of Counseling Theories. Ms. Hoffmann explained that at the time of her graduation there was a set of requirements in place that have now been changed. Laura is short on some of her required courses and is asking the board to approve her completion of requirements under the old state requirements. Board felt that there is a course missing and feels they must deny the appeal until

the course has been completed. A motion was made by Oostenink to deny appeal. A second was received from Thomas. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

MHC Appeal – The Board considered Robert Thacker’s appeal of the evaluation of his educational credentials completed by CCE. CCE determined that Mr. Thacker was lacking the required coursework in the areas of Professional Orientation, Social and Cultural Foundations, and Human Growth and Development. Robert Thacker is also seeking approval to sit for the national exam. Mr. Thacker explained that the Board previously approved his course work which made him eligible to take the exam. Mr. Thacker’s application was destroyed, according to board administrative rules; because he did not complete the application process in the two years allowed and did not submit a letter asking that his file remain open. Much discussion followed regarding the two year contact rule, since two years had passed with no contact from him and his application was destroyed. After finding out his application had been destroyed, according to the board rules, Mr. Thacker filed another application. AAG, Sara Scott stated that the board would require a Petition for Waiver since an administrative rule would need to be waived to fulfill Mr. Thacker’s request. A motion was made to allow Mr. Thacker to take the exam. No second was received. Motion failed. A motion was made by Oostenink to deny Mr. Thacker’s appeal. A second was received from Harkness. 6 ayes, 2 opposed (Kaptain/Thomas), motion carried.

Board members took a break at 10:23am.

MHC Appeal – LuRene Shereck is asking the board to accept her course work from a school that was not CACAREP accredited. Ms. Shereck needs to meet Iowa’s requirements to become licensed by endorsement. Iowa does not have reciprocity with any other state. Options were discussed for licensure. Erik recommended that the board review the additional information provided by Ms. Shereck to determine if her education meets requirements for licensure. A waiver may be needed for this case. Entire board will review the education requirements during a conference call on August 30th at 7AM. David suggested that Ms. Shereck contact the American Association of State Counseling Board regarding the National Credentials Registry tier one and tier two options to determine if she would qualify. This appeal is pending further board review.

Petition for Waiver – Paul Johnston filed a petition for waiver asking that the Board waive the course requirements for Groups, Social and Cultural Foundations, and Human Growth and Development for MHC licensure. Mr. Johnston is currently licensed in Colorado and applied for Iowa MHC licensure. When he attended his counseling program the University of Colorado was not CACREP accredited. Mr. Johnston indicated that he would consider completing Human Growth and Development to fulfill this requirement for licensure. The Board has not received notice from CCE regarding this appeal. Erik recommended that the board review the education

of this applicant when the documentation is received from CCE. The following members will review the education of Mr. Johnston. Amy, Vickie, & Erik.

Maria Escalante de Smith – Foreign trained applicants are required to have an educational evaluation completed by the International Educational Research Foundation (IERF). Maria had not met all of Iowa's requirements for licensure when that evaluation was completed. Maria has completed the additional course work except for Human Growth and Development. She is asking that a course she has taken in the past be approved for the Human Growth and Development requirement. The course description for this course was reviewed. Maria will still need to successfully complete the exam once the education is approved before a license can be issued. A motion was made by Oostenink to approve the course to fulfill the Human Growth and Development requirement. A second was received from Kaptain. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

MHC Appeal - Kelly Espenschade is appealing the decision made by CCE when they evaluated her educational credentials for MHC licensure. Ms. Espenschade is still lacking two semester hours of the required six hours for the Practicum/Internship areas. Ms. Espenschade is currently attending UNI and completing her course work but is asking for a waiver of the 2 hours of practicum. Ms. Espenschade is requesting the board use her employment experience as part of her practicum. A motion was made by Fann to deny the MHC Appeal. A second was received from Oostenick. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

MHC Appeal - Jennifer Collins – The Board reviewed the MHC appeal filed by Jennifer Collins requesting that the board accept a two hour course for the practicum requirement. A motion was made by Whisenand to deny the MHC appeal and require that Ms. Collins complete the remaining 1 semester hour to meet the practicum requirement. A second was received from Leuwerke. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

MHC Appeal - Sue Ann Hayes is lacking the required coursework in the Social and Cultural Foundations content area requirement. Ms. Hayes provided documentation of courses she completed to determine if those courses met the Social and Cultural Foundations requirement. After review by the board it was determined that she did not have a course that met the requirement and would need to complete additional coursework. A motion was made by Crow Sunleaf to deny MHC appeal. A second was received from Whisenand. 7 – aye, 1 - opposed (Thomas), motion carried.

MHC Appeal – Mollie Schmelzer is requesting approval of the course Introduction to Diagnosis and Community Counseling be approved to fulfill the Psychopathology content area. The Board reviewed a course description of the course titled Introduction to Diagnosis and Community Counseling (CN 600) and determined that it could be used to fulfill the requirement for the

Psychopathology content area. A motion was made by Leuwerke to approve this appeal. A second was received from Oostenink. 7 – ayes, 1- opposed (Fann), motion carried.

Dan Harkness left the meeting at 12:00 noon.

Board members took a break at 12:04pm and returned to open session at 12:11pm

Kim Gamm, MHC licensure – Ms. Gamm has met all of the requirements for MHC licensure. However, Ms. Gamm was disciplined by the Social Work Board and surrendered her bachelor's level Social Work license. Ms. Gamm reinstated her Social Work license in May and will be on probation for 1 year with conditions added to her reinstatement. The Board discussed issuing her a license by consent agreement to include as a condition of licensure that she be fully compliant with requirements set forth in of Social Work Board reinstatement decision. Sara Scott, AAG, will contact Gamm with the Consent Order and after she has agreed and signed the Consent Agreement the Board will need to approve.

Reports:

Board Executive: Judy Manning reported that board member Vickie Meine is attending NBCC Annual Meeting and will report about her trip at the next meeting.

Chair: Erik briefly discussed the new practice requirements for mental health professionals that will go into effect for TRICARE in 2014. Some of the requirements are graduation from a CACREP accredited program, successful completion of the NCHMCE, and full licensure.

Bureau Chief: No report

AAG: No report

Administrative Rules:

The administrative rules committee met to address changes to Chapter 31 and supervision requirements. The committee looked at the number of hours supervision could be obtained in an electronic format vs. face-to-face. The committee determined that 25% of all supervision should be completed in person and 75% could be completed by electronic means. The committee also determined that no more than 50% of supervision should be completed by phone. Similar language will be used for MHC and MFT. Sara will work on language to address the two year period an application is good for before it expires and share this information at the next meeting.

Closed Session:

A motion was made by Fann to enter into closed session at 1:28pm to discuss confidential information according to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1) a. and d. A second was received from

Oostenink. Roll call taken, Fann – Aye; Crow Sunleaf – Aye; Kaptain – Aye; Oostenink – Aye; Thomas – Aye; Whisenand – Aye; and Leuwerke – Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to return to open session at 2:05pm. Motion carried.

Follow Up From Closed Session

A motion was made by Fann to close case #12-011. A second was received from Kaptain. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Fann to close case #11-015. A second was received from Crow Sunleaf. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Fann to close case #11-016. A second was received from Leuwerke. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Fann to close case #12-007. A second was received from Whisenand. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Oostenink to approve the Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges for case #10-003. A second was received from Crow Sunleaf. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Future Board Meetings:

November 1, 2012	February 7, 2013
May 2, 2013	August 8, 2013
November 7, 2013	

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Oostenink to adjourn the meeting at 2:07pm. A second was received from Crow Sunleaf. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.