

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

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022, 8:00 A.M. EST

**HOLIDAY INN DISNEY SPRINGS
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Claudia Vicencio, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, Chair

William Day, Ph.D., LMHC, Vice-Chair

Ashleigh Irving, Interim Executive Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. EST on Thursday, August 11, 2022, by Claudia Vicencio, PhD, LCSW, LMFT, Chair.

A. Roll Call

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Claudia Vicencio, PhD, LCSW, LMFT, Chair
William Day, PhD, LMHC, Vice-Chair
Denny Cecil-Van Den Heuvel, PhD, LMHC,
LMFT, NCC
Jamie Buller, LCSW
Tanya Kraus, LCSW, CCM
Angelita M. Salado, LMHC
Joaquin G. Molina, JD

BOARD COUNSEL

Marlene Stern, Esq., Assistant Attorney
General

PROSECUTING COUNSEL

Christina Shideler, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel
Collie Nolen, Esq., Assistant General Counsel

COURT REPORTER:

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STAFF PRESENT

Ashleigh Irving, Interim Executive Director
Sandra Williams, Program Operations
Administrator
Kieran Compagnone, Regulatory Specialist III

B. Welcome

Dr. Vicencio welcomed those present to the August 11, 2022, General Business Meeting for the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling.

C. Opening Remarks (TS 00:01:04)

Dr. Vicencio stated that this was a quasi-judicial meeting and requested those not participating in the meeting to refrain from talking as well as audibly reacting to decisions made by the Board. She stated that the meeting had been noticed in the Florida Administrative Register. Dr. Vicencio acknowledged that the proceedings were being recorded and that an audio file of the meeting would be posted to the Board's website. She requested that those in attendance set cell phones and electronic devices to silent or vibrate mode. She also noted that those participating in the meeting should speak directly into the microphone and identify themselves prior to speaking. She further stated that only the respondent and their representative(s) would be allowed to speak regarding a case. She noted that those appearing before the Board should sign in using the sheet on the table by the door of the meeting room. In addition, she stated that licensees may earn three hours of general continuing education credits for attending a Board Meeting with disciplinary proceedings and instructed those individuals to complete the CE cards available on the table by the door of the meeting room. Dr. Vicencio recognized the students present in the audience from Rollins College.



II. NEW BUSINESS (TS 00:04:00)

A. Executive Director Recommendation – Ashleigh K. Irving

Dr. Vicencio directed the Board members to review Ms. Irving's resume provided in the agenda materials and noted that approval of the Executive Director for the Board is subject to the Board's approval.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept Ashleigh K. Irving as the new Executive Director.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel thanked Ms. Irving for all the good work she has been doing as Interim Executive Director. Ms. Irving stated her appreciation to the Board for their approval and that she is looking forward to working with them in the future.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES (TS 00:05:55)

A. May 11, 2022, and May 12, 2022, General Board Meetings

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the May 11, 2022, and May 12, 2022, meeting minutes.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

IV. DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS (TS 00:06:20)

A. Settlement Agreement

- i. **Thomas Dewey Brown, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Number, 2021-19222**
(PCP: Gray, Cecil-Van Den Heuvel, and Vicencio)
Represented by Counsel

(TS 00:06:30) Mr. Brown was present and sworn in by the court reporter. He had legal representation present (Ron Harrop). Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel and Dr. Vicencio were recused due to participation in the Probable Cause Panel.

(TS 00:06:53) Ms. Nolen presented the case before the Board with the following allegations: **Count I**—Violation of Section 491.009(1)(r), F.S. (2020), for failing to meet minimum standards of performance in mental health counseling.

The Department recommends the following penalties:

- Issuance of a reprimand
- Fine in the amount of \$500.00 to be paid within two years from the date of the Final Order, with \$250.00 being paid by the end of the first year and any remainder paid by the end of the second year
- Six hours of continuing education covering the topic of ethics to be completed within 90 days
- Costs not to exceed \$2,000.00 to be paid within two years of the date of the Final Order, with a minimum of \$1,000.00 by the end of the first year and the remainder paid by the end of the second year



(TS 00:09:53) Mr. Brown's legal counsel, Mr. Harrop, provided opening comments.

(TS 00:26:10) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Molina to accept the settlement agreement.
Second: by Ms. Buller.
Vote: passed unanimously.

ii. **Julie Goddard Martin, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Number 2020-21476**

(PCP: Gray, Cecil-Van Den Heuvel, and Vicencio)
Represented by Counsel

(TS 00:27:14) Ms. Goddard Martin was not present due to miscommunication that took place among her legal counsel. She had legal representation present on her behalf (Margaret Knaust). Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel and Dr. Vicencio were recused due to participation in the Probable Cause Panel.

(TS 00:28:04) Ms. Nolen presented the case before the Board with the following allegations: **Count I**—Violation of Section 491.009(1)(r), F.S., for failing to meet minimum standards of performance in mental health counseling.

The Department recommends the following penalties:

- Issuance of a reprimand
- Fine in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid within three years from the date of the Final Order, with \$500.00 being paid at the end of each of the first two years and any remainder paid in the third year
- Continuing Education: 6 hours on the topic of ethics and boundaries, 8 hours of laws and rules
- May no longer supervise any registered interns or provisional licensees
- Costs not to exceed \$3,000.00 to be paid within three years from the date of the Final Order, with a minimum of \$1,000.00 being paid at the end of first two years and any remainder paid in the third year

(TS 00:30:25) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to continue to the next Board meeting in November for the appearance of Ms. Goddard Martin.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iii. **Ronnye Drexler, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Number 2020-13295**

(PCP: Gray and Kraus)
Represented by Counsel

(TS 00:31:05) Ms. Drexler was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She had legal representation present (Lance Leider). Ms. Kraus was recused due to participation in the Probable Cause Panel.



