



# CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Deborah N. Brown, MPA, Chair

We are now coming to the end of 2017 and have much to celebrate. We are proud to announce that the proposed regulations to allow the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) to grant time-and-a-half on a Board-administered examination to an English as a second language (ESL) applicant were approved and became effective October 1. This will allow much-needed multilingual therapists the opportunity to care for our minority populations.

In addition, Assembly Bill 93—a bill that would revise supervised experience requirements for licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFTs), licensed clinical social workers (LCSWs), and licensed professional clinical counselors (LPCCs)—became a two-year bill and is undergoing some minor changes before final submission. These changes were recently discussed at the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting on October 20.

The Exempt Setting Committee is finishing up its final work and should be ready to make recommendations to the Board in 2018.

As technology and the field of therapy continue to converge upon one another, the window of opportunity opens. For many of the healing arts professions, telehealth has become a real and increasingly positive option for many people in need of therapy. However, making sure the public is safe can be a challenge. That is why the Board has teamed up with the Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) and the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) to discuss portability of licenses across state lines. Ms. Kim Madsen, the Board’s Executive Officer (EO), serves on these national committees, provides input about our concerns, and looks at ways to improve licensure portability between the 50 contiguous states. As a result, at the August 2017 Board meeting the Pathway to Portability Committee was established. Dr. Leah Brew will chair the committee along with members Christina Wong and Renee Lonner. They anticipate that the committee will be able to complete their work within a year.

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## LAW CHANGES EFFECTIVE 2018

The following bills become effective January 1, 2018, unless otherwise noted. Below is a brief summary of the changes that affect Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) licensees and registrants. The full text of these bills can be found on the California Legislative Information webpage, <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>.

**Assembly Bill 191 (Wood), Chapter 184, Statutes of 2017**—This bill amends Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5251, 5261, and 5270.20 to add licensed marriage and family therapists and licensed professional clinical counselors to the list of professionals who are authorized to sign a notice of certification for a patient under certain circumstances.

**AB 508 (Santiago), Chapter 195, Statutes of 2017**—This bill repeals Business and Professions Code section 685. The repeal of this section removes a healing art board's ability to issue a citation and fine or deny an application for a license or renewal of a license due to the licensee or applicant being in default on a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services education loan.

**AB 1188 (Nazarian) Chapter 557, Statutes of 2017**—The bill affects Business and Professions Code sections 4984.75, 4996.65, 4999.121, and Health and Safety Code section 128454. It increases the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund fee that licensed marriage and family therapists and licensed clinical social workers pay upon license renewal, from \$10 to \$20. It also requires licensed professional clinical counselors to pay a \$20 fee into the fund upon renewal, and adds licensed professional clinical counselors and associate professional clinical counselors to the list of licensed mental health service providers who may apply for the loan repayment grant if they provide

direct patient care in a publicly funded facility or a mental health professional shortage area. All provisions of this bill become effective on July 1, 2018.

**SB 374 (Newman) Chapter 162, Statutes of 2017**—This bill adds section 10144.4 to the Insurance Code. It grants the Department of Insurance the authority to require large group health insurance policies and individual or small group health insurance policies provide all covered mental health and substance use disorder benefits in compliance with federal law. This is parallel to current authority already given to the Department of Managed Health Care for its regulation of large, individual or small group health care service plans.

**Senate Bill 800 (Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee) Chapter 573, Statutes of 2017**—This legislation makes numerous minor, technical, or non-substantive changes to the law for various boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs. Changes that relate to the Board of Behavioral Sciences include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. *Title Change for Marriage and Family Therapist and Professional Clinical Counselor Registrants.* The bill makes clean-up amendments in several code sections to change the term “intern” to “associate,” in compliance with the title change that becomes effective on January 1, 2018.
2. *Name Change Requirements.* The bill makes an amendment to require a licensee or registrant to provide a copy of a government-issued photo ID when requesting a name change.

