



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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September 9: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zix_lvFWIVU

September 10 (part 1): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9COza-SsY8>

September 10 (part 2): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ooDORNHuxQ>

DATE September 9, 2021

MEETING PLATFORM WebEx Video Conference and Phone Conference

TIME 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Members Present: Max Disposti, Chair, Public Member
Christina Wong, Vice Chair, LCSW Member
Crystal Anthony, LCSW Member
Deborah Brown, Public Member
Susan Friedman, Public Member
Dr. Diana Herweck, LPCC Member
Christopher Jones, LEP Member
Jonathan Maddox, LMFT Member
Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member
John Sovec, LMFT Member
Wendy Strack, Public Member

Members Absent: Ross Erlich, Public Member
Yvette Casares Willis, Public Member

Crystal Anthony, LCSW Member at 12:55 p.m.
Deborah Brown, Public Member at 11:00 a.m.
Dr. Diana Herweck, LPCC Member from 11:55 a.m.-1:12 p.m.
Jonathan Maddox at 1:00 p.m.

Staff Present: Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer
Gena Beaver, Enforcement Manager

Cynthi Burnett, Registration, Exam, Cashiering Manager
Rosanne Helms, Legislative Manager
Cassandra Kearny, Licensing Manager
Marlon McManus, Enforcement Manager
Marc Mason, Administration Manager
Pearl Yu, Enforcement Manager
Christina Kitamura, Administrative Analyst
Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel

Other Attendees: Public participation via WebEx video conference/phone conference

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Max Disposti, Chair of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.

II. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

None

III. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

None

IV. Strategic Planning Session for the Board's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

Board members, Board staff, stakeholders engaged in brainstorming and discussion on the first draft of the proposed goals/objectives.

Sarah Irani and Elizabeth Coronel from the Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) Strategic Organization, Leadership, and Individual Development (SOLID) facilitated the strategic planning session.

An additional strategic planning session is required to continue this discussion.

CLOSED SESSION

- V. Pursuant to Section 11126(c)(3) of the Government Code, the Board Will Meet in Closed Session for Discussion and to Take Action on Disciplinary Matters.**

The Board met in closed session at 1:05 p.m.

- VI. Recess Until 9:00 a.m., Friday, September 10, 2021**

The Board recessed following the conclusion of the Closed Session at 1:25 p.m.

DATE September 10, 2021

MEETING PLATFORM WebEx Video Conference and Phone Conference

TIME 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Members Present: Max Disposti, Chair, Public Member
Christina Wong, Vice Chair, LCSW Member
Deborah Brown, Public Member
Ross Erlich, Public Member
Susan Friedman, Public Member
Dr. Diana Herweck, LPCC Member
Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member
Wendy Strack, Public Member
Yvette Casares Willis, Public Member

Members Absent: Crystal Anthony, LCSW Member
Christopher Jones, LEP Member
Jonathan Maddox, LMFT Member
John Sovec, LMFT Member

Staff Present: Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer
Rosanne Helms, Legislative Manager
Christy Berger, Regulatory Analyst
Christina Kitamura, Administrative Analyst
Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel

Other Attendees: Brianna Miller, DCA, Office of Board and Bureau Services
Rabih Dow, Director of Outreach and Advocacy, Guide Dogs
for the Blind
Wallis Brozman, Communications Coordinator, Canine
Companions
Public participation via WebEx video conference/phone
conference

OPEN SESSION

Items taken out-of-order: Item XVI was heard after Item XI.

VII. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.

VIII. Consent Calendar

- a. Possible Approval of the May 6-7, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Possible Approval of the July 7, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- c. Possible Approval of the July 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- d. Possible Approval of the August 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Approval of July 7, 2021 Board Meeting minutes was tabled.

MOTION: Approve the May 6-7, 2021 Board meeting minutes, July 22, 2021 Board meeting minutes, and August 10, 2021 Board meeting minutes.