(TS 00:31:33) Ms. Nolen presented the case before the Board with the following allegations:
Count I—Violation of Section 491.009(1)(r), F.S., for failing to meet minimum standards of performance in mental health counseling.

Count II—Section 456.072(1)(k), F.S., provides that failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation placed upon a licensee constitutes grounds for discipline. Respondent failed to meet her statutory or legal obligations pursuant to section 39.201, F.S.

The Department recommends the following penalties:

- Issuance of a letter of concern
- \$500.00 fine to be paid within three years from the date of the Final Order, with \$150.00 being paid by the end of each of the first two years and any remainder paid by the end of the third year
- Seven hours of continuing education on child abuse assessment and reporting to be completed within 90 days
- Costs in the amount of \$4,500 to be paid within three years from the date of the Final Order, with a minimum of \$1,500.00 being paid by the end of each of the first two years and any remainder paid in the third year

(TS 00:33:33) Ms. Drexler’s legal counsel, Mr. Leider, provided opening comments.

(TS 00:47:53) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Molina to deny the settlement agreement.

There was no second to this motion. Motion: failed.

(TS 00:48:10)

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the settlement agreement.

Second: by Dr. Day.

Vote: 6/1—Dr. Molina opposed.

**iv. Maribel Solberg (Lozada), Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern,
Case Number 2021-11028**

(PCP: Gray, Cecil-Van Den Heuvel, and Vicencio)

Represented by Counsel

(TS 00:48:39) Ms. Solberg (Lozada) was not present. She had legal representation present (George Indest) on her behalf. Mr. Indest explained that Ms. Solberg (Lozada) was prepared to attend the May 2022 Board meeting but was not placed on the agenda for that meeting and has since relocated and taken a job in Texas. Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel and Dr. Vicencio were recused due to participation in the Probable Cause Panel. Respondent has an open application for Provisional Licensure with the Florida Board office.



(TS 00:52:48)

Ms. Shideler presented the case before the Board with the following allegations:

Count I—Violation of Section 491.009(1)(w), F.S., through violation of Section 491.0045(3), F.S., by failing to remain under supervision while practicing under registered intern status.

Count II—Violation of Section 491.009(1)(w), F.S., through Section 456.072(1)(a), F.S., by making misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representations in or related to the practice of the licensee's profession.

The Department recommends the following penalties:

- Issuance of a reprimand
- \$1,000.00 fine to be paid within one year from the date of the Final Order
- Probation for a period of two years with quarterly reports from Respondent and her supervising psychotherapist
- Costs in the amount of \$4,500 to be paid within one year from the date of the Final Order

(TS 01:03:05) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the settlement agreement, waiving the requirement for Ms. Solberg (Lozada)'s appearance.

Second: by Dr. Day.

Vote: passed unanimously.

B. Determination of Waiver (TS 01:05:22)

i. Vivianne H. Tamayo, Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern, Case Number 2021-09880

(PCP: Gray, Cecil-Van Den Heuvel, and Vicencio)

Pro Se

(TS 01:05:30) Ms. Tamayo nor legal representation was present. Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel and Dr. Vicencio were recused due to participation in the Probable Cause Panel.

(TS 01:05:49) Ms. Nolen presented the case before the Board with the following allegations:
Count I—Section 456.072(1)(c), F.S., by pleading nolo contendere to a crime related to the practice of, or the ability to practice, as a registered mental health counselor intern.

Count II—Section 456.072(1)(x), F.S., by failing to report her nolo contendere pleas to the Board in writing within 30 days after entering the pleas.

The Department presented the following motions for the Boards consideration and requested a vote on the following:

1. To accept the investigative report into evidence;
2. To find that the Respondent was properly served and waived their right to a formal hearing;
3. To adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint; and
4. To find that this constitutes a violation of the practice act.



Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the motions as presented.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

(TS 1:08:13) The Department recommends the following penalties:

- Revocation of license

Ms. Nolen cited Rule 64B4-5.001(3)(f), F.A.S., the deterrent effect of the penalty imposed, as an aggravator to support the Department's recommendation of revocation.

(TS 1:08:55)

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the Department's recommendation.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

The Department requests costs in the amount of \$687.28 to be paid within one year from the date of the Final Order.

(TS 1:09:42) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the Department's recommendation.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

ii. **Brittney A. McKinney, Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern, Case Number 2021-39385**

(PCP: Vicencio and Kraus)
Pro Se

(TS 01:10:08) Ms. McKinney nor legal representation was present. Dr. Vicencio and Ms. Kraus were recused due to participation in the Probable Cause Panel.

(TS 01:10:20) Ms. Nolen presented the case before the Board with the following allegations: **Count I**—Violation of Section 456.072(1)(hh), F.S., for being terminated from an impaired practitioner program without good cause.

The Department presented the following motions for the Boards consideration and requested a vote on the following:

1. To accept the investigative report into evidence;
2. To find that the Respondent was properly served and waived their right to a formal hearing;
3. To adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint; and
4. To find that this constitutes a violation of the practice act.



Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the motions as presented.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

The Department recommends the following penalties:

- Revocation

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the Department's recommendation.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

(TS 01:13:21) The Department requests costs in the amount of \$938.65 to be paid within one year from the date of the Final Order.

Motion: by Ms. Salado to accept the Department's recommendation.
Second: by Ms. Buller.
Vote: passed unanimously.

**iii. Canute Barrington White, Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern,
Case Number 2020-33734**

(PCP: Gray, Cecil-Van Den Heuvel, and Vicencio)
Pro Se

(TS 01:14:00) Mr. White was nor legal representation was present. Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel and Dr. Vicencio were recused due to participation in the Probable Cause Panel.