Visit <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/> to review all changes to the Board statute made by SB 800.



## ONLINE SERVICES

Did you know that if you have a BreZE account you can do any of the following activities online?

- **RENEW** your license/registration
- **SUBMIT** a change of address
- **REQUEST** a replacement or duplicate certificate

Don't have a BreZE account? Create one: Select the BreZE icon on the Board's website and follow the steps for a new registration.

# TEN TIPS FOR A SMOOTHER LICENSING PROCESS

The Board understands that the licensing process can be daunting and would like to offer these ten helpful tips that will assist applicants in navigating the licensing process.

1. **SUBMIT a complete application packet.**

Whether you are submitting a Registration Application or an Application for Licensure and Examination, make sure that you include all the required paperwork. Each application has instructions that identify what items are necessary. Whenever sending important documents to BBS, remember to maintain a copy for your records. Also, you may consider using a “priority mailing service” with delivery confirmation and a tracking feature.

2. **CREATE a BreZE account.**

BreZE is DCA’s online service portal that allows you to verify a license or registration, renew your license or registration, submit a change of address, or request a duplicate certificate. It is the fastest and easiest way to complete the renewal process. You can sign up for a BreZE account by going to [www.breeze.ca.gov](http://www.breeze.ca.gov).

3. **APPLY for your Law & Ethics Exam as soon as possible.**

As a registrant, you are required to take the Law & Ethics examination a minimum of one time per renewal cycle until you pass. If you have passed the Law & Ethics Exam, you are no longer required to take the exam to renew. During your first renewal period, you may take the Law & Ethics exam every 90 days. During your second renewal period, you will have to provide proof of completion of a 12-hour Law & Ethics course when submitting a retake application.

4. **UNDERSTAND your testing responsibilities.**

Take time to read your candidate handbook and ensure you understand the rules of the exam so that you are prepared for your test day. Also, be aware of the requirements for cancelling or rescheduling an exam appointment. The candidate handbook contains information that will assist you in understanding the exam. Candidate handbooks and exam information can be found on the Exam page of the BBS website.

5. **RENEW your registration in a timely manner.**

Once you are registered with BBS, you must renew your registration every year to count supervised hours and weeks of supervision towards the examination eligibility requirements. If your registration expires or lapses, you will not be able to count supervised experience

or weeks of supervision gained for the period in which the registration was delinquent. Remember that your registration is valid for six years and that you must apply for a subsequent registration number if you need to maintain a registration after six years.

6. **MAINTAIN your exam eligibility.**

Once you have been approved for a Clinical exam, you must take a Clinical exam at least once per year to maintain your eligibility. If you fail to take a Clinical exam within a year, you will have to reapply for examination and licensure.

7. **APPLY for your initial license.**

Once you have completed all requirements for licensure, the last and final step is to submit an initial license application. Once that is processed, you will receive your license and certificate in the mail. You will also be able to check the status of your new license at [www.breeze.ca.gov](http://www.breeze.ca.gov).

8. **EMAIL questions.**

Emailing is the fastest and most efficient method to communicate with the Board. By emailing your question, Board staff can research and respond to your questions more thoroughly. This will also give you the advantage of being able to retain the response in writing.

9. **DISCLOSE convictions and prior disciplinary actions on your application.**

Provide a complete and detailed, signed and dated background statement form. Provide a certified copy of the court document and arrest report for each conviction. Provide evidence of rehabilitation and recommendation letters. Submitting this information will assist in processing your application.

