

TENNESSEE BOARD OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS

DATE: January 26, 2018
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Center
Poplar Room, 665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Major McNeil, Citizen Member,
Ella Bentley, LADAC
David Brown, LADAC
Thomas Corman, LADAC

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Hilde Phipps

STAFF

PRESENT: Latonya Shelton, ASA 3
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Caroline Tippens, Assistant General Counsel

Mr. Major McNeil, Citizen Member acting as Chair in the absence of Ms. Hilde Phipps, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call vote was conducted and all Board members were present.

Ms. Wilkins asked staff to introduce themselves: Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director; Latonya Shelton, ASA3 and Caroline Tippens, Assistant General Counsel.

Minutes

Upon review of the October 20, 2017 minutes Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bentley to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel (OGC)

Ms. Tippens informed the Board there are no cases pertaining to licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors currently in the Office of General Counsel.

Ms. Tippens stated the proposed rules pertaining to deletion of the word “behavioral health” and continuing education changes have been approved by the Governor’s office. They will be filed with the Secretary of State’s office and the rulemaking hearing will take place at our next meeting in April 2018.

Ms. Tippens also discussed the conflict of interest policy with the board members:

PURPOSE: To assure that the individual interests of board members do not conflict with or have the appearance of conflicts with their responsibilities to the Board to which they are appointed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: A circumstance in which a board member's individual interest impairs or impedes, or gives the appearance of impairing or impeding, his or her ability to make full, unbiased decisions or to provide full unbiased service to the Board. Each board member shall disclose to the Board on a case-by-case basis, any personal relationship, interest or dealings that impairs or impedes, or gives the appearance of impairing or impeding, his or her ability to make full, unbiased decisions on a matter. Any board member who has a conflict of interest as defined above must recuse himself/herself from any matter and is prohibited from participating in any discussion or vote on the matter, and shall leave the hearing room during the discussion or vote. It is improper for any board member having a conflict of interest to attempt to influence another board member at any time, including prior to the discussion on the matter for which the conflict exists.

Office of Investigations

Ms. Leonard stated her office is currently monitoring three (3) practitioners; there are four (4) open complaints and four (4) closed.

Administrative Report

Ms. Shelton stated there are 438 licensees; five (5) level one applications; ten (10) level two applications; two (2) reinstatement applications and one (1) upgrade application.

Ms. Shelton stated thirteen (13) licenses have been issued; two (2) retired; nine (9) expired; and, forty-five (45) renewals. Ms. Shelton said thirty (30) licensees renewed on-line for a total of six-seven percent (67%).

Ms. Shelton stated the next meeting is April 20, 2018.

Ratify newly licensed/reinstated applications

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corman, to approve the following newly licensed applicants. The motion carried.

Level 1

Jerry Jordan
Alice Long
Angel Monday
Zachary Newton

Level 2

Alyshia Anderson
Kathleen Daily
Kimberly McLaurin
Catherine Rogers
Mary Wayne

Reinstated

Ms. Bentley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the following reinstatement applicants. The motion carried.

Paul Citro
Jackie Duncan
Tiffany Leek
Joe Shaw

Application Review

Upon review of the application of **Ms. Stephanie Blick**, Mr. Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Ms. Blick to sit for the Level 2 written exam. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Ms. Shawnta Ellison**, Mr. McNeil made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bentley, to approve Ms. Ellison to sit for the Level 2 written exam. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Ms. Dorothy Greene**, Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corman, to approve Ms. Greene to become licensed by reciprocity and add the modifier Qualified Clinical Supervisor to her license. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Ms. Camille Horton**, Mr. Corman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bentley, to approve Ms. Horton to sit for the Level 1 written exam. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Mr. Allan Hutchinson**, Mr. Corman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve Mr. Hutchinson to sit for the Level 1 written exam. The motion carried

Upon review of the application of **Ms. Melissa Kilpatrick** Ms. Bentley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corman, to approve Ms. Kilpatrick to sit for the Level 2 written exam. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Mr. Esua McMorris**, Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. McNeil, to approve Mr. McMorris to become licensed as a level 2 by reciprocity. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Ms. Tiffany Miles** Mr. McNeil made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bentley, to approve Ms. Miles to sit for the Level 1 written exam. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Mr. Anthony Yanis** Ms. Bentley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corman, to approve Mr. Yanis to sit for the Level 2 written exam. The motion carried.

Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS)

Ms. Morenike Murphy, Director of the Office of Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention for TDMHSAS introduced two of her coworkers Mr. Scott Ridgeway, Executive Director of The Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) and Ms. Diana Kirby, Project Director for Suicide Prevention Grants at TDMHSAS. Ms. Murphy stated to the Board that TDMHSAS will develop in collaboration with TSPN a model list of training programs. A “training program” is defined as an empirically supported training program that covers the following elements: suicide prevention, suicide assessment and screening, suicide treatment, suicide management, and suicide postvention; Consider training programs of at least two hours in length that is based on expert consensus and adhering to high standards of suicide prevention; Consult with health-related boards; public and private institutions of higher education; experts in suicide prevention, assessment, treatment, management, and postvention; and affected professional associations; and report the model list of training programs to the Department of Health on or before December 15, 2017 as requested. Ms. Murphy informed the Board that a board may approve a training program that excludes an element described in the definition of training program if the element is inappropriate for the profession in question or inappropriate for the level of licensure or credentialing of that profession based on the profession’s scope of practice. Beginning on January 1, 2020, all licensed LADACs must take at least one approved course from the Department of Mental Health on suicide prevention every five (5) years. Applicants licensed after January 1, 2010 are also allowed to substitute one two (2) hour course on suicide prevention taken in the academic setting, provided it is Board approved.

Legislation

Public Chapter 396, the “Kenneth and Madge Tullis, MD, Suicide Prevention Training Act,” requires the Board to promulgate rules regarding suicide prevention training. Public Chapter 396 requires that beginning on January 1, 2020, all licensed LADACs must take at least one approved course from the Department of Mental Health on suicide prevention every five (5) years. Applicants licensed after January 1, 2010 are also allowed to substitute one two (2) hour course on suicide prevention taken in the academic setting, provided it is Board approved.

Public Chapter 215, requires the Board adopt by rule Codes of Ethics or other quality standards into the rule. I have attached for your review the latest NAADAC and NCC AP Code of Ethics which were approved by NAADAC and NCC AP on October 9, 2016. Please review this Code of Ethics carefully and let me know if you wish to adopt this version in its entirety.

Public Chapter 350 allows healthcare providers to satisfy one hour of continuing education through the performance of one hour of voluntary healthcare services. The maximum amount of annual hours of continuing education that a provider can receive through providing volunteer healthcare services is the lesser of eight (8) hours or twenty percent (20%) of the providers annual continuing education requirement. Since the Board currently requires fifteen (15) hours of continuing education, twenty percent (20%) of this requirement would be a maximum of three (3) credit hours of continuing education.

Rulemaking Hearing

Mr. Brown made a motion and Ms. Bentley seconded the motion to give Ms. Tippens authorization to draft the language for the proposed rules for a rulemaking hearing regarding Public Chapter 396, 215 and 350.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

These minutes were ratified at the April 20, 2018 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Board meeting.