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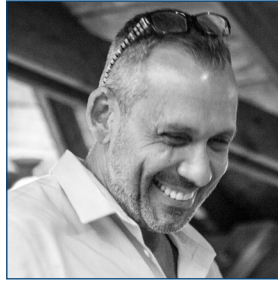


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## BOARD CHAIR UPDATE



Max Disposti

As we enter the new year, still facing the pandemic, the adaptability and resiliency of our licensees and Board staff I have seen over the last year makes me hopeful for the future. We have all had to face the challenge of learning how to function differently in this world. At the same time, we had to ensure the health and safety of our families, clients, communities, and ourselves. My hope is that we keep a positive outlook and realize that we have learned some valuable lessons while meeting these challenges. As this

is the first newsletter of the year, there are many things to announce.

BBS is excited to announce that Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) Board member Crystal Anthony was elected vice chair at the Board's February meeting. Congratulations, Crystal!

I am excited to announce that Marlon McManus has filled the vacant Assistant Executive Officer position. Marlon's background has been a Staff Services Manager I at the Consumer Complaint and Investigations Unit for the last six years. Prior to his management position, he functioned as an Enforcement Analyst for the Board for over seven years investigating consumer complaints. I am confident that Marlon's knowledge, vision, and dedication will assist the Board in reaching our goals.

With the beginning of the new year there were many laws that went into effect. Assembly Bill (AB) 462 removed the requirement that applicants for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) licensure must gain at least 150 hours of clinical experience in a hospital or community mental health setting, and removed the requirement that LPCCs must gain certain marriage and family therapy coursework and experience hours to assess or treat couples or families. AB 468 established requirements for all health care practitioners (including Board licensees and registrants) when providing documentation relating to an individual's need for an emotional support dog. The complete text of AB 690 further clarified the Board's practice-setting definitions and contained some changes to supervision requirements. In addition, many requirements pertaining to supervision were made to the Board's regulations.

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This year, the Board will initiate the BBS **2022–2026 Strategic Plan**. This plan was a culmination of input from Board members, staff, and stakeholders. With the help of the Department of Consumer Affairs’ SOLID Planning Unit, the Board developed goals and objectives that will guide us through the next four years. These goals addressed the need for consumer protection, the changing dynamics of delivery modalities, the need for equality and inclusiveness, and the need for a culturally responsive mental health workforce that can meet the demands of Californians. I would like to thank all who participated in this effort.

As we move through the new year, the Board will continue to meet virtually with the hopes of meeting in person soon. Because we have recognized an increase in participation from the public since we have webcasted our meetings, we will seek to have hybrid meetings to still allow the public to participate remotely.

We hope to see you in the new year. Please stay healthy and safe!

Max Disposti  
Board Chair

**2022 LAW CHANGES  
BOARD-SPONSORED LEGISLATION**

• **AB 690 (Arambula): Practice Setting Definitions and Supervision Law Change**

This clarifies where pre-licensees may work by providing specific definitions of private practice, professional corporation, and non-exempt settings. This bill also made several changes applicable to supervisors of supervisees in a private practice, professional corporation, or other non-exempt setting.

*Status: Signed by the governor (Chapter 747, Statutes of 2021) and took effect January 1, 2022.*

More information about this new law is available on the Board’s [website](#). The complete text of AB 690 can be found [here](#).

• **SB 801 (Archuleta): Omnibus Bill: LMFT Scope of Practice; Notice to Consumers and More**

This extends the Board’s sunset date to January 1, 2026. It also modernizes and clarifies the scope of practice for licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFTs). The Board had a “support” position on those two provisions of the bill.

Additionally, the Board sponsored the portion of the bill that makes several minor, technical, and nonsubstantive amendments to add clarity and consistency to its current licensing law. This includes an update to the text required

to be provided in the notice to consumers, a requirement for licensees, registrants, and applicants to provide their email address to the Board by July 1, 2022, requiring education in prognosis for LMFT and LPCC licensure, and permitting LCSWs to obtain CE from a school accredited by the U.S. Department of Education or approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, and a clarification in regard to provision of telehealth services.

*Status: Signed by the governor (Chapter 647, Statutes of 2021) and took effect January 1, 2022, with some provisions.*

More information about this new law is available on the Board’s [website](#). Information about the update to the required notice to consumers is available [here](#). The complete text of SB 801 can be found [here](#).

**BOARD-SUPPORTED LEGISLATION**

• **AB 462 (Carrillo): Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Act**

This removed the following requirements for LPCC licensure:

- The requirement to gain at least 150 hours of clinical experience in a hospital or community mental health setting.

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- The requirement that LPCCs must complete additional education, supervised experience, and continuing education related to marriage and family therapy to treat couples or families.

*Status: Signed by the governor (Chapter 440, Statutes of 2021) and took effect January 1, 2022.*

More information about this new law is available on the Board's [website](#). The complete text of AB 462 can be found [here](#).