10. **KEEP informed on what is happening at BBS.**

It is important you keep informed of possible upcoming changes to laws and regulations that may affect your license or your pathway to licensure. Changes are posted to the Board’s website at [www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov). You may sign up for our subscriber list to receive notice of major updates or you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

# DEALING WITH FAMILIES IN DIVORCE

By Terri L. Asanovich, LMFT and Consultant

## What to Avoid and How to Protect Yourself

An increasing number of complaints are being filed against therapists who are accused of overstepping their scope of practice because the therapist has provided a written statement to be used in a family court proceeding. Often, these written statements provide an opinion, diagnosis, or perception regarding family members who have not been seen and treated by the therapist. Moreover, the therapist providing the statement is not directly involved in the court proceeding and uses his/her professional title and licensure in the statement. The request can come from a client, friend, or attorney and seem innocent enough. Isn't the very nature of our work assisting families? As a licensee, if you agree to the request, you may find yourself responding to a Board complaint alleging that your conduct is unprofessional.

Working with families who are going through a divorce is a very complex area of clinical practice and can be fraught with many legal landmines. You may be wondering what this has to do with you? A great number of therapists who interact with and/or treat any member of a family involved in a divorce or post-divorce matter are approached to provide a written opinion for their clients. These written opinions may subsequently be provided to the client's attorney or directly to the court, *which places you at risk for disciplinary action against your license.*

Many well-meaning therapists have provided the court with written comments or opinions about individuals they have never met, worked with, or treated, because the therapist believes they are acting in the best interest of all involved parties. Some examples of opinions or comments resulting in disciplinary actions against licensees in this situation involve issues of character, parenting skills, diagnoses, which parent is better suited to be the primary caregiver, what the child has told you, or the child's preferences toward their parent.

It is important to understand how the written statement will be used in a family court proceeding. The intent of a written statement from you, a licensed mental health professional, is to influence the court's decision.

The courts have specific procedures that must be followed to determine custody for minor children. These procedures range from required training and licensure for the assigned evaluator to the report's content. Therefore, if you provide a written statement using your professional expertise regarding an individual you have not treated or make a custody recommendation without the proper releases or authorization, you would be in violation of the Board's Statutes and Regulations.

If you have not personally witnessed the behavior and you have been asked to provide an opinion by a client or an attorney, do not provide one. In a circumstance where you have direct knowledge of something, do not provide that information unless you have signed releases from ALL parties and have been asked by the court to provide an opinion. If what you know is that critical to the family, one of the parents can subpoena you and the court can decide if you should provide the information.

You need to take all possible precautions available to avoid falling into an ethical trap. This is especially relevant in not making a "best interest statement." This statement can be interpreted as a professional opinion about who should have custody of the children. Only a court-ordered child custody evaluator can make that determination. You would be surprised how many colleagues have done this.

With so many families having divorce as part of their clinical profiles, you must be careful when providing a court-requested opinion. My best advice is that unless you have been treating someone for a while, do not provide a letter of any kind unless you have personally viewed all the symptoms you are commenting on. For example, provide in a letter dates of attendance, diagnosis, prognosis, and impression of the client. Stick to only the basics. Try not to comment on the other parent or their children unless you have a signed release to do so from both parents.

Following some of these suggestions will protect you from a parent who is angry or making an unfounded accusation against you. These suggestions may save you from trying to help when it is against your best interest to do so. Remember, working with divorcing families can be volatile. It is their problem to solve. Do not become a victim of their dysfunction.

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Should you be interested in developing clinical skills in forensic divorce and child custody matters, there are workshops available held by some of the larger Bar associations in conjunction with mental health professionals. Good resources can be found in specialty workshops offered by CAMFT, as well as online materials on the CAMFT website, in addition to the following organizations:

- California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts: [Chapteradmin@AFCC-CA.org](mailto:Chapteradmin@AFCC-CA.org)
- The national organization is based in Wisconsin: [AFCC@AFCCnet.org](mailto:AFCC@AFCCnet.org)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The Board also says goodbye to Patricia Lock-Dawson, a Board member from 2010–2017. Ms. Lock-Dawson was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2010 and reappointed by Governor Brown in 2013. Ms. Lock-Dawson chaired many committees over her seven-year tenure, including the Out-of-State Committee and the Exempt Settings Committee. She also served as the Board's Vice Chair in 2016 and 2017. Her dedication was tireless, and she will be sorely missed.

