

**Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation
Music Therapy Advisory Board Meeting**

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Music Therapy Advisory Board Open Minutes

Date: February 06, 2017

Call to Order: 10:36a.m. - Jessica Baer, Chairperson

Location: IDFPR Chicago Office, 100 W Randolph St. Suite 9-171A

Board Members Present: Jessica Baer, Director IDFPR, Chairperson
Louise Dimiceli-Mitran, LCPC, MT-BC, Board Member
Kyle Fleming, MT-BC, Board Member
Candyce L. Gray, LCSW, Board Member
Clifton Saper, Ph.D. Board Member
Andrea M. Crimmins, Ph.D., MT-BC, Board Member (via phone)
Russell E. Hilliard, Ph.D., Board Member (via phone)

Board Member(s) Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Azeema Akram, Assistant General Counsel
Milana Lublin, Assistant General Counsel
Martha Reggi, Chief of Business Prosecutions

Guests Present: In Person: Mischa Fisher, Senior Economist & Data Scientist, Advisor to the Governor, Bruce Rauner; Susan Frick, Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center.

Via phone: Bryan Martin, Chief Financial Officer, IDFPR Holly Schaefer, Founder/Executive Director Safe Haven School; Cindy Ropp, Illinois State University.

Topic	Discussion	Action
Motion to Allow Members to Attend via phone		<p>A motion was made by Mr. Fleming/ seconded by Ms. Dimiceli-Mitran to allow Ms. Crimmins to attend by phone due to personal illness pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/7 of the Open Meetings Act. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Fleming/ seconded by Ms. Dimiceli-Mitran to allow Mr. Hilliard to attend by phone due to employment pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/7 of the Open Meetings Act. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

<p>Roll Call & Introductions</p>	<p>Jessica Baer, present Louise Dimiceli-Mitran, present Kyle Fleming, present Candyce L. Gray, present Clifton Saper, present Russell E. Hilliard, Ph.D., present via phone Andrea M. Crimmins, present via phone</p> <p>Each Task Force member, Department staff, and guest introduced themselves.</p> <p>Milana Lublin introduced as General Counsel to the board.</p>	
<p>Analysis of Advisory Board Action</p>	<p>Ms. Akram distributed documents to the Advisory Board members that were submitted by Judy Simpson, Director of Government Relations for the American Music Therapy Association, who spoke at the November 28, 2016 meeting. Ms. Simpson provided a Memorandum and a Reimbursement Overview, which addressed the topic of insurance reimbursement for music therapists.</p> <p><u>Guest, Holly Schaefer, Founder and Executive Director Safe Haven School.</u></p> <p>Ms. Schaefer introduced herself with a short biography. Discussed the Short Haven School music therapy program and the students they treat; including, but not limited to: student suffering from anxiety and/or depression and/or ADHD and/or autism spectrum disorder. Music is a significant source of finding ones identity. Lyrics may express the anger and frustration they feel at having to follow rules they find inane. Safe Haven School employs Art/drama therapists whom are certified. The school is funded by the Lake Bluff and Northfield school districts.</p> <p><u>Guest, Susan Frick, Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center.</u></p> <p>Ms. Frick introduced herself with a short biography. Has worked for Rush Alzheimer’s</p>	

Disease Center in Chicago for 20 years. Untrained musicians do not have the knowledge or experience in applying music therapy techniques. She has seen people with Alzheimer feeling empty and unsupported, which results in an increase in anxiety. Many skilled care facilities are not always able to afford a music therapist. Rush does not require that music therapists be board certified for employment purposes.

Guest, Cindy Ropp, Illinois State University.

Ms. Ropp introduced herself with a short biography. Discussed the Illinois State University Standards for undergraduate degree requirements for music therapy. Discussed the certification process.

Mischa Fisher, Senior Economist & Data Scientist, Advisor to the Governor, Bruce Rauner.

Mr. Fisher introduced himself and discussed his background in economy. Main impact of licensure is creating a barrier of entry into the labor market. Conduct cost/benefit analysis looking at consumer safety, direct licensure cost, and opportunity cost. Various proposals to look at with licensure. Illinois has 2 million active licenses, which is above the national average. Other mechanisms to regulate unlicensed professions; including, consumer rating sites, attorney general office, certification, voluntary or mandatory bonding. Director of IDFPR has limited mechanism for enforcement.

Bryan Martin, Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Martin introduced himself and discussed his role at IDFPR. Compiled cost/analysis for the music therapy profession based on employees needed to perform required enforcement and licensure processing. Title protection would present comparable costs to practice act protection.

	<p><u>Martha Reggi, Chief of Business Prosecutions.</u></p> <p>Ms. Reggi provided a general overview of IDFPR's licensing procedures and Department disciplinary regulation.</p>	
Approval of November 28, 2016 Minutes		A motion was made by Ms. Mitran and seconded by Ms. Gray to approve the November 28, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
Old Business	<p>I. The board discussed availability in 2017 and agreed to schedule the next board meetings for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. March 6</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. April 10</p> <p>II. MTAB final report discussion. The Director, Jessica Baer stated that the Department's draft report will be circulated at the next board meeting. Board members that oppose the IDFPR's recommendation will submit a summary about their position. This will be included in the final report.</p> <p>III. New travel voucher effective 1/27/2017. Reminder that the fiscal year ends 6/30. Any outstanding vouchers must be submitted prior.</p>	
Adjournment		There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Mitran and seconded by Mr. Saper to adjourn at 1:08 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.