

**BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, AND MENTAL
HEALTH COUNSELING
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2020
8:00 A.M. ET**

**HOLIDAY INN UNIVERSITY CENTER
1250 W. UNIVERSITY AVE.
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32601
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. by Lisa Bolhouse, Chair.

A. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Janet Hartman, Executive Director. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Bolhouse, LCSW, Chair
Jamie Buller, LCSW, Vice-Chair
Denny Cecil-Van Den Heuvel, PhD, LMFT, LMHC
William Day, PhD, LMHC

STAFF PRESENT

Janet Hartman, Executive Director
Ashleigh Irving, Program Administrator
Rebecca Lawrence, Regulatory Supervisor

COURT REPORTER

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BOARD COUNSEL

Timothy Frizzell, Esq
Assistant Attorney General

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Chad Dunn, Esq. Chief Legal Counsel

B. Mission, Vision and Values

Ms. Bolhouse read the Department of Health's mission, vision and values.

Mission: To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, & community efforts.

Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation.

Values (ICARE):

Innovation: We search for creative solutions and manage resources wisely.

Collaboration: We use teamwork to achieve common goals & solve problems.



Accountability: We perform with integrity & respect.

Responsiveness: We achieve our mission by serving our customers & engaging our partners.

Excellence: We promote quality outcomes through learning & continuous performance improvement.

C. Welcome

Ms. Bolhouse welcomed everyone to the meeting. She reminded the audience that the proceedings were being recorded and would later be posted on the Board's website. Ms. Bolhouse asked everyone to turn off all electronic devices and introduced students from the University of Florida, Florida State University, and Rollins College.

Mr. Frizzell discussed general board and discipline procedures for the students in the audience.

Ms. Bolhouse introduced Dr. Martha Brown, Associate Medical Director for Florida Professional Resource Network (PRN).

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. November 14, 2019, General Business Meeting

The minutes of the November 14, 2019 general business meeting were reviewed, and the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2019 meeting.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

III. DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

A. Recommended Order

- i. **Gerard Kruse, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Case Number 2017-13017**
(PCP: Buller, Day, and Roberts)
Represented by Counsel

Case continued due to quorum.

B. Settlement Agreement

- i. **Maureen Bond, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Case Number 2016-14260**
(PCP: Buller, Day, and Roberts)
Represented by Counsel

Case continued due to quorum.

- ii. **Katelynn L. Schuette, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Number 2015-10265**
(PCP: Macomber, Roberts, Otis)
Pro Se

Ms. Schuette was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel.



Mr. Dunn presented the case before the board which charged Ms. Schuette with the following violation: Count I- Section 491.009(1)(h) through a violation of Section 39.201(1)(a) and (d), Florida Statutes (2014) for failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation placed upon a person licensed, registered, or certified by not reporting suspected physical child abuse.

A Settlement Agreement was presented to the Board with the following terms:

- Appearance
- Reprimand
- Fine of \$1000.00 payable within one year
- Costs of \$2,230.16 payable within one year
- Proof of successful completion of three hours of continuing education in the area of ethics and professional boundaries in addition to required hours for renewal of licensure.
- Probation of one year

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the settlement agreement as proposed.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: unanimous.

C. Determination of Waiver

- i. **Victoria Hernandez, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Number 2017-17570**
(PCP: Day and Buller)
Pro Se

Case continued due to quorum.

- ii. **Monique D. Brown Wellons, Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern, Case Number 2018-11047**
(PCP: Bolhouse and Gray)
Pro Se

Ms. Brown Wellons was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Ms. Bolhouse was recused due to participation on the probable cause panel. Ms. Buller presided over this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Dunn presented the case before the board. The administrative complaint charges Ms. Brown Wellons with the following violations: Count I- Section 456.072(1)(jj), F.S. (2016-2017) by failing to remit the sum owed to the state for overpayment from the Medicaid program; Count II- Section 456.072(1)(kk), F.S. (2017) by failing to reimburse an overpayment and/or pay an agency-imposed fine pursuant to a final order. Mr. Dunn recommended that the board drop the violation of Count I.

After discussion, the following action was taken:



Motion: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel to accept the recommendation to drop the violation of Count I.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: unanimous.

The Department's recommendation is:

- Letter of concern
- Fine of \$1500 to be paid within 90 days
- 3 hours of law and rules continuing education to be completed within 90 days

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Day to accept the recommendation by the Department.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

The Department requests cost of \$31.76 payable within 90 days.