- **AB 468 (Friedman): Emotional Support Animals**

This bill requires a health care practitioner who provides documentation about an individual's need for an emotional support dog to comply with certain specified criteria.

*Status: Signed by the governor (Chapter 168, Statutes of 2021) and took effect January 1, 2022.*

More information about this new law is available on the Board's [website](#). The complete text of AB 468 can be found [here](#).

- Establishes a new **Supervision Agreement** form, which must be completed for new supervisory relationships that form on or after January 1, 2022.
- Changes the text required to be included in the **Written Oversight Agreement** for new supervisory relationships that form on or after January 1, 2022.
- Sets forth requirements for situations where supervisees have been placed in a work setting by a **temporary staffing agency**.
- Mandates several **new supervisor responsibilities**.
- Requires a **Supervisor Self-Assessment** report to be submitted to the Board.
- Addresses requirements for temporary **substitute supervisors**.
- Modifies **supervisor training and coursework** requirements.
- Requires an LMFT **Supervisory Plan** for individuals gaining experience toward LMFT licensure, regardless of when the supervisory relationship was established.
- Requires individuals gaining experience toward **LCSW** licensure maintain a **log of experience hours** to be signed by the supervisor weekly, for hours gained on or after January 1, 2022.

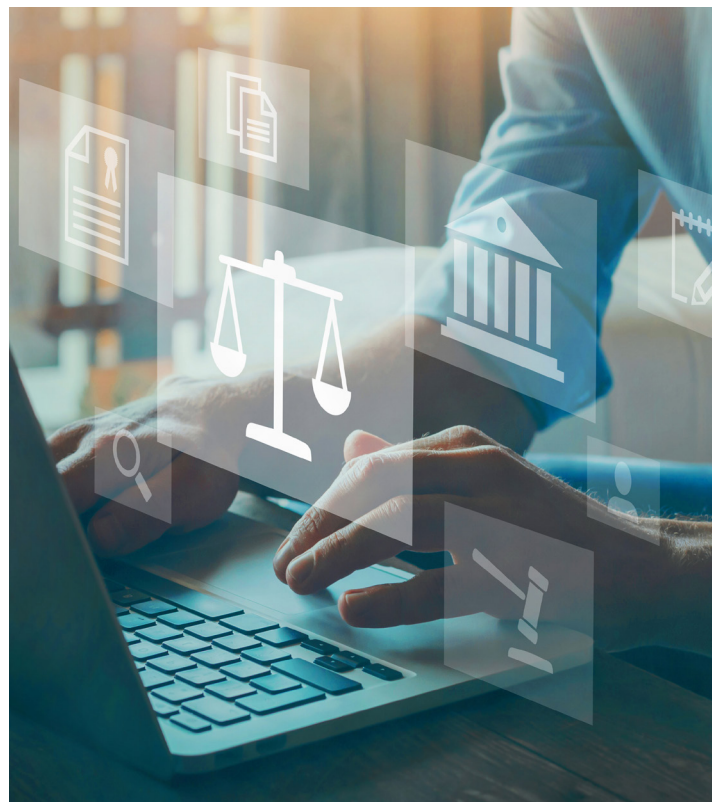
## REGULATION CHANGES

### Supervision-Related Regulations

The Board's supervision-related regulation changes took effect January 1, 2022. The new regulations apply to anyone gaining hours of supervised experience toward licensure as an LPCC, LCSW, or LMFT. This includes associates, applicants for associate registration, and MFT trainees, but does not include students pursuing LCSW or LPCC licensure. The regulations also apply to licensees who are supervising individuals gaining experience toward licensure.

Detailed information about these new regulations is available on the Board's [website](#). A summary of the changes:

- Specifies the documentation required when a supervisor **passes away or becomes incapacitated** before they have signed an Experience Verification form.



## STATUS OF TEMPORARY LAW WAIVERS DUE TO COVID-19

Pursuant to the governor’s Executive Order N-39-20, during the current state of emergency, the director of the Department of Consumer Affairs may waive statutory or regulatory requirements for a professional license issued pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code (BPC). This includes professional licenses issued by BBS. Information about relevant waivers, executive orders, and any updates or extensions will continue to be listed on the home page of the Board’s website and sent out to our email subscriber’s list.

Most of the Board’s law waivers expired on October 31, 2021. However, the following two remain in effect at the time of publishing (sign up for the Board’s [email subscribers’ list](#) or watch our [website](#) for updates):

### 1. Face-to-Face Training and Supervision Requirements

This waiver allows associates in any setting to gain their required weekly supervisor contact via two-way, real-time videoconferencing (phone supervision is not permitted). Current law does not specifically address supervision of trainees via telehealth; however, the Board is interpreting the law to also allow trainees to receive supervision via telehealth. It remains the responsibility of the supervisor and the school to determine if supervision via telehealth is appropriate for a trainee given individual circumstances. In addition, this waiver clarifies that trainees are not required to provide face-to-face mental health services to earn practicum hours.