(TS 01:14:22)

Ms. Shideler presented the case before the Board with the following allegations:

Count I—Section 491.009(1)(w), F.S., through a violation of Section 491.005(4)(c), F.S., by practicing without his qualified supervisor.

Count II—Section 491.009(1)(r), F.S., for failure to meet the minimum standards of performance in mental health counseling.

(TS 01:16:20) The Department presented the following motions for the Boards consideration and requested a vote on the following:

1. To accept the investigative report into evidence;
2. To find that the Respondent was properly served and waived their right to a formal hearing;
3. To adopt the findings of fact and the conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint.
4. To find that this constitutes a violation of the practice act.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the motions as presented.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.



The Department recommends the following penalties:

- Revocation

(TS 01:17:40) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the Department's recommendation.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

(TS 01:18:03) The Department requests costs in the amount of \$2,717.23 to be paid within one year from the date of the Final Order.

Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the Department's recommendation.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

C. VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT (TS 01:18:55)

- i. **Jason D. Wynn, Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern, Case Number 2021-30701**
(PCP: Vicencio and Kraus)
Represented by Counsel

Mr. Wynn nor legal representation was present. Dr. Vicencio and Ms. Kraus were recused due to participation in the Probable Cause Panel.

(TS 01:19:05) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept voluntary relinquishment.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: passed unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF MONITOR (TS 01:20:05)

- i. **Monica Dahl, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Number 2020-02777**

(TS 01:20:25) Dr. Dahl was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was represented by counsel (George Indest). The requested monitor (Sabra Lunday) was present.

(TS 01:23:05) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Kraus to approve the requested monitor.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.



ii. **James P. Hughes, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Number 2019-13588**

(TS 01:23:53) Dr. Hughes was present and sworn in by the court reporter. He was represented by counsel (Brian Durham). The requested monitor (Sarah Smith) was present. Ms. Smith, the requested monitor, stated that she has residences in both Texas and Florida.

(TS 01:36:02) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the requested monitor, permitting one face-to-face meeting per month with other virtual sessions occurring throughout the month, and if at any point Ms. Smith is no longer going to be residing in Florida, Dr. Hughes is to submit a request for a new monitor.
Second: by Dr. Vicencio.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iii. **Kathryn Walden, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Number 2021-07459**

(TS 02:02:05) Ms. Walden was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was represented by counsel (George Indest). The requested monitor (Dr. Demetrius Williams) was not present due to falling ill the morning of the meeting.

(TS 02:06:10) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Day to approve the requested monitor.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

V. **DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS (TS 02:06:44)**

A. **Settlement Agreement**

i. **Maribel Solberg (Lozada), Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern, Case Number 2021-11028**

(PCP: Gray, Cecil-Van Den Heuvel, and Vicencio)
Represented by Counsel

Dr. Vicencio cited good cause shown and requested that the Board review Ms. Solberg (Lozada)'s application for provisional licensure. Ms. Stern noted that it was brought to her attention that Ms. Solberg (Lozada)'s provisional licensure application was complete and that the 90-day timeclock wherein the Board must process applications was close to passing. Ms. Stern informed the Board that they would have the option to require Ms. Solberg (Lozada)'s appearance at an upcoming meeting or the provisional licensure application would be approved administratively.



Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to require Ms. Solberg (Lozada)'s appearance at one of the next two Board meetings.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

VI. PROSECUTOR'S REPORT (TS 02:09:15)
A. Collie Nolen, Assistant General Counsel

Ms. Shideler introduced Ms. Nolen who has taken over as Team Leader or Attorney Supervisor for the Board and will be fulfilling the role previously filled by Ms. Shideler.

(TS 02:13:01) Ms. Nolen presented the report to the Board. After discussion, the Department requested that the Board authorize the continued prosecution of the year and older cases.

<u>Case Status</u>	<u>Report</u> Date: 1/19/2022	<u>Report</u> Date: 4/28/22	<u>Report</u> Date: 7/29/22
Total cases open/active in Prosecution Services:	86	90	95
Cases in Emergency Action Unit:	9	5	3
Cases under legal review:	24	25	34
Cases awaiting supplemental investigation/expert opinion:	7	6	4
Cases with PCP recommendation:	8	17	25
Cases where probable cause has been found:	5	3	3
Cases where DOAH has been requested:	26	18	12
Cases pending before DOAH:	1	1	2
Cases on Board meeting agendas:	14	17	11
Cases on appeal:	1	1	1
Cases older than one year:*	29	21	20

Motion: by Ms. Buller to continue prosecution of cases one year and older.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

VII. APPEARANCES (TS 02:14:30)
A. Application for Licensed Clinical Social Worker
i. Marian Kaplan

(TS 02:14:50) Ms. Kaplan nor counsel was present. Her application was before the Board for review of disciplinary history against her New Jersey license.



(TS 02:17:00) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application.
Second: by Dr. Vicencio.
Vote: passed unanimously.

ii. Vernona New

(TS 02:17:40) Ms. New nor counsel was present. Her application was before the Board for review of disciplinary history against her Kansas license.

(TS 02:18:40) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iii. Francis Prunier

(TS 02:19:28) Mr. Prunier nor counsel was present. His application was before the Board for review of substantial exam equivalency of the licensure exam he has taken in Massachusetts in 1982. Mr. Prunier was issued his Massachusetts license on 10/12/1982 based on passing this state social work exam. He provided the Board with equivalency documentation for review.

(TS 02:23:24) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iv. Heather Mossotti

(TS 02:24:08) Ms. Mossotti was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Her application was before the Board for review of alternate verification of her supervised experience. Her supervisor from New York did not sign the verification form. Ms. Irving explained that Ms. Mossotti had previously applied in 2019 but withdrew the application because she had not completed the exam and still needed additional experience hours. Ms. Irving explained the issue at that time was that Ms. Mossotti had supervision hours from a psychiatrist, which is not acceptable to use towards the requirements for licensure as a clinical social worker in Florida. Ms. Mossotti provided a letter from Human Resources as alternate verification for review. Ms. Mossotti provided an opening statement before the Board.

