



# State of Idaho

## Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists

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### Minutes of 5/19/2023

<b>Board</b>	Dennis M Baughman, LCPC - Chair	<b>Division</b>	Anne Lawler, Bureau Chief
<b>Members</b>	Spencer Zitzman, Ph.D., LMFT	<b>Staff:</b>	Skip Liddle, Investigative Supervisor
<b>Present:</b>	Lea Williams, LCPC		Russ Spencer, General Counsel
	Anna James Krzemieniecki, LCPC		Katie Stuart, Board Support Program Manager
	Theresa Bradford		Emily Rough, Board Support Specialist
	Tami S Kammer, LMFT, LCPC		

**Others** Tyler Williams, Board Prosecutor  
**Present:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by Dennis M Baughman, LCPC.

#### Introductions

Katie Stuart introduced herself as the program manager and executive officer of the health professions bureau.

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve 02/24/2023 minutes. The motion was amended to approve 02/24/2023 with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

#### DIVISION BUSINESS

**2023 Legislative Update:** Ms. Lawler reviewed House Bill 61, House Bill 63, House Bill 73, House Bill 162, House Bill 74, and House Bill 206.

**Health Profession Recovery Program Update:** Katie Stuart gave a presentation on the health profession recovery program that is now being offered to health-related boards. This allows licensees with mental health and addiction to seek the help they need. The Board can opt into being a part of this program, Ms. Stuart will return at the next Board meeting with a drafted contract for the Board to review.

**Financial Update:** Ms. Lawler presented the financial report.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

**Zero-Based Regulation:** The Board held a discussion on proposed rule changes.

**Rule 425 – Continuing Education:** The Board further discussed continuing education requirements. Mr. Baughman suggested continuing with the idea of 6 hours of ethics and 6 hours of suicide prevention training every 2 years. It is the applicant's ethical responsibility to be competent in their field. On application and renewals, the applicant must sign an attestation that said they have read and understand the laws and rules. The Board would like to add language from Oregon or Wyoming about CE requirements regarding suicide prevention as a template to hear from stakeholders and then come back to

make final decisions. At the end of this section the Board added, “Prior to reinstatement of an expired license pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2614, the licensee will attest to completion of the continuing education requirements of license renewal.”

**Rule 360 – Inactive Status:** This is not authorized in Idaho Code § 67-2614 and was deleted.

**Rule 10.06 – Group Supervision:** The Board added language that clarifies how supervision is defined through each license: “Group supervision is defined as up to eight (8) supervisees and one (1) supervisor unless occurring as part of an accredited educational program.”

**Public Comment:** Ms. Field spoke about her concern regarding clumping each supervision size into one general definition. She wants to leave the CE requirements as previously had in rule, stating that there is research that shows the benefit of a professional group education.

Dr. Whitehead asked the Board to be more specific for supervisors. If a program that supervises the practicum must be approved by the state and the state only allows for 10 when their national standard allows 12 could be problematic.

Daniel Rothman asked for clarification on supervisors who are LCPC’s and have less than two years of experience. The Board said it would follow up with information on this.

**Rule 239 – Supervisor Requirements:** The Board added “Posses two (2) years of experience under the licensure required in subsection (a). This requirement will be suspended for LPC’s until July 1, 2026.” This is to elevate the burden of requiring this right when rules go into place, and to allow current LPC’s time to get their LCPC if wanting to supervise.

**Rule 238.03.c. – Supervised Marriage and Family Therapy Experience:** The Board wants to look at the prospective analysis for this section and see if Idaho is aligned with the other states.

**Conferences Updates and Reports:** The Board clarified which members of the Board are going to which conferences for 2023.

**Licensing Report:** Ms. Lawler presented a report on applications received and licenses issued and renewed by staff since the last meeting.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made and seconded to enter executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to obtain or retain a license or registration. The vote was: Mr. Baughman, aye; Dr. Zitzman, aye; Ms. Kammer, aye; Ms. Krzemieniecki, aye; and Ms. Williams, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session. The motion carried unanimously. No decisions were made in executive session.

### **Discipline**

A motion was made and seconded to close case numbers I-COU-2023-17, I-COU-2023-18, I-COU-2023-27, I-COU-2023-31, I-COU-2023-10, I-COU-2023-24, I-COU-2023-30, and I-COU-2023-32 without action. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to close case numbers I-COU-2023-20 and I-COU-2023-33 with an advisory letter. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to negotiate a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for case number I-COU-2023-25 and to authorize the Executive Officer to approve on behalf of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the prosecuting attorney to negotiate a Stipulation for case numbers I-COU-2023-15, and I-COU-2023-29 and to authorize the Board chair to sign on behalf of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Rothman asked regarding becoming a supervisor, asking if there is some way to recognize people's experience as an LPC because some people spend years before becoming LCPC. Would it make sense for the rule to say 3-4 years as a licensed clinician?

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM MST.

The next meeting is on 06/23/2023.