This waiver was recently extended, effective from the beginning of the social distancing order (**March 2020**), **until June 30, 2022**.

### 2. Waiver of Laws Requiring Individuals Reactivating or Restoring a Retired, Inactive, or Canceled License to Complete Continuing Education and Pay a Renewal or Delinquency Fee

This waiver permits a retired, inactive, or canceled licensee who wishes to restore their license 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. This only applies to individuals whose license has been retired, inactive, or canceled for no more than five years.

**A reactivated or restored license will be valid until April 1, 2022, or when the state of emergency ends, whichever is sooner.**

Visit the following link for more information:  
<https://covid-19.dca.ca.gov/backToActive>

### CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR A PAST RENEWAL PERIOD MUST BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 1

The waiver of continuing education (CE) requirements to renew a license has now ended. This waiver was available to all licensees whose license expired between March 31, 2020, and October 31, 2021.

Although the waiver allowed licensees to renew without completing required CE, licensees remain responsible for completing the CE required for past renewal periods. The Board reminds all licensees that they must complete all CE for past renewal periods by **April 1, 2022**. Failure to do so will result in a citation and/or a fine if you are audited.

Please also keep in mind that CE courses taken to fulfill the requirements of a past renewal cycle will not count toward the required CE for your current renewal cycle.

## 2022 LEGISLATION UPDATES

- **AB 1758 (Aguiar-Curry): Board of Behavioral Sciences: Marriage and Family Therapists: Clinical Social Workers: Professional Clinical Counselors: Supervision of Applicants for Licensure via Videoconferencing**

This bill would allow required weekly supervision via two-way, real-time videoconferencing in all settings, if the supervisor makes an assessment that this is appropriate. The Board approved this proposal at its November 5, 2021, meeting. The bill is being run as urgency legislation, meaning that if the governor signs it, it will become effective immediately upon his signing.

- **AB 1759 (Aguiar-Curry): Board of Behavioral Sciences: Licensees and Registrants: Marriage and Family Therapy, Educational Psychology, Clinical Social Work, and Professional Clinical Counseling**

This bill proposes two changes to the Board’s continuing education requirements:

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- Applicants for licensure and current licensees to complete three hours of training or coursework in the provision of mental health services via telehealth, including law and ethics related to telehealth, as a one-time requirement.
- All Board registrants complete a three-hour continuing education course in California law and ethics each renewal cycle.

In addition, the proposal clarifies that certain pre-licensees may provide services with clients via

telehealth. The Board approved a portion of this proposal at its September 10, 2021, meeting, and a portion of the proposal at its November 5, 2021, meeting.

- **Omnibus Bill Proposal (Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee (No Bill Number Assigned at This Time))**

This bill proposal, approved by the Board at its November 5 meeting, makes minor, technical, or nonsubstantive amendments to add clarity and consistency to current law.

## STAY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH BBS!

Are you an applicant, registrant, licensee, or consumer who would like increased access to BBS activities and updates? Join our email subscriber's list! You can also follow the Board on Facebook and Twitter. Click on a graphic or go to [www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov) to connect!



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### IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS WITH THE BOARD

The Board strongly encourages all licensees, associates, and individuals in the exam process to ensure that their current email address is on file with the Board. The email address you provide will NOT be disclosed to the public.

This is important for everyone, but especially registrants working on passing the Law and Ethics exams and the LMFT Clinical exam. This is because they are notified of approval to test via email by Pearson Vue. Without an email address on file, they may not be notified how to register and schedule the exam.



### HOW TO ADD OR UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

You can easily add or update your email by accessing "Change of Address Application" in the drop-down menu under "Manage Your License" on BreEZe.

### EMAIL ADDRESS WILL BE REQUIRED STARTING JULY 1, 2022

Effective July 1, a new law requires all licensees, registrants, and applicants who have an email address will be required to provide it to the Board. The Board must be notified of any changes to the email address within 30 days of the change.



## SUPERVISOR SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT: A ONE-TIME REPORT REQUIRED FOR ALL SUPERVISORS

As part of the Board’s recently approved supervision-related regulations, all licensees supervising an individual gaining hours of experience toward LMFT, LCSW or LPCC licensure must complete and submit a *Supervisor Self-Assessment Report* to the board. The purpose of the report is to affirm the licensee’s qualifications to be a supervisor. The Board has developed a form, which includes instruction for completion and submission, now available on the Board’s [website](#).

Requirements for submission of the new *Supervisor Self-Assessment Report* is **phased in** as follows:

- **Licensees currently supervising one or more supervisees as of January 1, 2022:** Must submit a *Supervisor Self-Assessment Report* to the Board by **January 1, 2023**.
- **Licensees NOT supervising as of January 1, 2022:** Must submit a *Supervisor Self-Assessment Report* to the board within 60 days of commencing supervision.

