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Music Therapy Advisory Board Minutes

- Date:** September 26, 2016
- Call to Order:** 10:06 A.M. – Jessica Baer, Chairperson
- Location:** IDFPR – Division of Professional Regulation, 100 W Randolph, 9th Floor Room 9-034, Chicago, IL 60601
- Board Members Present:** Jessica Baer, Chairperson
Andrea Crimmins, Ph.D., MT-BC, Member (via phone)
Louise Dimiceli-Mitran, LCPC, MT-BC, Member
Kyle Fleming, MT-BC, Member
Candi Gray, LCSW, Member
Russell Hilliard, Ph.D., LCSW, MT-BC, Member (via phone)
Clifton Saper, Ph.D., Member
- Board Member(s) Absent:** None.
- Staff Members Present:** Azeema Akram, Assistant General Counsel
Vaughn Bentley, Law Clerk, Office of General Counsel
Stephanie Rosienski, Law Clerk, Office of General Counsel
- Guests:** Tom Parton, Past-President of the Illinois Speech Language Hearing Association
Kevin Morpew, Attorney, Sorling Northrup
- Via phone:
David Hamilton, Executive Secretary, Office of the Professions (New York)
Jim Cleghorn, Georgia Board of Nursing and Music Therapists
Nicholas Goodwin, Office of Governor Mike Pence
Carolyn Kahn, Illinois Mental Health Counselors Association

| Topic | Discussion | Action |
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| Motion to Allow Members to Attend via Phone | | <p>A motion was made by Gray / seconded by Dimiceli-Mitran to allow 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 Dimiceli-Mitran / seconded by Gray to allow Hilliard to attend due to employment pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/7 of the Open Meetings Act. Motion passed unanimously.</p> |
| Roll Call | <p>Jessica Baer, present Andrea Crimmins, present via phone Louise Dimiceli-Mitran, present Kyle Fleming, present Candi Gray, present Russell Hilliard, present via phone Clifton Saper, present</p> | |
| Introductions | <p>Each Advisory Board member, Department staff, and guest introduced themselves.</p> | |
| Analysis of Advisory Board Action | <p>Ms. Akram reviewed the previous meeting that took place and reviewed the agenda.</p> <p>Ms. Akram informed the Board that an additional guest was in attendance via phone from the Illinois Mental Health Counselors Association.</p> <p><u>Guest David Hamilton, Office of the Professions</u> Mr. Hamilton reviewed New York’s licensure of creative arts therapists since 2002, which includes music therapy, by providing an overview of legislative history and the general regulatory framework. He discussed the licensure requirements including approved education, completion of 1,500 post-degree supervised hours, exemptions from licensure, and continuing education. Mr. Hamilton also discussed the practice of psychotherapy in New York and how it relates to the scope of practice for creative arts therapists. He answered Advisory Board member questions regarding all aspects of his testimony.</p> <p><u>Guest Jim Cleghorn, Georgia Board of Nursing and Music Therapists</u> Mr. Cleghorn reviewed Georgia’s title protection licensure of music therapists since 2012, including the general regulatory framework and licensure requirements. He discussed the total number of active licenses (114), the seven (7) complaints (6 were for unlicensed practice and one for unethical conduct) which did not relate to patient issues, and the advisory role of the State board. Mr. Cleghorn answered Advisory Board member inquiries regarding the push for licensure by professional associations</p> | |

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| | <p>and the limits of title protection.</p> <p><u>Nicholas Goodwin, Office of Governor Mike Pence</u> Mr. Goodwin reviewed Indiana’s recent consideration of licensing music therapists, which did not result in licensure. He discussed legislation that was introduced in 2013 & supported by professional associations. The bill was vetoed by Governor Pence who cited concerns about job creation, specifically that licensure can create barriers to the market and restriction on competition. Mr. Goodwin also discussed the Pilot Program for State Registration of Privately Certified Individuals, which serves as an alternative to licensure that increases the public trust in professionals without the concerns raised by full licensure.</p> <p><u>Guest Carolyn Kahn, Illinois Mental Health Counselors Association</u> Ms. Kahn thanked the Advisory Board for inviting her to speak and reviewed the Illinois Mental Health Counselors Association’s position against the potential licensing of music therapists. Specifically, she discussed concerns over the lack of clinical mental health training required for certification and recommended the addition of several courses to the current requirements. She noted that the addition of these courses and training requirements would resemble licensure requirements for professional counselors and social workers, whose scopes of practice allow for the practice of music therapy, and recommended that the current licensure for those professions along with a certificate in music therapy serve as an alternative to creating a new license. Ms. Kahn answered Advisory Board member questions regarding suggested coursework areas from the professional counselor licensure requirements.</p> <p><u>Guest Tom Parton, Illinois Speech Language Hearing Association</u> Mr. Parton thanked the Advisory Board for inviting him to speak and reviewed the Illinois Speech Language Hearing Association’s position against the potential licensure of music therapists. Specifically, he discussed the Certification Board for Music Therapy’s definition of music therapy and concerns about treating communication disorders. He also discussed the minimum qualifications for a licensed speech-language pathologist in comparison to requirements for certification as a music therapist, and the billing issues raised by music therapists using Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes assigned to licensed professions due to lack of codes for music therapy services. Mr. Parton answered Advisory Board inquiries regarding the training & use of music therapy in speech-language pathology.</p> | |
| <p>Approval of August 30, 2016 Minutes</p> | | <p>A motion was made by Fleming/seconded by Gray to approve the August 30, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.</p> |

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| Old Business | <p>I. Analysis of Potential Witnesses: Advisory Board members analyzed potential witnesses for future meetings.</p> <p>II. The Advisory Board discussed potential future meetings dates for October and November.</p> <p>III. Travel vouchers were previously distributed to Advisory Board members.</p> | |
| Adjournment | | <p>There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Gray / seconded by Dimiceli-Mitran to adjourn at 11:23 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.</p> |