



Mission Statement: 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.

September 17, 2024, Board Meeting- DRAFT Minutes

1. Members in attendance: Board Members: Christy Fuller, Courtney LoMonaco, Bridgid Fronapfel, Stephanie Huff, Lynda Tache; DAG Henna Rasul and Executive Director Wendy Knorr
2. The Mission Statement was read aloud – see statement above
3. Public Comment- there was no public comment
4. Stephanie Huff made the motion to approve the August 20, 2024 meeting minutes. Courtney LoMonaco seconded the motion and the motion was approved. (The minutes of the Sept. 11 special meeting were not available for this meeting and will be presented at the next board meeting).
5. Executive Director's Report:
The final required Public Hearing was held for the review of NAC 461D on Sept. 11. The board adopted the proposed regulations and they will be forwarded to the Legislative Committee for approval. (This information was not discussed at the meeting, an oversight, but will be discussed at the next meeting in October.)

Wendy reported that plans are on schedule for Renewals to begin Oct. 1. She is meeting with Certemy for a final review of the updated applications, process, etc. Notifications will be sent to licensees/registrants prior to Oct. 1.

Wendy attended a Medicaid hearing re: ADL's/updated Medicaid policy proposals. The Board is being encouraged to provide supporting documentation of ADL's as part of ABA treatment in response to objections/concerns from Occupational Therapy professionals.

6. Currently there are 11 BDR's listed that could impact NVABA in some way. Wendy is compiling a list of those we should be aware of/watching for the upcoming session. Please alert her if you become aware of any that should be added to the list. Current BDRs: 53,62,105,106,118,221,227,14-248, 54-255, 54-301 and 396.

A meeting was held with B&I director and deputy director in August where they discussed their plans/directive from the Governor to consolidate all the state boards and commissions. Not a lot of detail/specifics were available at the meeting, but a general overview was provided. The NVABA could possibly be absorbed into a larger "Super Board" changing the structure and authority of this current board and the overall operations. A separate proposal was presented to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services in August, which outlines a different proposed structure under DHHS. Both proposals will be presented during the Legislative session. As more details become available we will share with the board and the ABA licensing community.

Wendy reported that she is considering potential support from a Lobbyist and with the recent developments regarding consolidation plans, it may become a joint effort with others involved in the Board Collaborative for consistency and cost savings, especially for the smaller boards.

7. Nevada Applied Behavior Association (NABA) Report- no report
8. Courtney LoMonaco and Stephanie Huff are taking the lead of the ED evaluation process, with hopes of completing it in October or November. The evaluation tool has been shared and board members are encouraged to review and make suggested changes. Once the tool is finalized, the information will be collected for the review itself.

The Board discussed providing a document of clarification regarding ABA practices involving ADLs to Medicaid to assist with current discussions regarding revisions to Medicaid policies/procedures. Christy Fuller made the motion to approve Dr. Fronapfel working with NABA to develop a Board statement. Christy offered to assist/review. Stephanie Huff seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The goal is to have the statement ready for review/approval by the Board in October to provide to Medicaid by November.
9. Wendy reported that one additional complaint was received in the last month bringing the total to 36.
10. The August financial reports were reviewed and there were no comments or questions. Wendy reported that the September reports may not be available for the October meeting due to Carol Wood/Numbers, Inc. being out of the country for an extended time in early Oct. Reports will be available for the November meeting if they are delayed.
11. Discussion of Current Status of Applications and other Licensing Activities

There are a total of 3,487 licensed/registered ABA professionals in the state today.
No new LaBA licenses were issued in August or to date in Sept. for a total of 46.
LBA licenses: 9 were issued in August and 1 to date in Sept. for a total of 646.
RBT registrations: 91 were issued in August and to date in Sept. 44 for a total 2,795.
12. Christy Fuller made the motion to include the Executive Director's review on the October agenda. The review itself will be given, or a timeline for it if it hasn't been completed by the next meeting. Courtney LoMonaco seconded the motion and the motion passed.
13. Public Comment – Kate Morrison from Maxim Healthcare asked about supporting information discussed during the meeting; specifically related to the state's consolidation of Boards and Commissions. Please note that information discussed/presented during the meeting will be posted to the website as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meeting.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.