## SUPERVISORY PLAN: NEWLY REQUIRED FOR SUPERVISEES PURSUING LMFT LICENSURE

A supervisor who provides supervision to any person gaining experience toward LMFT licensure is now required by law to complete and sign a supervisory plan that describes the goals and objectives of supervision, as described below:

- **For supervisory relationships established PRIOR TO January 1, 2022, if supervision is continuing past January 1, 2022:**  
Complete the [Supervisory Plan](#) for LMFT Supervisees. Do NOT submit it to the Board. The supervisor and supervisee shall retain it for their records.
- **For supervisory relationships established ON OR AFTER January 1, 2022 (for all types of supervisees):**  
Use the *Supervisory Plan* form that is contained within the required [Supervision Agreement](#).

## ONLINE IS EASIER AND FASTER!

### A Variety of Online Services Available via BreZE

For faster service, manage your registration and license online! BreZE provides services for applicants, registrants, and licensees that can save you weeks of processing time compared to paper applications. Services available include the ability to:

- Renew a license or registration instantly (up to 90 days in advance).
- Submit an address change (takes effect instantly).
- Request a replacement registration or license (allow two weeks for delivery).
- Verify a license and obtain proof of renewal status.
- Obtain a certification of licensure.
- Apply for your initial Law and Ethics Exam.
- Submit an application to change from Inactive to Active status.
- Pay with a major credit card in a secure environment.

Consumer complaints can also be filed on BreZE.

Visit [www.breeze.ca.gov](http://www.breeze.ca.gov).

## HELPFUL TIPS

If you are new to the Board’s online services, there are tutorial videos available to help you (select “Help Tutorials” on [www.breeze.ca.gov](http://www.breeze.ca.gov)). Tutorial videos include:

- An overview of BreZE services.
- How to search for a license.
- How to register for BreZE.
- What to do if you forgot your password or user ID.
- How to submit a renewal.
- How to update license information.
- How to make a payment.

If you need additional assistance using BreZE, technical support can be reached at (855) 227-9633.



## NEW BOARD VICE CHAIR ELECTED



We congratulate Crystal Anthony on her election as vice chair of the Board of Behavioral Sciences! Ms. Anthony is an LCSW who was first appointed to the Board by the governor in October 2019, and is a therapist at the Program for Torture Victims, and co-executive director for Underground GRIT.

## BBS WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS



**Yvette Casares Willis** was appointed by the governor as a public member of the Board in January 2021. After a 15-year career in professional sports, focusing on communications, public and private partnerships, and community outreach, she worked with major corporations to support early-stage startups from all backgrounds, industries, and regions around the world. Casares Willis left her position as director of partnerships for MassChallenge to relocate from Texas to California. She was senior sales executive of corporate partnerships for the Houston Dynamo Major League Soccer Club from 2015 to 2018. Casares Willis was senior sales executive at Buffalo Specialties from 2013 to 2015. She was director of premium seat sales and director of corporate sponsorships at Live Nation Entertainment from 2008 to 2011. Casares Willis was director of premium club sales for the Boston Bruins and Boston Celtics from 2007 to 2008. She was advertising sales manager for the Houston Astros from 2000 to 2007. Casares Willis brings bilingual stakeholder engagement and consensus-building skills to her new position and looks forward to helping solve the challenges put before the BBS Board. Wanting to become a contributing member of her new community, Casares Willis actively sought this opportunity believing nothing is currently more important to Californians and their communities than mental health. Casares Willis is the vice president of membership of Texas Lyceum and is president of the San Francisco Bay Area Texas Execs Alumni Association. She earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Texas at Austin.



**Justin Huft** was appointed by the governor as an LMFT member of the Board in September 2021. He has been an LMFT and clinical program director at Creative Care Calabasas since 2016, adjunct lecturer for the Psychology and Sociology Departments

at California State University, Fullerton, since 2016 and adjunct lecturer for the Psychology Department at El Camino Community College since 2018. He was an adjunct lecturer in psychological sciences at the University of California, Irvine, from 2019 to 2020, and in psychology at Saddleback College from 2016 to 2018. He is a member of the California Marriage and Family Therapy Association, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, American Sociological Association, and Pacific Sociological Association. He earned a Master of Arts degree in marriage and family therapy from Chapman University and a Master of Arts degree in sociology from Arizona State University.



**Abigail D. Ortega** was appointed by the governor as an LCSW member of the Board in November 2021. Ortega has been an LCSW at Love Listen and Play, a psychotherapy private practice, since 2016. Ortega was a licensed clinical social worker at the Wilmington Community Clinic from 2016 to 2021 and at Counseling4Kids from 2017 to 2020. She was a medical social worker at the Children's Clinic from 2014 to 2015. Ortega held several positions at Children's Institute Inc. from 2011 to 2014, including therapist II and Clinical Domestic Violence Team lead. She was a psychiatric social worker at the Child Center of New York from 2010 to 2011.