Brown moved. Wong seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Crystal Anthony				x	
Deborah Brown	x				
Yvette Casares Willis	x				
Max Disposti	x				
Ross Erlich	x				
Susan Friedman	x				
Dr. Diana Herweck	x				
Christopher Jones				x	
Jonathan Maddox				x	
Kelly Ranasinghe	x				
John Sovec				x	
Wendy Strack	x				
Christina Wong	x				

The motion carried: 9 yea, 0 nay.

IX. Board Chair Report

Kelly Ranasinghe and Yvette Casares Willis were confirmed by the Senate on August 26, 2021.

X. Department of Consumer Affairs Update

Brianna Miller, Office of Board and Bureau Services provided the department update.

Remote Meetings

After September 13th, all boards and committees will be required to return to in-person meetings with publicly noticed meeting locations. However, due to ongoing changes in the COVID-19 pandemic, there is legislation pending that would extend the ability to meet remotely until at least January 31, 2022.

COVID-19 Safety Measures

State employees must show proof of vaccination, or they will be subject to regular testing and will be required to wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Board members are considered employees and must follow these protocols.

XI. Executive Officer Report

a. Budget Report

2020/2021 Budget: 4th Quarter

The Board's budget for fiscal year (FY) 2020-21 is \$12,096,000. The Board expended \$10,220,180 (84%) of its budget.

Fund Condition

The Board's fund condition reflects a reserve of 6.8 months.

Yearly Department Pro Rata/Distributed Costs

The Board's pro rata budget total is \$2,701,000 (22% of overall budget).

- Administrative & Information Services Division: \$2,363,000
- Communications Division: \$66,000
- Division of Program & Policy Review: \$225,000
- Special Operations Unit: \$33,000
- Investigation & Enforcement Unit: \$14,000

b. Licensing Report

BOARD STATISTICS: 4th Quarter of FY 2020/2021

Licensing Population

- 1,694 initial licenses were issued
- 125,928 licensees and registrants as of August 10, 2021 (< 3% gain) from the previous quarter

Licensing Program Processing Times

Processing times have increased due to seasonal increase of applications.

The Board received 1,110 applications in December 2020. Historically, the average monthly intake has been 250 applications.

Renewal Activity

Renewal activity increased by 8%.

Enforcement Program

- 385 consumer complaints received
- 265 criminal conviction notifications received
- 514 cases closed
- 15 cases referred to the Attorney General's (AG) office for formal discipline
- 61 cases pending at the AG's office as of September 30th
- 10 accusations and 2 Statement of Issues filed
- 8 final citations issued
- 53 final disciplinary orders
- 418 average number of days to complete Formal Discipline
- 327 average number of days a case is with the AG's office
- 31 average number of days to complete all Board investigations

Continuing Education Audits

Audits were suspended temporarily during FY 2020-21. Board staff have begun auditing licensees who renewed in January and February 2021.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Waivers

- **Law & Ethics Exam Waiver for Subsequent Registration Number:** Waives the requirement that Associate Marriage and Family Therapists (AMFTs), Associate Clinical Social Workers (ASWs), and Associate Professional Clinical Counselors (APCCs) must pass the California Law and Ethics Examination before a subsequent registration number is issued; applies to all associates who are in their last year of renewal if that renewal expires between September 2021 and October 31, 2021.
- **Face-to-Face Training and Supervision Requirements:** This waiver expires on October 31, 2021.
- **Waiver Extending Eligibility Period to Retake Examinations for Marriage and Family Therapist, Educational Psychologist, Clinical**

Social Worker, and Professional Clinical Counselor Applicants:

Extends exam eligibility for LMFT, LEP, LCSW, and LPCC applicants that failed to take or retake a required examination, and whose one-year eligibility to take or re-take the examination expired between March 31, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

- **Practicum Enrollment Requirement Waiver for MFT Trainees:**

Extends the lapsed enrollment period from 90 days to 180 days; applies to trainees who were last enrolled in a practicum course between March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

- **Licensing Renewal Requirements:** Registrants whose registrations expire between March 31, 2020 and September 30, 2021 do not need to attempt the California Law and Ethics Examination in order to renew their registration. Licensees who are renewing between March 31, 2020 and September 30, 2021 do not need to complete continuing education in order to renew their license.

