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Administrator

Maine Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors
Minutes of January 16, 2015 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McBrady called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Timothy McBrady, LPN, LADC, CCS, Chair and Complaint Officer
Catherine Clough-Bell, LADC, CCS
Gregory Romanoff, M.S.Ed. LSW, LADC, CCS
Thomas Comiciotto, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Kelly McLaughlin, Senior Consumer Assistant Specialist
Jessica Gowell, Planning and Research Associate I
Judith Peters, AAG, Board Attorney
Geraldine L. Betts, Administrator
James Liddell, Professional Licensing Supervisor

OLD BUSINESS

Review and approval of the minutes of September 19, 2014

In a motion by Clough-Bell, seconded by Comiciotto, to accept the minutes of September 19, 2014 as amended. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Complaint Committee's Report

2011 ALC 7448

In a motion by Clough-Bell, seconded by Romanoff, to approve the quarterly report in the matter of 2011 ALC 7448 and close the case. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

2012 ALC 8766

In a motion by Romanoff, seconded by Clough-Bell, to approve the first quarterly report in the matter of 2012 ALC 8766. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

2013 ALC 9049

In a motion by Romanoff, seconded by Clough-Bell, to approve the third quarterly report in the

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matter of 2013 ALC 9049. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

2014 ALC 10103

In a motion by Comiciotto, seconded by Romanoff, to authorize the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate an amend consent agreement on behalf of the Board in the matter of 2014 ALC 1030. The proposed terms of the amended Consent Agreement are 1) Admission to violation of 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5-A)(A)(1); and 2) Reprimand. If the amended consent agreement is not accepted or renegotiated to the Board's satisfaction, then staff is authorized to set the matter for hearing. Motion carried. Complaint Officer recused, Clough-Bell opposed.

2014 ALC 10468

Romanoff recused and left the room.

In a motion by Clough-Bell, seconded by Comiciotto, to authorize the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate an amended consent agreement on behalf of the Board in the matter of 2014 ALC 10468. The proposed terms of the Consent Agreement are 1) Admission to violation of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(7); 2) Reprimand; and 3) \$1,000.00 fine. The license will not be issued until all the terms of the consent agreement have been met. If the proposed consent agreement is not accepted or renegotiated to the Board's satisfaction, then staff is authorized to set the matter for hearing. Motion carried, Complaint Officer and Romanoff recused.

2014 ALC 10010

In a motion by Romanoff, seconded by Clough-Bell, to authorize the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate a consent agreement with the Licensee on behalf of the Board in the matter of 2014 ALC 10010. The proposed terms of the Consent Agreement are: 1) Admission to violation of 10 M.R.S.A. §§ 8003 (5-A)(A)(2) and (5); Board Rule, Chapter 8 Section 3(3)(D); 2) Reprimand; and 3) \$750.00 fine or the voluntary surrender of the license and not eligible to seek licensure again with this Board. If the proposed consent agreement is not accepted or renegotiated to the Board's satisfaction, then staff is authorized to set the matter for hearing. Motion carried, Complaint Officer and Romanoff recused.

Election of Officers

In a motion by Comiciotto, seconded by Romanoff, to nominate and elect Timothy McBrady as Chair. Motion carried.

In a motion by Comiciotto, seconded by Romanoff, to nominate and elect Catherine Clough-Bell as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

In a motion by Clough-Bell, seconded by Comiciotto, to nominate and elect Timothy McBrady as Complaint Officer. Motion carried.

Initial Application

Elizabeth Daigle, LC5675

In a motion by Clough-Bell, seconded by Comiciotto, to approve and issue the license to Elizabeth Daigle, LC5675, with a Letter of Guidance regarding the importance of licensure status. The Letter of Guidance is to remain on file for a period of ten (10) years. Motion carried.

Renewal Application

Charles Tingley, Jr., CCS3592

In a motion by Clough-Bell, seconded by Romanoff, to preliminary deny licensure renewal to Charles Tingley, Jr., CCS3592, pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003-G (2)(C) and 10 M.R.S. § 8003 (5-A)(A)(4) without the offer of a consent agreement. Motion carried.

Administrators Report

Administrator Betts informed the Board that she met with Christine Thibodeau and Tracy Weymouth from Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHS) regarding a gambling addiction program and relayed that providing gambling addiction treatment under the alcohol and drug counselor license is not supported by the statutorily described in the scope of practice.

The Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation will soon be sending renewal reminders and licenses via email only. The effective date of these changes is to be determined.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Comiciotto motioned to adjourn, seconded by Clough- Bell, at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried.