Meeting Minutes

Iowa Board of Behavioral Science

May 3, 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 9:16 am.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Vickie Miene, MHC; Dan Harkness, MFT; Kenneth Fann, Public Member; Erik Oostenink, MHC; Wade Leuwerke, Public Member; Amy Crow Sunleaf, MHC; Sarah Thomas, MFT; Sherrill Whisenand, Public Member.

Members Absent:

David Kaptain, MFT

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

Jill Coleman

Election of Officers:

Nominations for Chair: A motion was made by Sherrill Whisenand to elect Erik Oostenink as Chair. A second was received from Vickie Miene. Motion carried unanimously.

Nominations for Vice Chair: A motion was made by Oostenink to elect Harkness as Vice-Chair. A second was received from Sarah Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Thomas to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2012 meeting. A second was received from Leuwerke. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Reports:

Board Executive, Judy Manning introduced and welcomed new board member, Amy Crow Sunleaf, MHC. The dues for the Board's AAMFT membership were approved by the Department for another year.

Bureau Chief, Barb Huey – Welcomed Amy to the board. The Amanda project is well underway and is now testing licensure folders. There is a complaint process and board meet folder, which will be the board's avenue for sharing information. Looking to the first of next year as a roll out date, training will be given to all board members.

Chair, Erik Oostenink reported that he attended the AMHCA board meeting and gave an overview of items discussed during the meeting. Erik reported that for the Iowa Board to start requiring that mental health counselor licensure applicants attend a CACREP accredited mental health counseling program it could take up to seven years to make this a standard requirement. Judy stated this would require a law change. Judy recommended that it would be better if a law change that might be controversial was introduced by the professional association instead of the board.

AAG, Sara Scott gave an overview of guidelines for board members. If a board member ever has questions please contact either Sara or Judy. Encouraged board members to make themselves familiar with the rules and practice act of the profession. The rules are available on the Professional Licensure web site. Encouraged board members to be present at each meeting stressing the importance of members input at the meetings. Any questions you receive as a board member should be directed to Judy for response. Purpose of the board is the protection of the public.

New Business:

Jill Coleman – Petition for Waiver – Ms. Coleman distributed a handout to the board members and staff. Ms. Coleman still has coursework to complete to meet the Iowa licensure requirements. A discussion followed regarding her years of practice and supervision. Ms. Coleman is willing to go through supervision if needed but would like to have her past supervision be accepted for licensure. Ms. Coleman has her own practice, employs a licensed individual, has current contracts with Magellan and has a working relationship with DHS. Ms. Coleman indicated that she needs to be licensed now because of her work in a rural community. Ms. Coleman is asking that the internship requirement be waived. Harkness suggested the waiver be denied because there are still courses needed to meet the licensing requirements. Oostenink suggested that she complete the course work and then come back to the board with another waiver of the internship requirement. A motion was made by Oostenink to deny the waiver. A second was received from Harkness. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Chad Brownfield – Petition for Waiver – Additional information was provided prior to the board meeting showing that Mr. Brownfield has completed the supervision requirements for licensure and it was determined that a waiver was not necessary. Mr. Brownfield has met the requirements for licensure and his license will be issued.

Lynae Tesdall/ Courtney Cook – Two individuals are requesting approval to use Skype for clinical supervision prior to licensure. The rules currently allow 50% of supervision to be completed using an electronic format. Members discussed how secure Skype would be when discussing confidential information. Sara Scott explained how other boards have dealt with technology and supervision. Leuwerke suggested that the board increase the allowed video conferencing to 75% and require the first two meetings be face to face. Also Oostenink would like to require that an LMHC supervises an LMHC. Thomas shared that she would never be in favor of 100% video conferencing supervision. Members recommended that the rules committee meet to discuss this issue thoroughly. A motion was made by Oostenink to deny waivers for Tesdall and Cook. A second was received from Thomas. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried. Committee members: Leuwerke, Miene and Kaptain will meet about this issue.

Joyce Hart – Petition for Waiver – Ms. Hart is requesting a waiver of the number of supervision hours required for MFT licensure. A motion was made by Oostenink to deny request. A second was received from Fann. All ayes, opposed none, motion carries.

NBCC Annual Meeting – August 9-10, 2012 Greensboro, North Carolina. NBCC will pay for a board member to attend. Vickie Meine is interested in attending as the board representative.

MFT Appeal – Tara Dekkers – The practicum/intern requirement when Ms. Dekkers graduated from her MFT program did not meet the current requirement for licensure. Sarah made a motion to approve. A second was received from Meine. 6 ayes, 2 opposed (Luewerke/Fann), motion carried.

MHC Appeal - Shelley Hughes- Ms. Hughes has not completed coursework to meet the professional orientation requirement. A motion was made by Oostenink to deny her appeal. A second was received from Crow-Sunleaf. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Dan Harkness left the meeting Board took a break

Complaints:

Motion made by Fann to enter into closed session at 11:03 am 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 Oostenink. Roll call vote: Fann – Aye; Crow Sunleaf – Aye; Thomas

- Aye; Oostenink - Aye; Miene - Aye; Leuwerke - Aye; and Whisenand - Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to return to open session at 12:40 pm. Motion carried.

Follow-up from closed session:

Kim Gamm has completed the requirements for MHC licensure but she has been disciplined by the Social Work Board. The Board discussed the possibility of licensure with stipulations. Oostenink suggested the board delay licensure until Ms. Gamm has her license reinstated by the Social Work board. Luewerke questioned why the Behavioral Science Board would license her following the surrender of her Social Work license. Sara reported the Social Work Board will hold a hearing on May 21 regarding the possible reinstatement of Ms. Gamm's Social Work license. Ms. Gamm's MHC licensure application will remain in pending status until the Social Work reinstatement hearing has been completed and the Board can review the results of that hearing.

A motion was made by Fann to close Case#12-004. A second was received from Whisenand. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Oostenink to adjourn the meeting at 1:00pm. A second was received from Crow Sunleaf. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.