- **Waiver of Laws Requiring Individuals Reactivating or Restoring a Retired, Inactive, or Cancelled License to Complete Continuing Education and Pay a Renewal or Delinquency Fee:** Permits an individual with a retired, inactive, or cancelled license who wishes to restore their license in order to help with the current State of Emergency to do so during this time without being subject to the normally required continuing education requirements and renewal and delinquency fees; applies to individuals whose license has been retired, inactive, or cancelled for no more than 5 years. A license reactivated or restored pursuant to these waivers is valid until November 1, 2021 or when the State of Emergency ceases to exist.

c. Exam Report

Exam Pass Rates 4th Quarter of FY 2020-21

4,980 examinations were administered, a 17.8% increase from the previous quarter.

Examination Development

Four exam development workshops were conducted from April 1st to June 30th.

Association of Marriage & Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) National Examination

The DCA Office of Professional Examination Service (OPES) has begun working with the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Board (AMFTRB) in collecting information that will assist them in the review of the AMFTRB Clinical Exam. The evaluation and report will be completed in the spring of 2022.

OPES has also begun working with the Association of Social Worker Boards (ASWB) for their periodic review of the ASWB Clinical exam.

d. Communication Report

Social media statistics were presented.

DCA Call Center

The call center handled 5,358 calls between May and July.

Outreach

Board staff engaged in 11 outreach events via telephone or video conference: association and committee meetings, MFT consortium meetings, and licensing process law & ethics presentations.

e. Personnel Report

New Employees/Promotions

Discipline & Probation Unit

- Gena Beaver promoted to Staff Services Manager I.
- Yee Lee promoted to Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA).

Consumer Complaint & Investigations Unit

Syreeta Hurt and Alexander Juarez promoted to AGPAs.

Registration, Examination & Cashiering Unit

- Ellen Viegas is returning to the Board as an AGPA on September 13th.
- Roman Mikhalchuk will transfer to the Board as a Staff Services Analyst (SSA) on September 13th.

Licensing Unit

- Christopher Catalano and Leontyne Lyles promoted to SSAs.
- Anthony Beasley returned to the Board as an SSA.
- Hayley Sutter will transfer to the Board as an SSA on September 24th.

Vacancies

Currently, there are 7 vacancies:

- Assistant Executive Officer – Administration Unit
- AGPA - Discipline & Probation Unit/Enforcement
- SSA – Criminal Conviction Unit
- Management Services Technician (MST) – Licensing Unit (2 vacancies)
- MST – Registration, Examination & Cashiering Unit
- Office Technician – Administration Unit

f. Strategic Plan Update

The Board met on September 9th and discussed goals and objectives. Board staff and stakeholders participated in the discussions.

XII. Telehealth Committee Update

The Telehealth Committee (Committee) met on August 6th. The following topics were discussed:

- Potential telehealth coursework requirement,
- Clarifying the Board's telehealth statutes for associates and trainees.

The Committee conducted four surveys regarding practice of telehealth, telehealth coursework, and supervision via videoconferencing. A separate survey was sent to students, associates, supervisors, and school programs. The Committee discussed the survey results.

The next meeting is October 1st.

XIII. Licensing Committee Update

The Licensing Committee (Committee) met on June 25th.

The Committee made a recommendation regarding the required 12-hour California law and ethics course for renewing registrants with a failing law and ethics exam score. The resulting proposal, which is to delete that requirement and instead require a 3-hour California law and ethics course for all registrants each renewal cycle, was considered by the Policy and Advocacy Committee. The proposal will be considered by the Board.

The next meeting is October 15th.

XIV. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Policy and Advocacy Committee Recommendation: Three-Hour California Law and Ethics Continuing Education Course Requirement for all Associates Each Renewal Cycle (BPC §§4980.399, 4980.54, 4984.01, 4992.09, 4996.22, 4996.28, 4999.55, 4999.76, 4999.100)

Since the examination restructure became effective in 2016 and the 12-hour law and ethics (L&E) course became a requirement, completion of the course has been problematic for registrants.