(TS 02:31:17) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.



v. Brooke Wilson

(TS 02:31:53) Ms. Wilson was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Her application was before the Board due to a negative comment received from her previous Qualified Supervisor during the time that Ms. Wilson was practicing as a clinical social worker intern which stated that Ms. Wilson was not practicing to the standard of care. Ms. Stern noted that the Board office later received notification from that supervisor who stated that she hopes the Board might consider the more recent comments from a more recent supervisor who had submitted some more positive comments about Ms. Wilson's performance.

(TS 02:34:57) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

vi. Stacy Atebefia

(TS 02:35:27) Ms. Atebefia was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Her application was before the Board due to an affirmative answer to a health history question in the licensure application. A current mental health status report from Ms. Atebefia's mental health provider was included in the application materials which stated that they believe Ms. Atebefia is safe to practice with reasonable skill and competence. Ms. Atebefia provided an opening statement before the Board.

(TS 02:38:50) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Vicencio to approve the application.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

vii. Danielle Kennedy-Palmer

(TS 02:39:15) Ms. Kennedy-Palmer was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Her provisional licensure application was before the Board due to an affirmative answer to a health history question in the licensure application as well as for verification of supervised experience.

Ms. Kennedy-Palmer provided an opening statement before the Board. Ms. Buller noted that the mental health status report included in the materials for review did not include all the information that is typically required by the Board. Dr. Day suggested the possibility of referring Ms. Kennedy-Palmer to PRN for a more comprehensive evaluation.



(TS 03:22:10) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application for provisional licensure contingent on receipt of more thorough and comprehensive documentation of mental status, mental health history, and treatment plan which states that Ms. Kennedy-Palmer is safe to practice.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

(TS 03:24:08) Ms. Stern recommended that the Board include in the motion the specific information that must be included in this more comprehensive evaluation.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to amend the previous motion to include that the more thorough and comprehensive evaluation must include the following: a summary of health history, the date(s) of diagnosis, the date(s) of onset of treatment, dates of subsequent treatment as well as the frequency of treatment, documentation of hospitalizations that relate to the diagnosis, therapy treatment goals and treatment plan, safety plan, self-care plan, any recommendations for restriction on practice, and a statement speaking to Ms. Kennedy-Palmer's competence to safely practice. This evaluation must be completed by the mental health provider of Ms. Kennedy-Palmer's choice within 90 days and will be reviewed by a Committee of One (Ms. Salado).
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

viii. Kathleen Kelly

(TS 03:33:20) Ms. Kelly was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Dr. Vicencio noted that Ms. Kelly's application was not on the original agenda but was being added to the agenda for good cause shown, explaining that Ms. Kelly was not properly noticed for the day's meeting however she was present for the meeting proceedings.

Ms. Kelly's application was before the Board for review of discipline history against her Nevada license which she did not disclose in her application for Florida licensure. Ms. Irving further explained that Ms. Kelly's application was seen at the May 2022 Board Meeting at which time the Board concluded that her attendance would be required at one of the next two Board meetings, however the Board office failed to provide Ms. Kelly the required notice.

(TS 03:36:10) Ms. Kelly provided an opening statement to the Board. Ms. Buller and Dr. Molina each noted their concerns with the nondisclosure of the discipline history in the application.



(TS 04:04:28) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Vicencio to approve the application with the condition that Ms. Kelly completes three hours of continuing education in business ethics and two hours of continuing education in medical errors within 90 days.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Ms. Irving stated that the Board office would be sending Ms. Kelly an application form so that she may amend her response to the discipline history question.

B. Application for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (TS 04:55:10)

i. Sabrina Williams

(TS 04:55:13) Ms. Williams was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Her application was before the Board for review of alternate verification of clinical experience. Ms. Williams's previous supervisor (Rachael Haskell) is deceased. Applicant's current Qualified Supervisor, Emily Gilbert, was present.

(TS 05:01:26) Ms. Buller inquired about the calculation of Ms. Williams's total hours to which Ms. Irving replied she was currently working on updating the calculation of total hours and would like to amend the total hours listed in the board summary calculations, considering how frequently the hours can be accumulated based upon the current licensure requirements.

(TS 05:05:50) For the sake of time the review of Ms. Williams's application was tabled so that the calculated total hours of clinical experience could be updated.

ii. Amanda Christy Walker

(TS 05:06:12) Ms. Walker nor counsel was present. Her application was before the Board for review of alternate verification of clinical experience. Ms. Walker's supervisor is deceased. Ms. Walker provided logs initialed by the deceased supervisor that were included in the materials for review.

(TS 05:10:50) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iii. Sabrina Williams

(TS 05:11:39) Dr. Vicencio called Ms. Williams to come before the Board again and reminded her that she was still under oath. Ms. Irving stated that she calculated Ms. Williams has accumulated a total of 142 weeks, 82 supervision hours, and 1307.25 face-to-face hours from her deceased supervisor Ms. Haskell. Ms. Irving that these hours along with her other supervision hours would be enough to meet the minimum requirement for licensure.



(TS 05:26:52) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Molina to approve application.

(TS 05:32:00) There was no second to this motion. Motion: failed.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application upon receipt of additional documentation of the eighteen hours spent in group supervision from April 28, 2021, through December 2021, verifying the specific dates and hours of supervision, to be provided by the other interns who were present in the same group supervision sessions, along with a current qualified supervisor form from the applicant's current supervisor, Ms. Gilbert. This documentation must be submitted to Ms. Irving for review.

Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.

Vote: passed unanimously.