**Dr. Annette Walker** was appointed by the governor as a public member of the Board in November 2021. She has served as a school board member at Hayward Unified School District from 2012 to 2020, where she was personnel commissioner from 2010 to 2011. Dr. Walker was diversity and inclusion officer at Life Chiropractic College West from 2020 to 2021. She was director of graduate admissions and Kaleidoscope Mentoring Program coordinator at California State University, East Bay, from 2005 to 2019. She was a psychology instructor and general counselor at Chabot College from 1999 to 2004, where she was a psychology instructor from 1998 to 1999. Dr. Walker was a bilingual elementary school teacher at Ravenswood City School District from 1993 to 1997. She earned a Master of Science degree in education and psychological studies from California State University, East Bay, and a Doctor of Education degree in organization and leadership from the University of San Francisco. She was a delegate for the California School Board Association, representing California's seventh district, and Legislative Committee member.



## BOARD MEMBER DEPARTURES

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to three Board members who will be greatly missed.



**Christina Wong** served as an LCSW Board member from May of 2011 to November 2021. She served as Board chair from May 2013 to May 2014, and was elected as Board chair in May 2014, serving until May 2016. She was again elected as vice chair in June 2020, serving until November

2021. Ms. Wong sat on many committees, including the Out-of-State Education Committee, the Continuing Education Appeals Committee, the Exempt Setting Committee, the Licensing Portability Committee, the Policy and Advocacy Committee, the Telehealth Committee, the Licensing Committee and the Sunset Review Committee. Her leadership and thoughtful contributions resulted in proposals that significantly modernized and strengthened California law. Her dedication during her tenure has been incredible and we thank her for her hard work in every task she took on.



**Deborah Brown** served as a public Board member from August 2012 to November 2021. She was elected vice chair in May 2014, serving until May 2016, and was elected chair in June 2016, serving until May 2018. She sat on several committees, including the Out-of-State Education

Committee, the Exempt Setting Committee, the Policy and Advocacy Committee and the Sunset Review Committee. Under her leadership, the Board undertook significant projects that led to transformative changes in California law. The perspective and insights she shared via her background as an educator was extremely helpful, and we thank her for her thoughtfulness and excellent contributions.



**Jonathan Maddox** served as an LMFT Board member from September 2017 to September 2021. He sat on the Policy and Advocacy Committee. He provided greatly valued insights from his background in public mental health and in private practice.

We are grateful for the article he wrote for the Board's [2019 newsletter](#) about the importance of building cross-racial relationships from his perspective as a Black American. It was the first-ever article addressing racial issues in a BBS newsletter. We are grateful for his contributions in this area and for his service to the Board.



## U.S. SURGEON GENERAL'S ADVISORY ON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

In December 2021, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy released an advisory on the youth mental health crisis further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The advisory outlines actionable steps for health leaders, community organizations, and governments to protect youth mental health.

“Mental health challenges in children, adolescents, and young adults are real and widespread. Even before the pandemic, an alarming number of young people struggled with feelings of helplessness, depression, and thoughts of suicide—and rates have increased over the past decade,” Murthy said. “The COVID-19 pandemic further altered their experiences at home, school, and in the community, and the effect on their mental health has been devastating. The future wellbeing of our country depends on how we support and invest in the next generation. Especially in this moment, as we work to protect the health of Americans in the face of a new variant, we also need to focus on how we can emerge stronger on the other side. This advisory shows us how we can all work together to step up for our children during this dual crisis.”

The complete advisory can be found at [www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/reports-and-publications/youth-mental-health/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/reports-and-publications/youth-mental-health/index.html).



## BBS EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPOINTED



Steve Sodergren

A belated congratulations to Steve Sodergren, who was appointed as executive officer in March 2021! Steve had been serving as the interim executive officer since the retirement of former Executive Officer Kim Madsen in December 2020. Prior to his appointment, Steve served as assistant executive officer for BBS since 2012. In that role, he was responsible for planning, organizing, directing, and

administering all activities of the Board’s programs and operations, ensuring the Board fulfilled its mandate of consumer protection and mental health access for all Californians.

The Department of Consumer Affairs’ *Consumer Connection* magazine interviewed Steve to get to know him.

**Q WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR BEST MEMORIES OF YOUR JOBS PRIOR TO THIS ONE?**

In a previous position, I reviewed trademarks and service marks using a file card system, which was interesting but tedious. I also worked as a land agent for the California Department of Water Resources and worked on wetland restoration projects. Lastly, I managed a toy store—there is nothing like getting paid to play.

**Q WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE BOARD?**

I want the Board to be a model agency when it comes to consumer protection for mental health services. Additionally, I want the Board to be a model agency statewide when it comes to customer service and educating consumers and licensees.

