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Tuesday, February 26, 2019
9:00 a.m. Room 1D

PLACE: 1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118

ATTENDANCE: Melanie Robinson-Findlay, Chair
Dana Zais
Lauren Gablinkse
Jeffrey Trant
Carla Saccone, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: Shaynah Barnes

STAFF: Erin LeBel, Executive Director
James O'Connor, Board Counsel
Matthew Runge, Investigations

9:50 AM Open Meeting

1. Building Emergency exit procedures announcement were announced
2. Board reviewed January 22, 2019 Board meeting minutes. A motion was made by Jeffrey Trant, and seconded by Carla Saccone to accept the Board and Executive Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Review Application of J. Nathanson. Board reviewed correspondence from JN and her petition to be relicensed although her license had expired in October 2016. Regulations require that JN be reinstated through re-applying. A motion was made by Carla S. and seconded by Dana Z. considering her experience, allow JN to sit for the exam to be licensed while waiving the educational requirement. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the applicants who are attempting to use experience at DCF for the purpose of obtaining an LICSW. The Board reviewed the regulations and agreed that the experience acquired at DCF does not meet the requirement to have 2 years of experience in clinical social work services as defined in 258 CMR 8.03. Should applicants wish to supplement their job description will additional information



speaking to the clinical nature of the work, the Board will review applicants on a case by case basis. Additionally, the Board will take time during each meeting for the upcoming months to discuss the definition of clinical social work services and if it should be amended through regulation change.

5. Board reviewed application of M. Powers. Board agreed that Ms. Powers supervisor should be requested to come to the next Board meeting.
6. After review, a motion was made by Dana Z and seconded Melanie R.F. to deny the application of T. Floriani because the Board determined that her experience was not "clinical social work services" as defined in the Board's statutes and regulations. This motion passed unanimously.
7. After review, a motion was made by Jeff T. and seconded Melanie R.F. to deny the application of D. Smith because the Board determined that her experience was not "clinical social work services" as defined in the Board's statutes and regulations. This motion passed unanimously..
8. After review, a motion was made by Melanie R.F. and seconded by Lauren G. to deny the application of J.C. because the Board determined that her experience was not "clinical social work services" as defined in the Board's statutes and regulations. This motion passed with 3 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

10:20 AM **Executive Session** A motion was made by Dana Zais to enter Executive Session for the purpose of good moral character review, pursuant to G.L. c 30A, §21(a)(1). Motion was seconded by Jeff Trant, and motion was passed unanimously through a roll call vote, Yes: Zais, Trant, Gablinske, Robinson-Findlay, and Saccone

10:50 AM Return to open meeting.

9. The Board met with D. Amistadi in regards to her petition to be removed from probationary status. After meeting with Ms. Amistadi, a motion was made by Jeff T. and seconded by Carla S. to lift the probation from this applicant. Motion passed unanimously.
10. The Board reviewed petition to reinstate from K. Keily. After review, the Board denied the petition. Dana Z. motioned, Carla S. seconded, all in favor.
11. The Board reviewed application of M. L'Italein. After review of the experience and supplemental information, a motion was made to deny because the Board determined that her experience was not "clinical social work services" as defined in the Board's statutes and regulations. Motion was made by Melanie FR and seconded by Dana Z. All in favor. It was also requested that Ms. L'Italein be reminded of the requirement for all LCSW practicing clinically, to receive individually weekly supervision.
12. Continuing Education request by Erin Young was reviewed and granted.

Investigative Conference (closed to the public):

At 11:40 AM, Dana Zais moved to suspend the open meeting and go to into investigative conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C. Motion was seconded by Lauren Gablinske and passed unanimously. It is estimated that the Board will return to open session in approximately 90 minutes.

While in closed session the Board made the following decisions

SW 2018-000523-IT-ENF Settlement terms were offered
SW 2018-000610 IT-ENF Settlement terms were offered
2018-000433-IT-ENF Settlement terms were offered
SW 2018-1271-IT-ENF Additional information requested from OI
SW 2018-1209-IT-ENF Refer to Office of Prosecution
SW 2017-0741-IT-ENF Dismiss without Prejudice
SW 2018-1367-IT-ENF Refer to Prosecutions
SW 2018-0940-IT-ENF Dismiss without Prejudice
SW 2018-1084-IT-ENF Refer to Office of Prosecutions
SW 2018-1211-IT-ENF Refer to Office of Prosecutions
SW 2018-0704-IT-ENF Dismiss with Advisory
SW 2018-1024-IT-ENF Dismiss with Advisory

SW 2018-0931-IT-ENF Tabled to March
SW 2018-1089-IT-ENF Tabled to March
SW 2018-1196-IT-ENF Tabled to March
SW 2018-0974-IT-ENF Tabled to March

Respectfully Submitted,

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Erin LeBel, LICSW
Executive Director