(TS 05:36:32) Ms. Stern recommended that the Board include the required timeframe for receipt of this documentation in a motion.

Motion: by Dr. Vicencio to require that the documentation specified in the previous motion must be submitted to Ms. Irving within 90 days.

Second: by Ms. Salado.

Vote: passed unanimously.

C. Application for Licensed Mental Health Counselor (TS 05:39:40)

i. Tabitha Sanchez

(TS 05:39:43) Ms. Sanchez nor counsel was present. Her application was before the Board due to affirmative answers to all health history questions in the application for licensure. Ms. Sanchez provided a personal statement detailing her diagnoses and treatment plan which was included in the Board materials for review along with a current mental health status report.

(TS 05:40:23) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to require Ms. Sanchez's appearance at one of the next two General Board Meetings.

Second: by Ms. Salado.

Vote: passed unanimously.

ii. Joanne Masters

(TS 05:41:47) Ms. Masters nor counsel was present. Her application was before the Board for review of discipline history against her South Carolina license.



(TS 05:49:12) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Vicencio to require Ms. Master's appearance at one of the next two General Board Meetings.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iii. Lashantenette Kirkland

(TS 05:50:06) Ms. Kirkland was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Her application was before the Board for review of criminal history which she failed to report in her intern application. Ms. Kirkland has two misdemeanor traffic-related offenses from 2006 and 2008. Ms. Kirkland provided opening remarks before the Board.

(TS 05:53:09) Ms. Buller noted that Ms. Kirkland's supervisor provided documentation of her supervision through December 2021, and then asked Ms. Kirkland who is her current supervisor, to which Ms. Kirkland replied that she does not currently have a supervisor. Ms. Salado asked Ms. Kirkland whether she is currently seeing clients, to which Ms. Kirkland responded that she is employed at Advent seeing team members and that she has a supervisor whom she meets with weekly for debriefings. Ms. Kirkland stated that she was not aware that she was required to still be under supervision.

Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel questioned Ms. Kirkland whether she had completed the laws and rules course, to which Ms. Kirkland responded she had. Dr. Vicencio noted that the requirement is that for the entire period an individual is registered as a mental health counselor intern in the state of Florida they must be under supervision with a qualified supervisor. Ms. Buller stated that this should have come up during the laws and rules course.

(TS 06:02:22) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Salado to approve the application with the conditions that Ms. Kirkland retakes eight hours of continuing education in laws and rules in-person within 90 days, amends the application so that it is accurate in terms of criminal history, and submits documentation of ongoing supervision from a qualified supervisor.
Second: by Ms. Buller, who requested the added requirement of two hours of continuing education in ethics also within 90 days, to which Ms. Salado agreed. Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel also requested that the Board adds in the motion that Ms. Kirkland be required to be under supervision with a qualified supervisor while she is a mental health counselor intern until her full license is approved. Ms. Salado agreed to amend the motion with these added requirements.
Vote: passed unanimously.



D. Application for Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern (TS 06:11:23)

i. Dana Foglesong

(TS 06:11:28) Ms. Foglesong nor counsel was present. Her application was before the Board due to affirmative answers to health history questions in the application for licensure. Ms. Buller noted that the mental health status report provided in the application materials from Ms. Foglesong's treatment provider was inadequate and did not include a statement regarding Ms. Foglesong's ability to safely practice. Dr. Vicencio added that there was no personal statement included in the materials, which is typically helpful to use in making a determination when the applicant is not present for the proceedings.

(TS 06:14:05) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to require submission of a more comprehensive mental health status report that includes an assessment of Ms. Foglesong's ability to safely practice as well as her appearance at one of the next two General Board Meetings.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

ii. Charity Parsons

(TS 06:14:38) Ms. Parsons nor counsel was present. Her application was before the Board due to affirmative answers to health history questions in the application for licensure. Ms. Buller noted that the mental health status report provided in the materials did not include a statement regarding Ms. Parson's ability to safely practice or a thorough treatment plan with the exception of medication management.

(TS 06:16:07) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to require submission of a more comprehensive mental health status report that includes an assessment of Ms. Parson's ability to safely practice as well as Ms. Parson's appearance at one of the next two General Board Meetings.
Second: by Dr. Vicencio.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iii. Bennitt Drew Perelstine

(TS 06:16:55) Mr. Perelstine nor counsel was present. His application was before the Board due to affirmative answers to health history questions in the application for licensure.



(TS 06:23:14) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to require Mr. Perelstine's appearance at one of the next two General Board Meetings, also requiring that prior to his appearance he will need to submit the following: summarized health history, therapy treatment goals, treatment plan, safety plan, self-care plan, and any recommendations for restrictions on practice, provided by a qualified individual.

Second: by Dr. Vicencio

Vote: passed unanimously.

iv. Glenn Sime, Jr.

(TS 06:24:20) Dr. Vicencio disclosed that she personally knows Mr. Sime, Jr. and recused herself. Mr. Sime, Jr. was present and sworn in by the court reporter. He did not have legal counsel present. Mr. Sime, Jr. was before the Board for review of criminal history which he disclosed in the application for licensure. Mr. Sime, Jr. provided an opening statement before the Board. Ms. Buller noted and thanked Mr. Sime, Jr. for his thorough written personal statement.

(TS 06:29:10) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application.

Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.

Vote: passed unanimously.

v. Omar Todd

(TS 06:30:04) Mr. Todd was present and sworn in by the court reporter. He did not have legal counsel present. Mr. Todd was before the Board for review of his health history and criminal history. Mr. Todd provided an opening statement before the Board.

(TS 06:34:48) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application.

Second: by Ms. Kraus.