Congratulations to EO Ms. Madsen on being selected by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to mentor the next generation of leaders as part of the Future Leadership Development (FLD) program. The FLD program's main goals are to increase collaboration and share perspectives between DCA, boards, and bureaus. We appreciate Ms. Madsen's time and effort in giving back to DCA and helping to develop a bench of future leaders.

Lastly, this fall will be a busy one in that the Board will be working on its 2017 Strategic Plan. Looking back at our current one, the Board accomplished all but a couple of goals, which are ongoing. We look forward to a lively discussion between Board members, management, staff, and stakeholders of where it is we want to go in the future. There are many new opportunities and challenges we will have to address so that our goal and vision ensure the integrity of the profession and provides consumer protection for all Californians.

**Deborah N. Brown, MPA**

Chair, Board of Behavioral Sciences



## FOLLOW BBS ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

These two social media venues will provide licensees, registrants, applicants, and consumers increased access to BBS activities and updates. Join the nearly 2,100 followers of BBS and become one of the first to know what's new at BBS. Simply "like" us on Facebook and follow BBS on Twitter to stay current on all BBS activities.

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Effective October 1, 2017, applicants for whom English is a second language may qualify for a testing accommodation *if he or she can document one of the following*:

1. A TOEFL-iBT score of 85 or below, taken within the previous two years.
2. Documentation from the qualifying master's degree program that the program had granted the applicant additional examination time or other allowance due to speaking English as a second language while enrolled in the program. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to, a letter from the chair of the master's program or from the chief academic officer.
3. Documentation that the qualifying master's degree was obtained from an educational institution outside of the United States, and at least 50 percent of the coursework was presented in a language other than English. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to, a letter from the chair of the master's program, or from the chief academic officer.

If the accommodation is granted, the applicant will receive time-and-a-half on a Board-administered exam. Accommodation on a national exam is subject to availability from the exam-administering entity. The application for the ESL accommodation is posted on the Board's website under Applicants-Exams.

## WELCOME JONATHAN MADDOX!

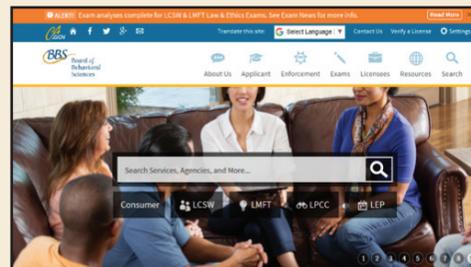
Jonathan Maddox, 47, of El Sobrante has been appointed to the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. Maddox has been a marriage and family therapist in private practice since 2004 and training and internship coordinator at San Francisco County Behavioral Health Services since 2014, where he has served in several positions since 2006, including program director and clinical supervisor. He was a mental health consultant for Contra Costa County Mental Health Services from 2005 to 2006, a therapist at the East Bay Agency for Children from 1998 to 2000 and a military police officer in the U.S. Army from 1989 to 1992. Maddox earned a Master of Arts degree in marriage and family therapy from Oral Roberts University.

## NEW! PATHWAY TO MOBILITY COMMITTEE

At its August 2017 meeting, the Board formed a new Pathway to Mobility Committee to examine how the Board can amend its licensing laws to improve licensure portability. The first meeting date of this committee is November 3, 2017, in Southern California.

## OUR WEBSITE IS CHANGING

The Board is in the process of redesigning its website



([www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov)) to improve user experience and streamline access to important information. The new website is expected to go live in late fall.

## THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN BBS'S STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board is in the process of developing its next strategic plan. To assist the Board with this effort, the services of the Department of Consumer Affairs' SOLID Planning Solutions (SOLID) created a survey to obtain feedback from Board stakeholders regarding its performance. The response was excellent and the Board expresses its gratitude for all who participated. Your feedback is valuable and will greatly assist the Board in setting a pathway to success!