The Licensing Committee directed staff to draft language deleting the 12-hour California L&E course requirement, and to instead require all registrants to complete a 3-hour California law and ethics course in each renewal cycle.

Issues with the 12-Hour Law and Ethics Course

The timing and need to take the 12-hour law and ethics course after renewing, if the L&E exam was failed in the prior renewal period, can be problematic for the following reasons:

- There is confusion as to when to take the course.
- Some registrants do not take the course (they do not realize they need to take the course). Registrants are not able to retake the exam until they complete the course, which may delay the registrant's renewal.
- The additional cost of taking the course.

The Committee agreed that public protection may be better served by requiring all registrants to take a 3-hour continuing education course in California law and ethics.

Policy and Advocacy Committee Recommendation

The Policy and Advocacy Committee discussed the proposed language presented at its August 2021 meeting. Two discussions were held:

1. Delayed implementation. The Committee determined that proper advance outreach would be needed, but delayed implementation was not necessary.
2. Concerns regarding costs for associates. Some stakeholders questioned whether requiring the 3-hour course would place a cost burden on associates.

Staff researched costs for CE courses and presented the following information:

- Several CE providers offer a 6-hour law and ethics course. Costs for the 6-hour course ranged from \$36 - \$145.
- Several CE providers currently offer 3-hour courses covering topics related to law and ethics. Costs for the 3-hour courses ranged from \$21-\$39.
- Some stakeholders stated that certain CE providers, as well as some employers, offer free law and ethics CE courses.

Comments

Rebecca Gonzales, National Association of Social Workers California Chapter (NASW-CA): Concerned with costs coupled with recent fee increases.

Ben Caldwell: Expressed support. Recognizes the financial burden on associates. Offers a 1-hour ethics course at no cost. Calls for a community effort in making sure that the burdened is minimized.

Jennifer Alley, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT): Concerned about additional requirements and costs associated with those requirements.

Leah Brew: Expressed the importance of this. Offers a free 3-hour course to her students. If she needs to charge to pay for costs of running a webpage, the cost could be very minimal.

MOTION: Direct staff to make any discussed changes and any non-substantive changes and pursue as a legislative proposal.

Wong moved. Strack seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Crystal Anthony				x	
Deborah Brown	x				
Yvette Casares Willis	x				
Max Disposti	x				
Ross Erlich	x				
Susan Friedman	x				
Dr. Diana Herweck	x				
Christopher Jones				x	
Jonathan Maddox				x	
Kelly Ranasinghe	x				
John Sovec				x	
Wendy Strack	x				
Christina Wong	x				

The motion carried: 9 yea, 0 nay.

XV. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Assembly Bill 107 (Salas) Licensure: Veterans and Military Spouses

AB 107 is on the Governor’s desk awaiting a decision.

AB 107 would require all boards within DCA to issue temporary licenses to military spouses if they meet specified requirements.

AB 107 does the following:

1. Effective July 1, 2023, requires all boards under DCA to issue a temporary license to practice a profession or vocation to an applicant if they meet specified requirements.

2. Permits a DCA board to conduct an investigation of an applicant, including a criminal background check, for purposes of denying or revoking a temporary license.
3. Requires a DCA board to issue the temporary license within 30 days of receiving documentation.
4. Requires that a temporary license is nonrenewable and expires 12 months after issuance, or upon issuance or denial of an expedited license, a standard license, or a license by endorsement, whichever occurs first.

Current Board Process

The Board has a “licensure by credential” pathway to licensure, a process for qualifying licensees in other states who have been licensed for at least two years.

The Board is currently required to expedite the licensing process for an applicant who is married to or in a domestic partnership with an active member of the U.S. military assigned to duty in California, if the applicant holds a current license in the same profession in another state.

Bypassing the Licensure Process

AB 107 does not require the following:

- That the licensing requirements in the other state in which the person holds a license be substantially equivalent to the requirements in California; or
- That the applicant passes the required Board administered examinations.

Continuity of Care

A practitioner whose temporary license expires could disrupt the continuity of care for patients.