Vote: passed unanimously.

vi. Deborah Ashton

(TS 06:36:05) Ms. Ashton was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She did not have legal counsel present. Ms. Ashton was before the Board for review of her criminal history as well as discipline history against her Alcohol and Drug Counselor license in Minnesota. Ms. Ashton provided an opening statement before the Board.



(TS 06:45:28) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Salado to approve.
Second: by Dr. Molina.
Vote: passed unanimously.

vii. Kelly Cavanaugh Seurkamp

(TS 07:04:50) Dr. Vicencio called Ms. Seurkamp to come before the Board. Ms. Seurkamp was present and sworn in by the court reported. She did not have legal counsel present. Dr. Vicencio explained that Ms. Seurkamp was not on the day's agenda but was before the Board for good cause shown. Ms. Stern noted that the good cause shown was that Ms. Seurkamp was appearing to fulfill her required appearance before the Board at one of the next two Board meetings, however Ms. Irving clarified that Ms. Seurkamp was not noticed for the day's meeting and she is appearing due to her application approaching the 90-day timeframe since it was completed, noting that the application required review by the Board due to Ms. Seurkamp's health history. Ms. Seurkamp provided an opening statement before the Board.

(TS 07:32:58) Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Salado to approve with the contingency that Ms. Seurkamp submits additional documentation from the mental health provider of her choice which specifies her ability to practice safely within 90 days to be reviewed by a Committee of One.

Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel suggested to include in the motion the specific details which the Board is requesting in the additional documentation mentioned, providing examples of the items listed in the motions made during similar cases seen earlier during this meeting.

Amended Motion: by Ms. Salado to approve with the contingency that Ms. Seurkamp submits additional documentation from the mental health provider of her choice which includes the following: summarized health history, therapy treatment goals, treatment plan, safety plan, self-care plan, the date(s) of onset of treatment, the date(s) of diagnosis, the dates of treatment and frequency of treatment, and any recommendations for restrictions on practice, and an evaluation of her ability to safely practice. This information must be submitted within 90 days to be reviewed by a Committee of One (Angelita Salado).

Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.



VIII. RULES DISCUSSION (TS 07:40:07)

A. Rule 64B4-3.0085, Intern Registration

THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B4-3.0085 Intern Registration.

(1) through (9) No Change.

(10) An "emergency or hardship case" pursuant to s. 491.0045(6), F.S., means ~~that the Registered Intern requesting the one-time exception: that a circumstance or circumstances exist or existed that substantially relate to the ability to complete the internship requirements. The circumstance or circumstances must be beyond the registered intern's control and be of such duration to have eliminated the ability of the Registered Intern to complete their internship requirements within the timeframe established pursuant to s. 491.0045(6), F.S.~~

(a) Has passed the theory and practice examination as required in s. 491.005(1)(d), (3)(d), and (4)(d);

(b) Has completed all educational requirements, including their required clinical practicum hours; and

(c) Confirms in writing that a circumstance or circumstances exist or existed that substantially relate to the ability to complete the internship requirements which are beyond the registered intern's control and are of such duration to have eliminated the ability of the registered intern to complete their internship requirements established pursuant to s. 491.0045(6), F.S. and that the registered intern understands that failure to pass the exam does not meet the requirements of an emergency or hardship case.

(11) No later than 3090 days prior to the expiration of the internship registration, the Registered Intern shall submit, form DH5065-MQA, Registered Intern Exception Request Form (Revised 06/2021), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref->, or on the web at www.floridamentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources in writing, a request to the Board for an exception to the requirements of s. 491.0045(6), F.S., with all documents necessary to demonstrate the emergency or hardship case experienced by the Registered Intern. Upon receipt of timely filed, fully completed and signed Registered Intern Exception Request Form establishment of an emergency or hardship case, as determined by the Board, the Board shall issue the Registered Intern a one-time exception by granting an extension of their Registered Intern's registration status for up to 24 months from the date of the initial registration expiration. The Board shall determine the length of the extension and No further exceptions or extensions are authorized by s. 491.0045, F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 456.0635, 491.0045 , 491.005 FS. History—New 6-8-09, Amended 2-24-10, 10-17-10, 4-4-13, 2-9-16, 6-7-16, 9-1-16, 2-27-19, 3-9-21, _____.

Ms. Stern presented this proposed rule change, explaining that the rule lists different application forms which now must be amended because this past legislative session, a bill was passed which changed certain requirements mostly in relation to accreditation of schools. She stated that the application forms listed in the rule specify different accreditation requirements, as well as mentioning that the Board will be creating an Annual Regulatory Plan within the coming months which will include this proposed rule change since it will be required by a newly passed statute. She explained that there would be nothing to vote on at this meeting regarding this rule change, but that she was presenting it in preparation for when it will come up in the Annual Regulatory Plan.



B. Rule 64B4-3.001, Application for Licensure for Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling Applicants (TS 07:42:44)

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

Every applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist or mental health counselor shall submit to the Board a completed application on Form DH-MQA 1174, Application for Licensure as a Clinical Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist or Mental Health Counselor by Examination (revised 8/2020), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Rcf-12491>, or the web at <http://www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources>. The application shall be accompanied with the application fee and the initial licensure fee.

(1) An application for licensure by examination shall be accompanied with the application fee and the initial active status license fee specified in rule 64B4-4.002, F.A.C.

(2) An application for licensure by endorsement shall be accompanied with the application fee specified in rule 64B4-4.003, F.A.C., and the initial active status license fee specified in rule 64B4-4.002, F.A.C., and a completed form for application by endorsement, Form DH-MQA 5048, hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference????> or from the web at <http://www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources>????.

Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 456.0635, 491.005, 491.006, 491.0065 FS. History—New 7-6-88, Amended 1-28-91, 11-3-92, Formerly 21CC-3.001, 61F4-3.001, Amended 11-13-96, Formerly 59P-3.001, Amended 6-8-09, 2-24-10, 4-4-13, 5-12-16, 9-1-16, 8-7-18, 3-18-19, 3-9-21.