Motion: by Dr. Day to waive costs.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous

iii. Parveen Kaur, Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern, Case Number 2018-19483
(PCP: Bolhouse, Otis and Roberts)
Pro Se

Ms. Kaur was not present or represented by counsel. Ms. Bolhouse was recused due to participation on the probable cause panel. Ms. Buller presided over this portion of the meeting

Mr. Dunn presented the case before the board. The administrative complaint charges Ms. Kaur with a violation of Section 491.009(1)(w), F.S., through a violation of Section 456.072(1)(k), F.S., by failing to repay student loans.

Following review, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel accept the investigative report into evidence, find that the respondent was properly served and has waived her right to a formal hearing, and to adopt material facts set forth in the administrative complaint as the findings as fact of the board.

Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: unanimous.

Motion: by Dr. Day to adopt the allegation of law in the administrative complaint as the Board's conclusions of law and the conclusions of law as a violation of the practice act.

Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Dan Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.



The Department's recommendation is:

- Letter of concern
- Suspension until licensee enters repayment program
- Probation for the duration of the student loan
- Fine of \$7,109.96 payable within one year
- Costs \$268.56 payable within one year

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept Department's recommendation and request for costs.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: unanimous

- iv. **Gabriel L. Tito, Registered Marriage and Family Therapy Intern, Case Number 2016-08678**
(PCP: Buller, Day, and Roberts)
Pro Se

Case continued due to quorum.

D. Voluntary Relinquishment

- i. **Tracey Denise Felix-Thomas, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Number 2019-34524**
(PCP: N/A)
Pro Se

Ms. Felix-Thomas was not present nor was she represented by counsel.

Mr. Dunn presented the case before the board which includes violations of the following: Section 456.0635(1), F.S., Section 456.072(1)(a)(k)(l)(m)(n)(dd), F.S., Section 491.0091(1)(c)(h)(i)(l)(t), F.S., and Section 456.074(1)(b), F.S for health care fraud, fraudulent representations, failure to perform legal obligation, making a false report, receive kickbacks, and violating statute/rule of the board.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept voluntary relinquishment.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

Mr. Frizzell and Ms. Buller explained voluntary relinquishment to the students in the audience.

- ii. **Michal Andries, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Number 2019-41810**
(PCP: N/A)
Pro Se



Ms. Andries was not present nor represented by counsel.

Mr. Dunn presented the case before the board which includes violations of the following: Section 456.072(1)(k)(v)(dd), F.S., Section 491.009(1)(h)(k)(r)(w), F.S., and Section 491.0111, F.S. for entering an inappropriate relations with an adult patient.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the voluntary relinquishment.
 Second: by Dr. Day.
 Vote: unanimous.

E. Final Order Amendment

- i. Kaylyn Noelle (Stevens) Williams, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Number 2018-05059**
 (PCP: Bolhouse and Gray)
 Represented by Counsel

Ms. Williams was present to be sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Ms. Bolhouse was recused due to participation in the probable cause panel. Ms. Buller presided over this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Frizzell requested the terms stipulated in the final order of Ms. Williams’ settlement agreement voted on at the November 14, 2019 meeting be extended to Ms. Williams’ full license which has been granted.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the request to extend the terms of the final order to Ms. Williams’ full license.
 Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
 Vote: unanimous.

IV. PROSECUTION REPORT

A. Chad Dunn, Chief Legal Counsel

Mr. Dunn presented the following report to the Board:

Inventory of Cases as of February 3rd, 2020

Cases in hold status (48 Status)	1
Cases under legal review (60-68 Status)	90
Cases awaiting probable cause determination (70 Status)	51
Total cases where PC has been found (80 Status)	9
Cases for formal hearing request (85-88 Status)	7
Cases submitted for Board review (118 Status)	9
Cases at DOAH (110 Status)	0
Cases on appeal (140 Status)	0
+	
Total Cases open/active in PSU	172



Total Number of Cases Older Than One Year:	
2009	1
2010	0
2011	1
2012	0
2013	0
2014	1
2015	4
2016	10
2017	14
2018	66
2019	3
+	
Total	100

Motion: by Ms. Buller to continue prosecution of cases one year or older.
 Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
 Vote: unanimous.

V. PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER

A. Emily Rubzin, Registered Clinical Social Work Intern

Ms. Rubzin was not present and was not represented by counsel. She has filed a petition seeking a variance or waiver of rule 64B4-11.007, Florida Administrative Codes. She is asking the board to accept supervision hours completed for social work by an out of state Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. The supervisor will not provide transcripts to show they have coursework qualifications to supervise social workers pursuant to Florida rule.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Day to deny the request for variance or waiver because the supervisor does not appear to meet Florida requirements.
 Second: by Ms. Buller.
 Vote: unanimous.

