



Mississippi Autism Board
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Regular Meeting
January 18, 2019
11:00 AM
401 Mississippi Street
Jackson, MS 39201

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, January 19, 2019, at 11:05 a.m. by Chairman, James Moore.

Present: Jim Moore (Chairman), Krystal Thurman (Board Member), Sheila Williamson (Board Member), Kasee Stratton (Board Member), Emily Johnson (Board Member), Jeff Jernigan (Attorney General’s Office), Renee Brett (Department of Mental Health), Debra Etzold (Department of Mental Health), Anna Moak (Senior Counsel, Secretary of State)

First Matter of Business: Old Business

Chairman Moore reported that a rule change has been approved in order to publish a regular oral examination schedule to correspond with the BCBA exam schedule. This information will be added to the Autism Board website.

Anna Moak reported that ABA Capital Day is scheduled for March 19, 2019 from 8:00-12:00pm. BAAMS will be sending out more information related to the event. Leah Smith and Anna Moak, both of the Secretary of State’s office are working on a Save the Day and will send to the Board and BAAMS.

Chairman Moore reported (also previously reported) on July 1, 2019, administrative duties of the Board will be merged with the Psychology Board. No member of the Board has received additional information. Board member, Johnson, will reach back out to possibly attend at the February 1, 2019 meeting or at a different time that fits the Board’s schedule.

Second Matter of Business: Reports

Continuing education report: March will be our first renewals since we began licensing. We will begin to send out prompts for renewing. Additionally, June 30, 2019 is our renewal for continuing education and we will continue to send out prompts for renewals.

Moore reported on Investigation Report #18005. This individual has surrendered their license and a letter was sent to remind the individual that ABA practices could not be continued. Moore informed BACB that an LBA had surrendered their license.

Stratton reported on Investigation Report #18004 and she is awaiting a response from the latest letter, which will be due soon.

Stratton made a motion to go into closed session to discuss need applicants for licensure. The Board then went into closed session and returned. Moore made a motion to go into executive session and all voted in favor. Stratton made a motion to return to open session and all votes were in favor.

Third Matter of Business: Report from Executive Session

Based on recommendation of oral examination committee, Moore presented the following for licensure approval, pending vote and approval:

- Krystal Toche (190068)
- Cassidy Coco (190069)
- Lillie Jeter (190070)
- Rebecca Mullican (190071),

Johnson provided a second Emily second, no discussion followed and all voted in favor. Moore reported that the aforementioned licenses will be effective 1-18-19 and expire 1-17-2022.

Fourth Matter of Business: New Business

New business included a discussion with representatives from the Department of Mental Health (Renee). Community Mental Health Centers have folks practicing and providing services and CMH wants to be able to bill for the services provided. There was discussion of the division of Medicaid including discussions of written standards. Medicaid is working on the administrative code to go with the state plan to incorporate the necessary information that DMH needs. Medicaid is not seeing the exceptions from the law such as psychologists. DMH would like assistance from the Board regarding what needs to be included in the standards. Clinicians for CMH are exempt from licensure, but they are unable to bill because they are not licensed as behavior analysts. The Board would be willing to provide support via a small sub-group.

Moore made a motion to authorize members of our Board to work with DMH and Renee actively on behalf of the Board in the development of these standards, Johnson provided a second. Discussion followed regarding sharing information with the Autism Advisory Board. Emily reported that the mission of care is likely something that would be helpful; although DMH is represented on this Board. All members voted in favor.

A second matter of new business was presented by Moore. Moore reported that he was running for the BACB Board and if elected he will need to resign from his post. Secondly, Johnson and Williamson will be rolling off at the end of June 2019 from the LBA positions appointed by Lt. Governor. The Board will begin speaking with BAAMS regarding recommendations.

Moore made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Williamson, all in favor.