

MINUTES
UTAH
SOCIAL WORKER LICENSING BOARD
MEETING

October 6, 2016
Room 474 - 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:07 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:45 A.M.

Bureau Manager:

Dane Ishihara

Board Secretary:

Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Doran Williams, Chairperson
Donna Didas, Vice Chairperson
Kathleen Anderson
Jenafer Newman
Nathan Strait
Rachel Stoddard

DOPL Staff Present:

Susan Higgs, Compliance Specialist

Guests:

none

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes dated August 4, 2016. Ms. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Ms. Didas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Ms. Higgs compliance report

Ms. Higgs reviewed the compliance report with the Board.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mark de St. Aubin request for additional supervisees

Mr. de St. Aubin met with the Board regarding his request for additional supervisees. Mr. de St. Aubin reviewed his education and supervision experience with the Board. He reviewed his current supervisees and proposed supervisee's workload and hours with the Board. Mr. Strait made a motion to approve Mr. de St. Aubin's request for additional supervisees. Ms. Didas seconded the

motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Kirschenmann, reinstatement of
surrendered license

Mr. Ishihara reviewed Mr. Kirschenmann's request to amend his stipulation to reinstate his license. Mr. Strait advised the Board that he has personal knowledge of Mr. Kirschenmann. He would like to hear from Mr. Kirschenmann.

Mr. Kirschenmann met with the Board. Mr. Williams conducted the interview. Mr. Kirschenmann reviewed the violations and why he surrendered his license. He stated that a client kissed him and became interested in him. She showed up at his home. Mr. Kirschenmann stated he did not talk with other professionals about the situation, nor was he transparent about the situation. He continued providing DBT therapy to her. Mr. Kirschenmann stated he has support from his family and friends. He now has a better understanding of the need for professionals to be transparent in everything they do. The Board feels there is more to the situation than what Mr. Kirschenmann is revealing and would like more information from DOPL Investigations. Mr. Ishihara advised Mr. Kirschenmann that based on the Board's discussion His application for reinstatement to amend his stipulation will be denied. Before he reapplies he should have his therapist submit a report to the Board regarding his progress. Ms. Newman made a motion to deny Mr. Kirschenmann's request to reinstate his license. Ms. Didas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Strait abstaining.

Alexander Dahmen, probation interview

Mr. Dahmen met with the Board regarding his probation interview. Mr. Williams conducted the interview. Mr. Dahmen advised the Board he is working in the field as a W-2 employee. He worked with Ms. Higgs to set up a plan. Mr. Ishihara pre-approved the practice plan. Mr. Dahmen reviewed his practice plan with the Board. The Board noted that his practice plan was very well thought out and written. It shows his clients will be protected. The Board approved his plan. The Board noted that his supervisor reports are detailed and positive. Mr. Dahmen will submit his supervisor's CV for the Board's formal approval. The Board asked to see Mr. Dahmen December 1, 2016.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

December 1, 2016

2016 Board meetings tentatively scheduled

December 1

2017 Board meetings tentatively scheduled

February 2, April 6, June 8, August 10, October 12, December 14

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at: 10:45 A.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

12/1/16
Date Approved

(ss) Sean Williams
Chairperson, Utah Social Worker Licensing Board

12-1-16
Date Approved

(ss) JD Wh
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional
Licensing