VI. APPEARANCES

A. Applications for Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern

i. Yanet De Las Mercedes Ramos Flores

Ms. Ramos Flores was not present nor represented by counsel. Her application was brought before the board for an education review. Ms. Ramos Flores has a doctorate degree in Psychiatry and General Medicine completed in Cuba.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel to deny the application with the option to withdraw within 30 days.



Second: by Ms. Buller.
Vote: unanimous.

ii. Callena Thelmelia Jones

Ms. Jones was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Her application was brought before the board for an affirmative answer to a health history question. The board required her appearance at the November 14, 2019 meeting.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve application.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: unanimous.

iii. Charlotte Warta

Ms. Warta was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Her application was brought before the board for an affirmative answer to a health history question.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve application with the condition of receiving a letter from her current therapist stating Ms. Warta is safe to practice with reasonable skill and safety and a letter of reference from a clinician at her current employer to be reviewed by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

B. Applications for Licensed Mental Health Counselor

i. Doris Murray

Ms. Murray was not present nor represented by counsel. Her application was brought before the board for discipline on her Ohio license.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to require appearance before the board at one of the next two meetings.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

C. Applications for Licensed Clinical Social Worker

i. Beatrice Jane Statlander-Slote

Ms. Statlander-Slote was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was represented by Laura Sterling, Esq. Ms. Statlander-Slote is requesting the board to accept the experience



submitted from a qualified supervisor that provided a statement that Ms. Statlander-Slote has not met minimum standards of peer performance.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application with the condition of completion of 150 face to face hours offering psychotherapy and a letter from her current supervisor discussing details of the supervisory sessions, confirmation that a licensed clinician is on the premises while Ms. Statlander-Slote is offering psychotherapy, and her ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Ms. Buller to review the letter prior to approval.

Second: by Dr. Day.

Vote: 3/1-Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel opposed.

ii. Sharon Rothman

Ms. Rothman was not present nor represented by counsel. Her application was brought before the board for review of alternative experience.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve supervised experience completed in New York.

Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.

Vote: unanimous.

iii. Annaliese Thomas

Ms. Thomas was not present nor represented by counsel. Her application was brought before the board for discipline imposed on his Independent Clinical Social Worker license in Massachusetts.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve application

Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.

Vote: unanimous.

D. Applications for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

i. Jeffrey Rogers

Mr. Rogers was present and sworn in by the court reporter. He was not represented by counsel. His application was brought before the board for discipline imposed on his Marriage and Family Therapy license in Mississippi.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Day to deny application.

Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.

Vote: unanimous.



ii. Dukens Eliacin

Mr. Eliacin was present and sworn in by the court reporter. He was not represented by counsel. His application was brought before the board because his Temporary Marriage and Family Therapy license was revoked in Tennessee.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel to approve application.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: 2/2-Ms. Buller and Ms. Bolhouse opposed.

Motion failed.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve application with the condition of meeting with a Qualified Supervisor bi-weekly to discuss boundaries and ethics for a period of one year. After one-year, Mr. Eliacin is to appear before the board with a letter from his Qualified Supervisor about supervision experience.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

E. Continuing Education Courses

i. ISFTA, LLC, Provider 50-11293

1. Enriching Alternative Medicine with Essential Oils, Course 20-512589
2. Enriching Alternative Medicine with Essential Oils, Course 20-568171
3. Essential Oil Basics for Healthcare Professionals, Course 20-734646
4. Holistic Health Practices, Course 20-307427

Ms. Nicole Almeida was not present nor represented by counsel. Her continuing education course was brought before the board because of a complaint filed with the board office. The complaint was presented to the board at a previous meeting. Board members voted to remove the courses that were not related to the practice of this board. Board counsel advised that this was not an appropriate motion and asked the board to issue an order to show cause and make a determination of the courses at a later date.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel to allow Mr. Frizzell to issue an order to show cause.
Second: by Ms. Buller.
Vote: unanimous.

F. Exam Approval

i. Shacara Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell was not present nor represented by counsel. Her request was brought before the board for approval to take the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Exam (NCMHCE). Ms. Mitchell was denied exam approval by board staff pursuant to s. 491.005(4)(b), F.S. She



has not shown proof of having a graduate degree from a mental health counseling program or a closely related counseling field.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel to deny exam approval.
Second: by Ms. Buller.
Vote: unanimous.

