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Minutes of 5/18/2023

Board	Dennis M Baughman, LCPC - Chair	Division	Anne Lawler, Bureau Chief
Members	Spencer Zitzman, Ph.D., LMFT	Staff:	Greg Loos, General Counsel
Present:	Lea Williams, LCPC		Emily Rough, Board Support Specialist
	Anna James Krzemieniecki, LCPC		
	Theresa Bradford		
	Tami Kammer, LMFT, LCPC		

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by Spencer Zitzman, Ph.D., LMFT.

Zero-Based Regulation: The Board discussed the comments that were made during the negotiated rulemaking session. There was a concern about the decrease in CE requirements and independent practice ability for LPC's. There was a request to look into LAMFT's be able to practice under supervision as a registered intern while waiting for exam scores, similar to LPC's. There were comments that CE requirements are hard to read. There as a request for clarification whether "Board approved" means an application for supervisors.

The Board walked through changes within their rules and allowed the public to comment.

Public Comment: Melanie Twite asked if the Board would be eliminating the two-year and 2000 hours of postgraduate supervision for the LCPC license. She also stated that as the rules are written now LPC's would be excluded from the compact. The Board responded by stating that it is not removing the postgraduate supervision.

Piper Field asked for clarification on practicum to make sure the Board still made it possible for licensees to get hours outside of a program. The Board explained that this is not going away but instead reworded it for clarity.

Michael Whitehead said he would love to see a cap on group supervision; and that certain regulations provide safety.

Ms. Field also voiced her concern about having no cap on group supervision.

Roberta Crockett stated that she believes the Board should follow COAMFTE, Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, which limits supervision of groups to no more than 8.

Rule 245. – Registered Interns: The Board discussed adding language that would clarify that they can practice as a registered intern as they are waiting for passing exam results.

Rule 238.03.a – Supervised Marriage and Family Therapy Experience: The Board held a discussion on the required hours being separated out in rule. The Board decided to remove the introductory paragraph as duplicative of the rest of this section.

Rule 238.03.c. – Supervised Marriage and Family Therapy Experience: The Board removed this section as unnecessary after removing the above subsection.

Ms. Crockett asked for clarification on the supervision requirements for each license.

Ms. Field stated that she believes it is important for a supervisor to have experience and training in relational work.

Rule 239 – Supervisor Requirements: After listening to the public comments, the Board decided to leave the requirement of five-years of experience providing marriage and family therapy.

Ms. Twite stated that she feels that the Board is asking for a requirement that they cannot substantiate and that requiring five years is excessive.

Rule 239.01.b – Supervisor Requirements: The Board changed the five-year requirement to two years to align with LCPC's.

Dr. Whitehead and Ms. Crockett raised concerns about the deletion of the “Senior Status.” Ms. Lawler responded by explaining that the Division is moving away from having several license types and that all license types not authorized by statute be deleted.

Rule 360 – Inactive Status: This is not expressly authorized by statute and was deleted.

Rule 425 – Continuing Education: The Board continued their discussion on the pros and cons of requiring continuing education.

Ms. Field asked if instead of removing CE courses, having licensees choose what they want to take as long as they take the number of hours required.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM MST.

The next meeting is on 05/19/2023.