**Q WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE?**

My biggest challenges are ensuring that the Board is addressing the changes that are occurring in the mental health industry in a timely manner, such as telemedicine, and determining how we can assist to create a mental health workforce that can match the needs of all Californians.

**Q WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE CONSUMERS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BOARD?**

We are here to serve you and we appreciate hearing your voices.

**Q WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT YOUR JOB?**

Mostly, working with my dedicated and top-notch staff. They make this job easier to handle. I also enjoy interacting with Board members and stakeholders in addressing issues, and crafting policies that will ensure more accessible and competent mental health services for all Californians.

**Q WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?**

I like to cook, read profusely, and especially like the down time with my loving family.

**Q WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ THAT WASN’T WORK-RELATED?**

*Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Marcia Marquez and *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. I like to have two books going at once.

**Q WHAT’S ON YOUR MUSIC PLAYLIST?**

A better question might be, “What’s not on my playlist?” John Coltrane, Balkan Beat Box, Green Day, Andy Mineo, and classical are among my recent listens.

**Q WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUR YOUNGER SELF?**

Slow down and listen, learn, and love. Stay present: This moment is precious.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

THE BOARD’S MISSION IS TO PROTECT AND SERVE CALIFORNIANS BY SETTING, COMMUNICATING, AND ENFORCING STANDARDS FOR SAFE AND COMPETENT MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE.

## NO SURPRISES ACT: CHANGES TO FEDERAL LAW THAT AFFECT BBS LICENSEES

Recent changes have been made to the federal No Surprises Act that affect licensed health care providers. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (a federal entity) has put out information on its website regarding the Act:

- General website for the No Surprises Act: <https://www.cms.gov/nosurprises>
- Information for providers: <https://www.cms.gov/nosurprises/policies-and-resources/provider-requirements-and-resources>
- About good faith estimates: <https://www.cms.gov/nosurprises/consumers/understanding-costs-in-advance>

Visit <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/model-disclosure-notice-patient-protections-against-surprise-billing-providers-facilities-health.pdf> for more information about patient rights under federal law.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, now has authority to enter into collaborative enforcement agreements with the California Department of Insurance and the California Department of Managed Health Care to ensure consumers are properly notified of their billing rights and have a process to resolve billing disputes.

Surprise Medical Bills Fact Sheet for consumers: <https://dmhc.ca.gov/portals/0/healthcareincalifornia/factsheets/fsab72.pdf>



## CAN BBS ISSUE AN APPROVAL TO TAKE THE AMFTRB EXAM?

BBS does not use or offer the Association Marriage and Family Therapist Regulatory Board (AMFTRB) exam at this time. However, we receive frequent inquiries about how to sign up for this exam, or how to gain approval to take it. Because the Board does not use the AMFTRB exam for California licensure, we cannot issue approvals to take this exam. If you or someone you know wants to take the AMFTRB exam, the best approach would be to determine another state you want to become licensed in, and read the requirements for licensure in that state. If that state requires the AMFTRB exam (and many do), you may be able to gain eligibility to take the exam after meeting that state's requirements. More information about other states' requirements can be found at [www.amftrb.org/state-requirements](http://www.amftrb.org/state-requirements).

## EXPLANATION OF DISCIPLINARY TERMS AND ACTIONS

**Accusation**—Formal statement of charges against the registrant/licensee.

**Statement of Issues**—Formal statement of reasons why an application for registration/license should be denied.

**Effective Date**—The date the disciplinary decision goes into effect.

**Revoked**—The registration/license is canceled, voided, rescinded. The right to practice is terminated.

**Revoked, Stayed, Probation**—“Stayed” means the revocation is postponed. Professional practice may continue so long as the registrant/licensee complies with specific probationary terms and conditions. Violation of probation may result in the revocation that was postponed.

**Suspension**—The registrant/licensee is prohibited from practicing for a specific period of time.

**License Surrender**—To resolve a disciplinary action, the registrant/licensee has given up his or her registration/license—subject to acceptance by the Board. The right to practice is terminated.

## ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

**Citation and Fine**—An administrative action used for minor violations. Citations and fines are public information but are not considered disciplinary action.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS January 2021 – May 2021		
Name	License Number	Fine Amount
Martinez, Adam Albert	LMFT 96303	\$500
Nosrati, Helen	LMFT 42902	\$2,000
Scott-Haines, Erin K	LPCC 644	\$2,000
Steinberg, Lynn	LPCC 644	\$1,000
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS June 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021		
Name	License Number	Fine Amount
Abadi, Nicole Negar	LMFT 99692	\$500
Arballo, Ruby	Unlicensed	\$5,000
Brinkley-Kennedy, Rhonda Fay	LMFT 24823	\$2,000
Chen, Annie	LMFT 80025	\$500
Cofer, Katharine Shurtleff	LMFT 35856	\$500
Coleman, Kennita	Unlicensed	\$1,500
Davalos, Christian	LMFT 52340	\$500
Hurt, Patricia Ann	LCSW 17080	\$500
Leinweber, Theresa J.	LMFT 45157	\$1,000
McDaniel, Arriquia Rene	LCSW 81996	\$500
Moon Perez, Claudia Suzanne	LMFT 31370	\$1,500
Pfizer, Pamela	LMFT 16539	\$750
Polk, Donald Wayne	AMFT 95860	Citation—no fine
Shafer, Robert F.	LMFT 19148	\$1,000
Tarquino, Tiziana	Unlicensed	Citation—no fine