Ms. Stern presented this proposed rule change, explaining that the purpose for this proposed rule change is to adopt the endorsement application into rule. Ms. Stern noted that the endorsement application used for licensure by the Board has never been incorporated into a rule, which is required as a rule.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve language as discussed.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

SERC Questions

Will the proposed rule amendments have adverse impact on small businesses?

Motion: by Ms. Buller to vote “No.”
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Will the proposed rule amendments be likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity including government in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within one year after implementation?

Motion: by Ms. Buller to vote “No.”
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.



Should this rule be reviewed within five years of the effective date to determine if it is still necessary or if the rule needs to be repealed or modified?

Motion: by Ms. Buller that this is not necessary. Ms. Buller stated that her reasoning for this is that part of the Annual Regulatory Plan is to review rules and statutes. Dr. Vicencio added that the applications referenced in this rule are part of the Board's regular business.

Second: by Dr. Vicencio.

Vote: passed unanimously.

C. 64B4-3.0015 Verification of Supervised Experience for Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling Applicants (TS 07:46:45)

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

(1) Every applicant for licensure by examination as a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist or mental health counselor shall verify the required supervised experience on Form DH-MQA 1181, "Verification of Clinical Experience" (Revised 05/2021), which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference and is available from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13497>, or the web at www.floridasmmentalhealthprofessions.gov/forms/clinical-exp-verification.pdf. This form is to be completed and signed by the applicant's supervisor.

(2) In addition to the form required in (1), beginning on April 1, 2023, each applicant for licensure by examination as a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist or mental health counselor, and that applicant's qualified supervisor, shall each complete his or her part of Form DH-MQA-????, Hourly Supervisory LOG, which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference and is available from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference????> Or on the web at www.floridasmmentalhealthprofessions.gov/forms/????, immediately after each supervisory session is completed. Both the applicant and the supervisor shall maintain copies of the form. If the supervision is conducted by electronic media, the applicant shall make the arrangements necessary to obtain the qualified supervisor's initials immediately after each supervisory session is completed.

(2) (3) Applicants for licensure in Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy or Mental Health Counseling who cannot provide verification by the methods above will be reviewed on an individual basis as to the sufficiency of alternative verification.

Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), (4)(c) FS. History--New 6-8-09, Amended 8-27-13, 2-1-17, 9-8-21.

Ms. Stern presented this proposed rule change, explaining that this proposed rule change pertains to verification of the supervision hours required for licensure. She stated that the purpose of the added language is to help with the frequent issue of the Board reviewing alternative verification of post-graduate clinical practice supervision hours. Ms. Stern read the language in paragraph two and stated that if approved, this rule change would take effect April 1, 2023, which is the beginning of the next biennium. Ms. Stern noted that she included paragraph three, but advised that the Board has the option to remove paragraph three entirely if they so choose.



Ms. Buller noted that a rule (64B4-2.0025(5)(e) Document a minimum of date, duration, and participants of all supervision sessions which shall be completed and signed, or otherwise verified, by the qualified supervisor no later than twenty-four (24) hours after each session) previously adopted by the Board specifies the required timeframe wherein this documentation must be completed, and inquired if this proposed rule change should also include the same specific timeframe to be consistent. Ms. Stern stated that she would update the proposed language to specify that the log mentioned in the proposed rule change is required to be completed within twenty-four (24) hours after each supervisory session is completed rather than the proposed language “immediately.”

Dr. Vicencio inquired if there should be language added to specify the types of signatures that would be acceptable, mentioning the possibility of electronic signatures being included. Ms. Salado stated that she believes it is necessary. Ms. Stern stated that she believes additional language development would be needed to specify what types of electronic signatures would be acceptable, but noted that this could be something to transition towards in the future.

Ms. Buller provided suggestions for the potential layout to be used as the general form for the supervision log. She suggested that she can create a draft template and send it to Ms. Irving for review.

(TS 08:07:40) Following discussion, Ms. Stern stated that she would need to revise the proposed rule change before re-presenting it to the Board, taking into consideration the things mentioned during discussion.

Dr. Vicencio then noted that as Dr. Day mentioned previously in the meeting, it may be necessary to develop another rule specifying the information which must be included in the mental health status evaluations submitted by applicants coming before the Board for review of their health history. Dr. Day agreed that creating a list of the specific items that must be included in the evaluation of an applicant’s mental status would assist the applicant in knowing what the Board requires to make a determination. Ms. Stern noted that because this the mental health status evaluation is a required document listed in the licensure application forms, this list should be added in the application and the application forms updated to reflect this list of items.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS (TS 08:14:43)

A. Proposal to Change Meeting Time and Structure

Dr. Vicencio proposed changing the General Board Meeting start time going forward from 8:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. Dr. Vicencio also stated that there has been a proposal to change the General Board Meeting structure to meet across two days as opposed to one day due to the typical length of the meetings. Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel noted that she agrees with this as long as the meetings are Thursdays through Fridays and do not include Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays.



(TS 08:17:45) Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Vicencio to change the meeting structure from one-day meetings to two-day meetings, Thursdays and Fridays, each day beginning at 8:30 A.M.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

B. Ratification Lists (TS 08:20:15)

i. License Numbers Issued

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the license numbers issued as noted for the following professions: Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Mental Health Counselors, Provisional Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Provisional Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Provisional Licensed Mental Health Counselors, Registered Clinical Social Worker Interns, Registered Marriage and Family Therapist Interns, Registered Mental Health Counselor Interns.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

ii. Approved Continuing Education Providers (TS 08:21:05)

Tabled to next meeting.

iii. Committee of One Actions (TS 08:21:13)

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the Committee of One action.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iv. Exemption Applications (TS 08:21:35)

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the action taken on two exemption applications listed.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

X. REPORTS (TS 08:22:00)

A. Chair – Dr. Claudia Vicencio

Dr. Vicencio stated that herself and Ms. Kraus attended a special meeting of the Association for Social Work Boards (ASWB) on August 4, 2022 and shared that ASWB released data analysis on social work licensing exam pass rates which was broken down by state as well as individual schools of social work as well as demographic information. She noted that more information would be forthcoming through ASWB,

B. Vice Chair – Dr. William Day

Mr. Day did not provide a report as he stepped out of the room just prior to this.



