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November 19, 2024, Board Meeting- DRAFT MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Fronapfel at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Dr. Fronapfel, Christy Fuller, Courtney LoMonaco, Stephanie Huff and Lynda Tache. DAG, Henna Rasul and Executive Director were also present.
2. Mission Statement was read aloud.
3. There was no public comment.
4. Christy Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2024, as presented. Courtney LoMonaco seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
5. Executive Director, Wendy Knorr reported that the revised regulations were approved by the Legislative Committee at the November 15th meeting.

She met with Dr. Sanchez and Nikki Haag from Business & Industry (B&I) in Carson City on Oct. 29 for a “listening session.” The big picture is the state is proposing to reorganize all the independent licensing boards into a consolidated division of B&I. Very little detail was provided and nothing is in writing at this time. They presented that our board would be grouped with MTF, Psychology, Social Work and Alcohol and Drug boards into the “Behavioral Health and Wellness Alliance Board. It would consist of a board comprised of representatives of the participating disciplines, but no details. The Collaborative group met, and the information was consistent from the other boards. All the boards would cease to exist as they do currently and be absorbed into the state system. It will be presented as a bill in the State Legislature when it convenes in February. The target date for the first changes would be effective July 1, 2026.

Dr. Fronapfel has been asked to meet with them as they are scheduling meetings with all independent board chairs.

The report requested by UNR about our professionals by county, was completed. The growth in the last two years was quite remarkable. In 2022 there were 1607 RBT’s, 2024 there are 3046. LBA’s went from 347 in 2022 to 515 in 2024.

Board compensation payments covering July, August, Sept., Oct and November will be mailed today. Wendy apologized for not getting them out for the last quarter.

Courtney LoMonaco will be leaving the board as of December 31, 2024. Her board position will be filled as soon as possible. We are unsure if there will be any delays or changes considering the consolidation efforts. Stephanie Huff’s position also expires, but she has applied for reappointment. Thank you both for your support with the board. Anyone interested in applying for the open board position should find information on the Governor’s website. Applications are handled through their office.

Update on the renewal process. There have been 950 renewal applications completed to date. The process has gone smoothly. The biggest issue is that there is a lack of understanding between the BACB and NVABA, the different credentials and expiration dates. We knew there was confusion, but this has confirmed it. The number of rejections and time directing applicants to the correct information has been slowing the process. In addition to that, the federal background requirement has also complicated the process. Many did not follow the instructions and are just now submitting for fingerprints and will likely not have results before the end of December. We do have a late renewal option which will address those that expire. Christy Fuller asked if the problems with lack of understanding were all applicants or predominately RBT’s. Wendy indicated that the majority is with the RBT;s but some LBA have had difficulty as well. This is an opportunity to develop more consistent communication with our licensees to assist them with understanding the organizations, regulations, etc.

DPS has been delayed – consistently 6+ weeks which is also complicating the process. We will have a late renewal option for those who did not complete the process before 12-31-24.

1. BDR’s - no new proposed legislation related to ABA was identified.
2. No report.
3. Stephanie Huff and Courtney LoMonaco presented Wendy’s annual evaluation. They went through the tool and discussed the comments from the board members and Wendy. The overall score was 3.62.

Each board member expressed appreciation for Wendy’s work.

Compensation will be discussed at the next meeting.

Medicaid has asked for a statement from the Board regarding ADL’s as part of the treatment plan and scope of practice. A proposed statement was discussed and suggestions made for editing. Recommended that we cite the resources used for the final statement; add clarification that ABA is used for a broader population, not exclusive to ASD and to soften the language used and remove the description of OT practice from the statement. We will work to provide a final statement to Medicaid before their final meetings.

1. No new complaints were received – 36 cases remain active
2. The September and October financial reports were made available for review. Payment for renewal of Certemy services was the largest expense of $13,000+. Renewal fees would be reflected beginning in October. There will be an expense of $5750 for LCB’s review of the regulation revisions in November.
3. In October, 85 new RBTs were issued; 46 in November. LaBA’s – 0 was issued in October and November. LBA’s – 10 was issued in October 7 in November.
4. Courtney LoMonaco made the motion to include the standing agenda items and the ED compensation for the December meeting agenda. Christy Fuller seconded the motion and the motion passed.
5. Veronica Smith provided comments on additional information for the website; requested support/input for AB7 and to assist with resources for training. Nina McCarthey thanked Wendy for her work and fully supports a salary increase.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.