VII. RULES DISCUSSION

A. 64B4-3.003, Examination for Licensure

Mr. Frizzell provided a rule draft with proposed amended language for the board's consideration and provided an overview of the amendments to the board.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve proposed language with amendments.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

B. 64B4-3.0075, Provisional Licensure

Mr. Frizzell provided a rule draft with proposed amended language for the board's consideration and provided an overview of the amendments to the board.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the proposed language.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

C. 64B4-3.0085, Intern Registration

Mr. Frizzell provided a rule draft with proposed amended language for the board's consideration and provided an overview of the amendments to the board.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the proposed language.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

D. 64B4-3.009, Limited Licenses

Mr. Frizzell provided a rule draft with proposed amended language for the board's consideration and provided an overview of the amendments to the board.



After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the proposed language.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

E. 64B4-3.010, Marriage and Family Therapy Dual Licensure

Mr. Frizzell provided a rule draft with proposed amended language for the board's consideration and provided an overview of the amendments to the board.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the proposed language.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: unanimous.

F. 64B4-3.001, Application for Licensure for Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling Applicants

Mr. Frizzell provided a rule draft with proposed amended language for the board's consideration and provided an overview of the amendments to the board.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the proposed language.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: unanimous.

G. 64B4-3.0015 Verification of Supervised Experience for Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling Applicants

Mr. Frizzell provided a rule draft with proposed amended language for the board's consideration and provided an overview of the amendments to the board.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the proposed language with amendments.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

The board considered the economic impact and determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) for the above listed rules was not necessary and the rules will not need legislative ratification. The board determined that no part of these rules or a violation of these rule should be designated a minor violation and took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs is not required as the proposed rule amendment has no impact on small businesses regarding



regulatory costs and no impact over \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within one year of these rules being filed.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

Motion: by Ms. Buller that the proposed rule amendments would not cause a net increase in regulatory costs in excess of one-million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) within five years after implementation of the final rules.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

Motion: by Ms. Buller that no part of these rules or a violation of these rules should be designated as a minor violation.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

Motion: by Ms. Buller that it is not appropriate to sunset or provide a given time for any of these rules.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous

H. 64B4-5.001, Disciplinary Guidelines

Mr. Frizzell provided a rule draft with proposed amended language for the board's consideration and provided an overview of the amendments to the board.

After discussion, Mr. Frizzell requested a telephonic meeting to review and discuss changes in depth. He will draft language to bring to a later meeting.

I. 64B4-6.001, Renewal of Active License

Mr. Frizzell provided a rule draft with proposed amended language for the board's consideration and provided an overview of the amendments to the board.

Mr. Frizzell will draft additional language changes to bring to a later meeting.

J. 64B4-11.007 Definition of "Licensed Clinical Social Worker, or the Equivalent, Who Is a Qualified Supervisor

Mr. Frizzell provided a rule draft with proposed amended language for the Board's consideration and provided an overview of the amendments to the Board.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the proposed language with amendments.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

The board considered the economic impact and determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) for the above listed rules was not necessary and the rules will not need legislative ratification. The board determined that no part of these rules or a violation of



these rule should be designated a minor violation, do not need to be sunset and took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs is not required as the proposed rule amendment has no impact to small businesses regarding regulatory costs and no impact over \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within one year of this rule being filed.

Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel
Vote: unanimous.

Motion: by Ms. Buller that the proposed rule amendments would not cause a net increase in regulatory costs in excess of one-million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) within five years after implementation of the final rule.

Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

Motion: by Ms. Buller that no part of this rule or a violation of this rule should be designated as a minor violation.

Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

Motion: by Ms. Buller that it is not appropriate to sunset or provide a given time for this rule.

Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Board Counsel

i. Rules Report

Mr. Frizzell provided monthly rules report for November, December, and January for Board review.

ii. Case Study

Mr. Frizzell provided case study for members to review regarding judicial decision makers and their use of social media.

B. Executive Director

i. Legislative Updates

Ms. Hartman presented the board with the following legislative updates:

HB 41/SB180 – Conversion Therapy

Referred to three committees and has not been placed on any agenda.

HB115 – Keep our Graduates Working Act

ordered enrolled and pending governor signature – if signed, becomes effective July 1, 2020.



Keep our graduates working act prohibits state authority from denying license, refusing to renew license, or suspending or revoking license on basis of delinquency or default in payment of a student loan; repeals provisions relating to health care practitioners in default on student loan or scholarship obligations. This will remove discipline and fines for default on student loans.

HB209/SB 1084 – Emotional Support Animals

Prohibits discrimination in the rental of a dwelling to a person with a disability or a disability-related need who has an emotional support animal; prohibiting the falsification of written documentation or other misrepresentation regarding the use of an emotional support animal.

