



April 16, 2024 Board Meeting- *Draft Minutes*

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 10:01 a.m.- Members in attendance:
Dr. Fronapfel, Christy Fuller, Courtney LoMonaco, Stephanie Huff, Wendy Knorr, Executive Director, DAG Henna Rasul. Lynda Tache, absent.
2. **Public Comment-** none
3. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:**
March 19, 2024
April 4, 2024
Motion to approve: Christy Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes from both March 19 and April 4 2024 meetings; Courtney LoMonaco seconded the motion; the motion passed.
4. **Executive Director's report:**
 - The second notice/reminder for licensees/registrants requiring the Federal background clearance will be sent out shortly.
 - Certemy applications have been updated per DPS recommendations from the recent audit. The change ensures we receive the waiver form prior to the applicant receiving the request form. This was an item noted during the audit.
 - A collaborative meeting was held with other boards. We are reviewing questions about worker's comp and liability coverage – requirements/options.
 - Mentorship meeting was held with Jan Robinson from Canadian College of Veterinary Medicine- coordinated through CLEAR.
 - A reminder to board members regarding clear distinction of roles when participating, presenting or testifying – especially as the political season ramps up. Please ensure you make it very clear who you are, or are not, representing anytime you are in a public group. You are not prohibited from expressing/representing your personal or professional opinions/participation in any situation, but it is imperative that you make it clear who you are representing when you speak. This will prevent confusion and potential issues related to your comments being attributed to the NV ABA Board. Please be very clear in these situations.
5. **Legislative Update:**

A new Executive Order was issued from the Governor's Office on April 11, 2024. It does not directly impact our board but falls into the reorganization efforts of state board/commission initiatives. Directed the Nevada Patient Protection Commission to support efforts across the state to reduce obstructions for health care professionals and to use data and best practices in support of recommendations to statewide processes.
6. **Nevada Applied Behavior Association (NABA) Report**

NVABA was represented by Christy Fuller at the Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders meeting, April 12. Information from the meeting will be posted on our website. Thank you to Christy for her comprehensive presentation to the members. Commission members were focused on lack of services in the rural areas and there was a level of confusion regarding statutes and regulations that we must adhere to, which complicates many of their concerns. Christy Fuller commented that NABA and NVABA are consistent with the stance on allowing parents to be RBT's for their own children, in alignment with BACB as well. The feeling was that many of the Commissioners were hoping that the organizations would be in

favor in allowing it or supporting a change/exemption in practice. They commented that other states were allowing the practice. Information was provided to clarify that the role of the ABA Board is to ensure compliance with regulations and the professionals adhering to the standards set by BACB. It isn't clear if the Commission would be able to join in support of a joint statement regarding this issue. Dr. Fronapfel commented that the comparison to regulations, or lack of in California, is contributing to obstacles in hiring RBT's in rural areas. Christy's comments and the BACB article will be posted to the website.

7. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval of Board Activities

Several versions of a mission statement were reviewed and discussed.

The final version was approved:

Upholding ethical standards of practice and conduct, the Nevada Board of Applied Behavior Analysis licenses and registers trained professionals prioritizing consumer protection through regulatory oversight.

Motion was made by Christy Fuller to accept the revised statement, as read; Stephanie Huff seconded the motion and the motion passed.

8. Complaints

31 complaints in process

9. Financial Update

- Financial reports were provided for review
- FY 24-26 budget proposal will be provided to members prior to May meeting in an effort to approve the budget before July 1, 2024. Biggest impact potential is funding for additional investigative and licensing support. The other major cost will be for the licensing platform, whether it be Certemy or another company.

10. Discussion of Current Status of Applications and other Licensing Activities

Members discussed how to handle CEU documentation and possible pro-ration for licenses issued later in the year, mainly the last quarter. Wendy made the recommendation to only require documentation be provided for the Nevada-specific requirements and verify current BACB certification. The question surfaced about our ability to pro-rate requirements – do we have the authority? Christy Fuller expressed concern about not providing proration as we have been – will be an undue burden on new applicants. Would like to review our options.

Current standing with BACB and Nevada-specific CE requirements – can extend timeline through late renewal? Wendy will request advice from LCB to confirm language for authority. Will also provide communication to new applicants. The second piece of this time issue is the proration of fees? We can review again at the next meeting and possible review in NAC. Include language regarding waiver?

Approvals:	Total March	To date April	Current Total in state: 3040
RBTs:	74	22	
LaBas:	3	2	
LBAs:	10	4	

11. Determine Future Agenda Items (For Possible Action)

Standing items; collaboration with NABA, discussion on proration authority.

Christy Fuller made the motion; Stephanie Huff seconded the motion, the motion was approved.

12. Public Comment - none

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.