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**FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS JANUARY 2021–MAY 2021**

**Lisa Alcalá**

LMFT 40624

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: March 10, 2021

**Nicole Christine Aragon**

ASW 65297

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked

Effective: February 15, 2021

**Krystyne Armenta**

ASW 70628

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: April 8, 2021

**Bijan Babaeian**

AMFT 108730

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration surrendered

Effective: April 8, 2021

**Karine Babayan**

AMFT 106816

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of four (4) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: April 26, 2021

**Nathan Zane Bevens**

ASW 75856

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked

Effective: March 10, 2021

**Corie Noelle Bowden**

LCSW 80020

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: May 13, 2021

**Edward Arthur Castro**

AMFT 124333

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of two (2) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: February 15, 2021

**Michael Brian Coulter**

ASW 101523

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: May 13, 2021

**Arnette Kranay Dunn**

ASW 60288

**DISCIPLINE BY ANOTHER STATE/AGENCY**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of seven (7) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: May 13, 2021

**Jessica Caitlin Fritz**

ASW 86452

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Revocation

Effective: April 8, 2021

**Renita Yvette Gant- Shaffer**

ASW 86616

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: February 9, 2021

**Narda Iris Gonzalez**

AMFT 86762

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: April 8, 2021

**Stephen Pierre Guevara**

ASW 85985

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: April 26, 2021

**Heidi Marie Harder**

LMFT 94792

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: April 26, 2021

**Robin Lynn Harper**

LMFT 39518

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License revoked

Effective: May 13, 2021

**Susan M. Hull**

LMFT 43603

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License surrendered

Effective: April 8, 2021

**Megan Crystal Jesus**

LMFT 98691

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: February 15, 2021

**Ronald Lee Johnson**

ASW 68989

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked

Effective: February 15, 2021

**Carolyn Anne Kidd**

AMFT 84237

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Action: Registration revoked

Effective: April 26, 2021

**Marianne Laruffa**

LMFT 17922

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License publicly reproved

Effective: April 8, 2021

**Jesus Antonio Leyva**

ASW 78764

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Action: Registration surrendered

Effective: April 8, 2021

**Lisa Lipton**

AMFT 126071

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: May 13, 2021

**FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

**Joan M. Macmillan**  
 LMFT 17450  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked  
 Effective: April 8, 2021

**Scott Patrick McKinney**  
 AMFT 103208  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: Registration surrendered  
 Effective: April 26, 2021

**Melissa Cheree Marrs**  
 LCSW 29402  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: May 13, 2021

**Steven Richard Mason**  
 AMFT 124332  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of four (4) years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: February 15, 2021

**Megan Nicole Meade**  
 ASW 77864  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: May 13, 2021

**Michelle Nichole Molnar**  
 AMFT 116998  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked  
 Effective: May 13, 2021

**Amanda Christine Moore**  
 AMFT 104326  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked  
 Effective: May 13, 2021

**Andrew Lang Mottinger**  
 LMFT 103866  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: April 8, 2021

**Kasey Nelson**  
 AMFT 116314  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration surrendered  
 Effective: February 15, 2021

**Marianna Olshanskaya**  
 AMFT 86148  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked  
 Effective: May 13, 2021

**Greg Michael Parulski**  
 LCSW 79766  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked  
 Effective: March 10, 2021

**Taylor L. Pinto**  
 ASW 98840  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration surrendered  
 Effective: April 8, 2021

**Anshu Sharma Prunet**  
 LMFT 104675 & APCC 2742  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License/Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: February 15, 2021

**Heather Lynne Rogers**  
 ASW 83959  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: May 13, 2021

**Arden Elaine Rose**  
 LCSW 3357  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: May 13, 2021

**Beverly Denise Thomas-Marsh**  
 LMFT 91502  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: April 26, 2021

**Jason Leonard Thompson**  
 AMFT 85329  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration surrendered  
 Effective: May 13, 2021

**Rosalie E. Toren**  
 LEP 2624  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: April 8, 2021

**Tescia Rose Uribe**  
 LCSW 28922  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: May 13, 2021

**Phillip Michael Valdez**  
 LMFT 52261  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: May 13, 2021

**Jaclyn Monique Warren**  
 AMFT 104626  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: February 15, 2021

**Katherine Paola Zapata**  
 ASW 85871  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: February 15, 2021

**Jennie Zuniga**  
 LMFT 125977  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: May 13, 2021

**FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS JUNE 2021–DECEMBER 2021**

**Sara Escalante Arroyo**  
 AMFT 77442  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: Registration revoked  
 Effective: July 22, 2021