Staffing and BreEZe Impact

An update to BreEZe would be required to implement a temporary license status, which could result in a fiscal impact. Additional staff would be required to address the increased workload.

License Portability and the Board of Behavioral Sciences

The Board recently implemented license portability legislation for its LMFT, LCSW, and LPCC applicants. SB 679 became effective on January 1, 2020 and established “licensure by credential.”

AB 107 makes key omissions of requirements that were considered and placed in SB 679:

- It does not require the military applicant to have held their current license for at least the past 2 years to obtain a temporary license.
- It does not require any California-specific coursework prior to beginning practice under a temporary license.

Previous Board Position

At its May 2021 and July 2021 meetings, the Board took an “oppose unless amended” position on AB 107 and requested that the Board be removed from the provisions of the bill. AB 107 was amended since the July Board meeting, but the Board has not been removed from the provisions of the bill.

MOTION: Oppose AB 107.

Wong moved. Disposti seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Crystal Anthony				x	
Deborah Brown	x				
Yvette Casares Willis	x				
Max Disposti	x				
Ross Erlich	x				
Susan Friedman		x			
Dr. Diana Herweck	x				
Christopher Jones				x	
Jonathan Maddox				x	
Kelly Ranasinghe	x				
John Sovec				x	
Wendy Strack	x				
Christina Wong	x				

The motion carried: 8 yea, 1 nay.

XVI. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Assembly Bill 468 (Friedman) Emotional Support Animals

AB 468 would require a health care practitioner who provides documentation about an individual’s need for an emotional support animal to comply with specified requirements.

The pieces of AB 468 that affect Board licensees:

1. Defines a “health care practitioner” which includes BBS licensees.

2. Prohibits a health care practitioner from providing documentation relating to an individual's need for an emotional support dog unless they comply with specified criteria:
 - a. Have a valid, active license, and includes the license's effective date, license number, jurisdiction, and type of professional license in the documentation;
 - b. Is licensed to provide professional services within the scope of the license in the jurisdiction in which the documentation is provided;
 - c. Has established a client-provider relationship with the individual for at least 30 days before providing the documentation regarding the individual's need for an emotional support dog;
 - d. Completes a clinical evaluation of the individual regarding the need for an emotional support dog; and
 - e. Provides verbal/written notice to the individual that knowingly and fraudulently representing oneself to be the owner/trainer of any canine licensed, qualified, or identified as a guide, signal, or service dog is a misdemeanor violation.

3. States that if a health care practitioner violates any of the listed provisions, they may be subject to discipline from their licensing board.

Additionally, AB 468 states that a person knowingly and fraudulently representing, selling, offering for sale, or attempting to represent, sell, or offer for sale an emotional support dog as being entitled to the rights and privileges accorded by law to a guide, signal, or service dog, or violating the written notice requirements, is subject to civil penalties by the Attorney General, a district attorney, a county counsel, or a city attorney.

Intent

To curtail the misrepresentation of buying and selling emotional support dogs and their identifying equipment as having equal access rights as trained service dogs; and create safer public spaces, especially for people with disabilities who rely on task-trained service dogs for independence.

Complaints Received by the Board

The Board occasionally receives complaints regarding licensees providing emotional support dog certifications. Some of the clarifications offered by the draft amendments in the proposal would be helpful.

Presentation

The sponsors of AB 468 presented the intent and details of the bill to the Board: Rabih Dow, Director of Outreach and Advocacy, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and Wallis Brozman, Communications Coordinator, Canine Companions.

MOTION: Approve AB 468.

Disposti moved. Wong seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Crystal Anthony				x	
Deborah Brown	x				
Yvette Casares Willis	x				
Max Disposti	x				
Ross Erlich	x				
Susan Friedman	x				
Dr. Diana Herweck	x				
Christopher Jones				x	
Jonathan Maddox				x	
Kelly Ranasinghe		x			
John Sovec				x	
Wendy Strack	x				
Christina Wong	x				

The motion carried: 8 yea, 1 nay.

