

**BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK, MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY &
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

EMERGENCY RULE MAKING MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2020

12:00 P.M. ET

MEET – ME NUMBER

Toll Free Number – 1-888-585-9008

Public Code: 744-469-610#

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 12:00 p.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
Rebecca Lawrence, Regulatory Supervisor

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B. Mission, Vision and Values

Ms. Bolhouse waived the reading of the mission, vision and values.

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 keep their phones on mute to reduce audio interference.

II. OPENING REMARKS BY BOARD COUNSEL



Mr. Frizzell thanked all Board members for convening at short notice and reminded all members of the public to please keep their phones on mute to reduce audio interference. For those that wished to submit public comment during the meeting, Mr. Frizzell asked that an email be sent to the Board office email, mqa.491@flhealth.gov to be addressed at the end of the meeting. He discussed the purpose of the meeting and procedures for this emergency meeting.

III. OPENING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Day asked if written protocol was defined anywhere. Mr. Frizzell responded by saying the written protocol would be at the discretion of the qualified supervisor and intern to determine

Ms. Buller emphasized that the rule discussed, if voted upon, would be in effect for 90 days as a temporary rule. Mr. Frizzell explained that the rule is given a special rule number and automatically expires in 90 days. He also stated that the rule could not be reinstated without new rule making.

IV. RULES DISCUSSION

A. 64B4ER20-20, Definition of “Face-to-Face Psychotherapy”

Mr. Frizzell provided a rule draft for the Board’s consideration and provided an overview of the proposed language. Board members discussed the rule and addressed public comment.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the proposed language with amendments by Mr. Frizzell.
Second: by Dr. Day.
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 this rules or a violation of this rule should be designated a minor violation and took the following action:

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. Day.
Vote: unanimous.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Hartman and Mr. Frizzell asked the Board members if they were opposed to moving forward with requesting consideration for allowing temporary circumventing of statute regarding



having a licensed mental health professional on premises while interns are providing services during this national pandemic.

Ms. Buller not opposed to temporary circumvention.

Dr. Day not opposed to temporary circumvention.

Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel not opposed to temporary circumvention.

Ms. Bolhouse not opposed to temporary circumvention.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Ms. Bolhouse adjourned the meeting at 1:09 pm ET.