If a person's disability or related need for an emotional support animal is not readily apparent, the landlord may request reliable information that reasonably supports the person's need for the particular emotional support animal being requested. Supporting information may include information identifying the particular assistance or therapeutic emotional support provided by the specific animal from a licensed health care practitioner, as defined in s. 65 456.001, F.S. a telehealth provider, as defined in s. 456.47, F.S. or someone similarly licensed by a regulatory body in another state, only if such out of state practitioner has provided in-person care or services to the tenant on at least one occasion. Such information is reliable if the practitioner or provider has personal knowledge of the person's disability and is acting within the scope of his or her practice to provide the supporting information.

This bill adds discipline to s. 456.072, F.S.:

(pp) providing information, including written documentation, indicating that a patient has a disability or supporting a patient's need for an emotional support animal under s. 760.27 F.S. without personal knowledge of the patient's disability or disability-related need for the specific emotional support animal.

SB230 – Department of Health

This bill is in final committee stop.

HB713 – Department of Health

This bill is on the house session calendar.

HB1143 – Department of Health

This bill implements interstate medical licensure compact; provides for interstate medical licensure process & requirements for multistate practice; revises provisions relating to licensure & regulation of clinical social workers, marriage & family therapists, & mental health counselors; revises provisions relating to interns in mental health profession.

This bill effectively transitions the regulation of certified master social worker from the department to the board. The bill establishes a scope of practice for the certified master social worker and aligns the application process with the process used for other licensed mental health professionals. The bill also authorizes the board of clinical social work, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counseling to approve a one-time exception to the 60-month limit on an internship registration and revises the licensure requirements for licensed clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and licensed mental health counselors.

SB782 – CSW/MFT/MHC

This bill has been referred to first committee of reference. It is not on the agenda.



Clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors; requiring, rather than authorizing, the department of health to certify an applicant for designation as a certified master social worker if the applicant meets certain criteria; deleting a provision relating to an application requirement; requiring licensees, certificate holders, provisional licensees, and registrants to include their applicable professional titles on social media and other specified materials

SB1124 – Legislative Review of Occupational Regulations

Legislative review of occupational regulations; citing this act as the “occupational regulation sunset act”; establishing a schedule for the systematic review of occupational regulatory programs; providing for the abolition of units or subunits of government and personnel positions responsible for repealed programs; providing for the reversion of certain unexpended funds and the refund of certain unencumbered revenue of a repealed program was heard in governmental oversight and accountability.

ii. Annual Financial Report

Ms. Hartman presented the annual budget reports to the board which included expenditures of the board, adequacy of renewal fees, as well as projected and historical cash balances.

iii. Renewal Ready PowerPoint

Ms. Hartman presented a PowerPoint created by the Department to educate licensees on the renewal process. The licensees can use this course as (one) 1 hour of general education for renewal. The PowerPoint would not be mandatory, and the target audience would be new licensees.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the PowerPoint as (one) 1 hour of general education to be used for licensure renewal.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.

C. Board Chair

Ms. Bolhouse directed board staff to send appreciation to the Meeting Planning department for securing meetings in suggested locations. She emphasized the importance of students being able to attend the meetings.

D. Board Members

No reports from Board Members.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Ratification Lists

i. License Numbers Issued

Motion: by Dr. Day to ratify license numbers issued.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: unanimous.



ii. Approved Continuing Education Providers

Motion: by Ms. Buller to ratify continuing education providers approved.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: unanimous.

iii. Committee of One Actions

Motion: by Dr. Day to ratify Committee of One actions.
Second: by Ms. Buller.
Vote: unanimous.

iv. Exemption Applications

Motion: by Ms. Buller to ratify exemption applications approved.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: unanimous.

B. 2021 General Board Meeting Dates

The board discussed the following proposed meeting dates for 2021:

- February 18, 2021
- May 6, 2021
- August 19, 2021
- November 4, 2021

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Day to approve the meeting dates.
Second: by Ms. Buller.
Vote: unanimous.

X. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- A. AMFTRB Exam Report**
- B. ASWB Exam Report**
- C. NCMHCE Exam Report**
- D. Spotlight on Unlicensed Activity**

Public comment was heard from Melissa Kellis regarding client records.

Public comment was also heard from Jim Aiken of the National Association of Social Workers regarding mailing lists for licensed interns, law and rules requirements for intern licensure, exam demographics and a hardship clause for interns whose licenses will expire March 31, 2021.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Ms. Bolhouse adjourned the meeting at 3:12 pm ET.