XVII. Discussion and Possible Action on Additional Amendments to Continuing Education Rulemaking Proposal: Title 16, California Code of Regulations: Add Section 1810.5; Amend Sections 1807, 1807.2, 1810, 1887, 1887.1, 1887.2, 1887.3, 1887.4.0, 1887.4.1, 1887.4.2, 1887.4.3 and 1887.11.0; Repeal Sections 1810.1, 1810.2, 1887.4, 1887.7, 1887.8, 1887.9, 1887.10, 1887.11 and 1887.15

At its November 2019 meeting, the Board approved changes to regulations pertaining to continuing education (CE) and additional training requirements. In response to feedback from attorneys in DCA's Regulation Unit and Board staff, additional text changes were brought to the Board for consideration. Most of these text changes provides more clarity.

The Board was asked to consider the following:

- Should the list of acceptable "additional training" providers be further condensed simply into "board-accepted CE providers"?
- Should government departments of health and mental health remain on the list?
- Should licensed health facilities be added back onto the list?

Ranasinghe: Governmental agencies should remain on the list.

Wong: Prefers to keep the language tightened and not allow too many exceptions and allow the approval agencies to approve those providers.

Disposti: Prefers simplifying text that eliminates confusion.

MOTION: Approve the proposed text as modified in section 1810.5 to strike subsection (b)(4) and initiate a 45-day public comment period. Additionally, if no adverse comments are received during the public comment period, or if any adverse comments received are irrelevant to the regulation text, delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to make any technical or non-substantive changes that may be required in completing the rulemaking file.

Wong moved. Willis seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Crystal Anthony				x	
Deborah Brown	x				
Yvette Casares Willis	x				
Max Disposti	x				
Ross Erlich	x				
Susan Friedman	x				
Dr. Diana Herweck	x				
Christopher Jones				x	
Jonathan Maddox				x	
Kelly Ranasinghe	x				
John Sovec				x	
Wendy Strack	x				
Christina Wong	x				

The motion carried: 9 yea, 0 nay.

XVIII. Update on Board-Sponsored and Monitored Legislation

Board-Sponsored Legislation

AB 690 Practice Setting Definitions

Status: Enrolled

SB 801 Board Sunset Bill/LMFT Scope of Practice/Omnibus Bill

Status: Enrolled

Board-Supported Legislation

AB 462 Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Act

Status: Enrolled

Board-Monitored Legislation

AB 107 Licensure: Veterans and Military Spouses

Status: Enrolled

AB 468 Emotional Support Animals

Status: Enrolled

XIX. Update on Board Rulemaking Proposals

Enforcement Process

Status: Pending

This regulation package was placed on hold due to the passage of AB 2138. AB 2138 was approved in December 2020, so this proposal is able to move forward again. Staff will be re-evaluating the previously proposed language and determining if additional amendments are needed. The proposal will be brought to the Board for review later this year.

Supervision-Related Requirements

Status: At Office of Administrative Law for final review.

Continuing Education and Additional Training Requirements

Status: Board approved proposed language changes today and will initiate a 45-day public comment period.

Examination Waiting Periods, Professional Corporations, Accrediting Agencies and Equivalent Degrees

Status: Preparation for initial review process.

XX. Discussion Regarding 2022 Board Meeting Dates

The following dates are proposed for 2022 Board meetings:

- February 10 & 11
- May 5 & 6
- August 11 & 12
- November 3 & 4

XXI. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

J. Alley, CAMFT: Requests the following discussions in a future Board or committee meeting: 1) Flexibility for associates, students and trainees that have disabilities and mobility issues and to ensure that there is a process in place for them to submit a waiver to be reviewed by the Board on a case-by-case basis. 2) Life coaches and consumer protections to ensure that those individuals are not providing behavioral health services.

R. Gonzales, NASW-CA: Accommodations for those who have disabilities.

XXII. Suggestions for Future Agenda Item

Ranasinghe: 1) Mobility issues; 2) regulations regarding life coaches.

Brown: Update on SB 14.

Friedman: Discuss ideas or suggestions to assist elderly who have difficulty with technology and providing services via telehealth.

XXIII. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m.