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CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
June 09, 2021
3:00 p.m.

Electronic Meeting: This electronic meeting was held in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8. The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that meeting in person is impossible or impractical and access is provided to the public. Due to ongoing COVID-19, concerns, an in-person meeting was not possible. Public access to this meeting was provided to members of the public via teleconference:

1. At the specified time, dial the Reservations Plus dial-in number (1-866-685-1580).
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Board in Attendance

Mark Odden, CRNA, ARNP, Chairperson
Nancy Kramer, EdD, RN
B.J. Hoffman
Amy Beltz, LPN
Gordon Goettsch, DDS
Amber Mahrt, RN, MSN
Stephanie Carr, MSN, RN

Staff

Kathy Weinberg, RN, Executive Director
Laura Hudson, RN, Associate Director CE/Workforce
Jimmy Reyes, RN, Associate Director Education/Practice
Doug Bartels, Associate Director Enforcement
Bill Hansen, Enforcement
Lucas Bee, Enforcement
Kathleen Beebout, RN, Enforcement
Diane Burkert, RN, Enforcement
Anne Ryan, RN, Enforcement
Taunya Cunningham, Enforcement
Eric Holsapple, Enforcement
Rhonda Ruby, RN, INAP Program Manager
Michele Royer, INAP Case Manager
Tessa Register, Assistant Attorney General
Karly Stamper, Board Secretary

Mark Odden called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, seconded by Gordon Goettsch, the Board voted to adopt the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by BJ Hoffman, seconded by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted to approve the open minutes from the May 5, 2021 Conference Call.

On the motion by BJ Hoffman, seconded by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted to approve the closed minutes from the May 5, 2021 Conference Call.

INFORMATION ON CBD USAGE IN IOWA

Owen Parker, Chief, Bureau of Medical Cannabidiol presented information on CBD usage in Iowa. He clarified the definition of medical cannabidiol, what patients and caregivers need to apply for CBD and when patients can have their products on them. Mr. Parker also discussed HF 2589 and what changes it made to legislation. He also provided statistics of usage by age, gender, and dispensary sales data.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Weinberg provided an update on the Governor's Emergency Proclamation. The newly extended proclamation has removed several of the emergency licensure provisions that were in place during the pandemic. As part of these changes, the Board will no longer be issuing emergency licenses and have notified all applicants and nursing programs of this change. Background checks will now be required again which means that fingerprints and waiver forms will need to be submitted prior to a license being issued. The NCLEX time frame has also returned to 91 days again. Director Weinberg advised that she is anticipating further changes when the next proclamation comes around.

The return to work plan for Board staff was also discussed. The Board is currently following the lead of Director Garcia. Once the return to work plan is set in place, the Board will start discussion on opening up to the public again and returning to in person meetings.

PROPOSE NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION TO AMEND 655 IAC CHAPTER 6, NURSING PRACTICE FOR REGISTERED NURSES/LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, seconded by Amy Beltz, the Board moved to file under Notice of Intended Action to amend 655 IAC, Chapter 6, Nursing Practice for Registered Nurses/Licensed Practical Nurses, which exempts opioid treatment medication units from the proximate-area requirement for LPNs, provided that an RN assess the LPN's competency and is available for consultation at all times.

ENFORCEMENT

The Board discussed Endorsement Applicant 21-198, Felicia Velazquez. The Board did not take any formal action, deciding instead to offer a consent agreement.

The Board discussed Examination Applicant 21-197, Kevin Le. The Board noted that Mr. Le pled guilty to assault on his former partner, but under HF2627, the underlying conduct giving rise to the conviction did not directly relate to the practice of nursing as defined in Iowa Code chapter 272C. On a motion by BJ Hoffman, seconded by Gordon Goettsch, the Board voted to approve the Examination Application.

Gordon Goettsch left the meeting.

Closed Session

4:22 p.m. On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted unanimously, by roll call vote to move into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a), to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential; pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings; pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f), to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of chapter 17A.

Stephanie Carr left the meeting.

Open Session

5:01 p.m. On a motion by BJ Hoffman, seconded by Amy Beltz, the Board returned to Open Session.

On a motion by BJ Hoffman, seconded by Amy Beltz, the Board voted to deem the criminal convictions submitted for review not disqualifying for the following petitioner:

21-187 Brittney Rock

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, seconded by Amy Beltz, the Board voted to approve the Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Orders for the following cases:

20-352 Jennifer Ploen

20-425 Heather Tripp

20-473 Stephanie Bernhardt

21-062 Dana Williams (Stephanie Carr recused)

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, seconded by Amy Beltz, the Board voted to approve the Settlement Agreement and Final Orders for the following cases:

20-206 Amber Mick

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, seconded by Amy Beltz, the Board voted to approve the Stipulated Order: Licensure Reinstatement for the following case:

21-054 Richard Livermore

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, seconded by Amy Beltz, the Board voted to approve confidential order for evaluation on the following cases:

20-316
20-444

On a motion by BJ Hoffman, seconded by Amy Beltz, the Board voted to close the following case:

21-067

On a motion by Gordon Goettsch, the Board voted close the following cases:

19-540	20-422	21-018	21-050	21-101	21-168
20-087	20-433	21-020	21-057	21-129	21-188
20-199	20-448	21-032	21-082	21-137	
20-285	20-461	21-034	21-087	21-147	
20-312	20-467	21-039	21-088	21-148	
20-353	20-468	21-045	21-098	21-160	
20-392	21-004	21-048	21-100	21-161	

All staff left the meeting except for Director Weinberg, Karly Stamper, and Tracey Westby.

Closed Session

5:07 p.m. On a motion by Nancy Kramer, seconded by BJ Hoffman, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to move into Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5(1)“f” to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case.

Open Session

5:08 p.m. On a motion by BJ Hoffman, seconded by Nancy Kramer, the Board returned to open session.

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, seconded by Gordon Goettsch, the Board voted to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, Decision and Order on the following cases:

18-139 Linda Anderson
19-182 Jamie Diehl-Davis
19-232 Remona Brown

5:10 p.m. On a motion by Amy Beltz, seconded by BJ Hoffman, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.