**Stacey Ann Aus**  
 LMFT 53660  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: June 24, 2021

**Mark Lane Balen**  
 LMFT 17694  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: September 16, 2021

**Kandice Marie Barker**  
 ASW 69605  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked  
 Effective: December 8, 2021

**Steven Michael Butler**  
 LMFT 46224  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for four years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: September 16, 2021

**Stephanie Sheryl Casey**  
 LMFT 86061  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for three years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: June 24, 2021

**Sharon Jeet Chahal**  
 AMFT 126633  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for three years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: June 24, 2021

**Meaghan Danielle Cicairos**  
 LCSW 88138  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked  
 Effective: July 22, 2021

**Jessica Anne Daly**  
 LMFT 117177  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: June 24, 2021

**Christine Lynn Derr**  
 LMFT 36168  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for three years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: December 8, 2021

**Camille Andrea Dial**  
 AMFT 116655  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked  
 Effective: July 15, 2021

**Rosario Eguino**  
 LMFT 29006  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: October 21, 2021

**Linda Lea Goff**  
 LMFT 17831  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: July 22, 2021

**Jennifer Aileen Gomez**  
 AMFT 126632  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: Registration surrendered  
 Effective: September 16, 2021

**Janett Susana Gonzalez**  
 AMFT 100429  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: Registration revoked  
 Effective: July 22, 2021

**Jaime Debra Haasch**  
 AMFT 91989  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: October 21, 2021

**Catherine Anne Heymsfeld**  
 LCSW 20801  
**DISCIPLINE BY ANOTHER AGENCY**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: June 24, 2021

**Walid Javis**  
 ASW 88472  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked  
 Effective: September 16, 2021

**Latasha Yvette Jones**  
 ASW 71120  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for five years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: September 16, 2021

**Yvette Katuala**  
 LMFT 40635  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: October 21, 2021

**Jay David Klapperman**  
 AMFT 126623  
**UNLICENSED/UNREGISTERED**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for three years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: June 24, 2021

**Yevgeniya Libman**  
 LMFT 119940  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License revoked  
 Effective: October 21, 2021

**Belinda Jo Lopes**  
 LMFT 27331  
**DISCIPLINE BY ANOTHER AGENCY**  
 Action: License revoked  
 Effective: October 21, 2021

**Steven Craig Lund**  
 APCC 9957  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for three years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: July 22, 2021

**FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

**Ronnie Michelle Lusk**  
 AMFT 11383 & APCC 6488  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registrations surrendered  
 Effective: July 22, 2021

**Amanda Lynch Machi**  
 AMFT 126987  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for five years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: July 15, 2021

**Bradley Manning**  
 LEP 2736  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for five years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: June 24, 2021

**James W. Manzo**  
 ASW 64312  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: Registration revoked  
 Effective: July 15, 2021

**Iris Louise Mendoza**  
 AMFT 101458  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for three years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: December 8, 2021

**Jennifer Anne Mitchell**  
 LCSW 76240  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for five years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: June 24, 2021

**Linda Francine Moore**  
 LMFT 33054  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: September 16, 2021

**Joseph E. O'Toole**  
 LCSW 10600  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License reinstated, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for two years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: December 8, 2021

**Vanessa Lee Perocier**  
 AMFT 93898  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for four years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: July 22, 2021

**Rocheall L. Pierre**  
 ASW 82367  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: Registration surrendered  
 Effective: December 8, 2021

**Alejandra Pinto**  
 ASW 84039  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked  
 Effective: July 22, 2021

**Rodrigo Harold Richen**  
 LMFT 105749  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License revoked  
 Effective: July 22, 2021

**Noel Katherine Scalla**  
 AMFT 95219  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for five years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: October 21, 2021

**Giselle Elyse Scholz**  
**AKA Giselle Elyse Shuken**  
 LMFT 99198  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: October 21, 2021

**Claudia Lorena Sepulveda**  
 LCSW 87684  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for five years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: June 24, 2021

**Kimberly Shannon**  
 LMFT 23791  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: September 16, 2021

**Melinda Ann Sherman**  
 ASW 102143  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for three years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: June 24, 2021

**Samantha Nichol Terriss**  
 LMFT 47395  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for three years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: October 21, 2021

**Debra Joan White**  
 LMFT 13061  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
 Action: License surrendered  
 Effective: July 22, 2021

**John Franklin Workman III**  
 LMFT 14419  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
 Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for five years with terms and conditions.  
 Effective: October 21, 2021



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### Board Meetings

May 5–6

August 11–12

November 3–4

### Policy and Advocacy Committee

April 20

July 29

October 14

### Licensing Committee

Dates TBD

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March 4

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