C. Board Members

Nothing to report.

D. Executive Director – Ashleigh Irving (TS 08:23:05)

Ms. Irving introduced and welcomed Sandra Williams as the new Program Operations Administrator for the Board office. Ms. Irving detailed Ms. Williams’s experience with the Department, noting that she is coming from her most recent position as Regulatory Supervisor of the APRN Team in the Board of Nursing and that she has been working with the Department of Health for about 15 years.

Ms. Irving introduced and welcomed Kieran Compagnone as the new Regulatory Specialist III for the Board office and stated that she would be responsible for coordinating travel for Board Meetings, Board Meeting preparation, as well as Board Meeting Minutes.

i. Financial Report

Ms. Irving directed the Board Members’ attention to the Financial Report included in the materials for review and noted that the Board is in good standing financially.

ii. Printed Licenses (TS 08:25:00)

Ms. Irving stated that the Department is considering stopping the printing of physical licenses within approximately a year or more. Ms. Irving explained that license printing will be available online in the virtual portal, and that as soon as a license is issued in the office, the license-holder would be able to go online to their portal to print their own license(s). She also noted that if they choose to display the physical license, there would be a QR Code available in the corner of the license so that any member of the public can easily scan the code to receive a copy of the license verification which would be linked to the Department website and would provide the information on any discipline as well as the licensure status. Ms. Irving noted that this potential transition is partially attributed to the shortage and surge in cost of the special licensure paper which occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the efficiency of electronic licensure issuance.

iii. NASW Florida Conference (TS 08:27:39)

Ms. Irving discussed her recent visit with the Florida chapter of the National Association of Social Workers on June 9-11, 2022, in Orlando, FL where they had a booth set up and she was able to present on the licensing process. She stated that this conference was great for professional development and that hundreds of people were able to obtain CE credit from attending.



iv. Counseling Regulatory Boards Summit

Ms. Irving stated that she traveled to the Counseling Regulatory Boards Summit in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania during the previous week where they had a preliminary discussion regarding the Mental Health Counseling Compact. She mentioned that she was able to meet with several commissioners and that she travelled with Ms. Janet Hartman, the Board's designated Commissioner for the Mental Health Counseling Compact. She stated that a wealth of information was provided from the Nursing Licensing Commission on how to prepare for the Compact.

v. Chair/Vice-Chair Long-Range Meeting Survey (TS 08:29:03)

Ms. Irving stated that she emailed the Chair/Vice-Chair Long-Range Meeting Survey which is due September 1, 2022. She explained that the Department holds this meeting once every 4-5 years to develop the long-range strategic meeting for the Department.

Dr. Vicencio added that ASWB is holding a meeting on August 18, 2022, regarding the Social Work Licensure Compact. Ms. Irving added that additional information about the Social Work Licensure Compact was available in the agenda material and provided the information for the Compact website.

Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel inquired about the estimated timeframe for the Mental Health Counselor Compact to be implemented, to which Ms. Irving responded they are currently projecting approximately early 2024 or late 2023.

E. Board Counsel (TS 08:33:11)

- i. Rules Report
 - a. May
 - b. June
 - c. July

Ms. Marlene directed the Board's attention to the three rule reports in the materials.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

An ASWB Representative that was present for the NASW Florida Conference thanked Ms. Irving for her amazing presentation at the conference, noting that her assistance at the conference was invaluable.

Dr. Deirdra Sanders-Burnett introduced herself as the immediate past President of the Florida Counseling Association, and current President-Elect of the American Mental Health Counselor Association. She commended everyone present for the services they provide and how they protect the consumers as well as provide guidance for the emergent professionals. She further stated that each time she attends a Board meeting she leaves more empowered and aware of how to provide services to her clients as well as to become a better supervisor as well as educator. She stated that she continues to look forward to receiving additional information as Florida moves forward as the seventh state to join the Mental Health Counseling Compact.



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- XII. FOR YOUR INFORMATION (TS 08:37:10)**
- A. AMFTRB Exam Report**
 - B. ASWB Exam Report**
 - C. NCMHCE Report**
 - D. Unlicensed Activity Newsletter**
 - E. Public Safety Alert: Overdose Crisis**

F. Committees

- i. Unlicensed Activity, Jamie Buller**

Nothing to report.

- ii. Continuing Education, Claudia Vicencio**

Nothing to report.

- iii. Financial/Budget – Jamie Buller**

Nothing to report.

- iv. Probable Cause Panel – Joaquin Molina, Tanya Kraus, and Jamie Buller**

Nothing to report.

- v. Legislative — Angelita Salado**

Ms. Salado stated that Florida Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez is working on developing the Mental Health Counseling Compact fee bill which is required to implement the Compact in Florida. She stated they are reviewing the language to send to Ms. Irving and to bill drafting.

Ms. Salado also mentioned that she was on an international television show creating awareness about mental health and that she would be recording a PSA on the following day regarding the use and accessibility of the 988 Suicide Hotline which will be broadcast on different Latino radio-shows within USA and Puerto Rico.

- vi. Rules — Jamie Buller**

Nothing to report.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 P.M. EST by Claudia Vicencio, PhD, LCSW, LMFT, Chair.