## REMEMBER TO COMPLETE YOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS

Licensees renewing for the first time need to complete 18 hours of continuing education (CE). After the first renewal period, licensees are required to take and complete 36 hours of CE each subsequent renewal period. The CE hours must be completed within the renewal period and taken from an approved provider. CE courses accepted by the Board must be taken through a provider that complies with one of the three following requirements:

1. They are approved by a Board-recognized approval agency. CE providers must reflect this information on the certificate.
  - National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
  - Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)
  - National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC)
  - National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)
  - American Psychological Association (APA)
  - California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)
  - California Psychological Association (CPA)
2. They are one of the following organizations recognized by the Board as CE providers:
  - American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)
  - American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy—California Division (AAMFT-CA)
  - California Association for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (CALPCC)
  - California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)
  - National Association of Social Workers—California Chapter (NASW-CA)
  - California Society for Clinical Social Work (CSCSW)
  - California Association of School Psychologists (CASP)
  - California Psychological Association (CPA)
  - California Counseling Association (CCA)
  - American Counseling Association (ACA)
3. They are a regionally accredited or state-approved postsecondary institution. A transcript from the institution is acceptable.

## WHAT TO DO AFTER GETTING YOUR REGISTRATION OR LICENSE

**Understand your legal obligations.** Take time to ensure you understand the laws and regulations governing your license/registration and stay informed of any changes that may affect you. Emerging changes are discussed at various Board meetings. To stay informed, you may access the meeting material packets on the Board website under Board Activity—Meetings. Changes to laws and regulations are also posted on the website.

**Follow the Board's activity.** The Board conducts regular Board and Committee meetings during the year. These meetings are open to the public and are the best forum to have your concerns heard. Many of these meetings are webcasted. A list of our upcoming meetings, meeting materials, and past webcasts are posted on our website under Board Activity—Meetings.

**Get involved.** Once you are licensed, the Board has many opportunities for the licensee to get involved with developing exams or acting as expert witnesses on enforcement cases. Subject matter experts (SMEs) participate in various examination development workshops. Board expert witnesses provide consultation to staff, review case materials, prepare written opinions, and when necessary, testify at administrative hearings as expert witnesses. If you are interested in being an SME or expert witness, more information is on the Board's website under Licensees—Experts Wanted.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS

In 2016, the Board resumed random continuing education (CE) audits to verify compliance with the CE requirements. Monthly, a random number of renewing licensees are selected for the audit. Below are the top reasons a licensee fails a CE audit.

- Failure to complete the required law and ethics coursework.
- Failure to complete the required number of CE units within the renewal period.
- Completing CE courses from unapproved providers.

A licensee who fails the CE audit is subject to a citation and fine. The following charts reflect the results of the Board CE audits for the second quarter of 2017 and the yearly totals for 2017.

### 2017 SECOND QUARTER CE AUDIT RESULTS

LICENSE	NUMBER OF AUDITS	PASS	FAIL	PASS RATE	FAIL RATE
LCSW	114	82	32	72%	28%
LEP	14	5	9	36%	64%
LMFT	172	129	43	75%	25%
LPCC	13	12	1	92%	8%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>27%</b>

### 2017 CE AUDIT RESULTS

LICENSE	NUMBER OF AUDITS	PASS	FAIL	PASS RATE	FAIL RATE
LCSW	190	140	50	74%	26%
LEP	29	9	20	31%	69%
LMFT	298	223	75	75%	25%
LPCC	25	22	3	88%	12%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>27%</b>

## LICENSING TOTALS *as of September 2017*

License Type	Total Population
MFTI	19,146
ASW	16,316
PCI	2,968
LMFT	42,222
LCSW	26,111
LEP	2,080
LPCC	1,569
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>110,412</b>

## THE CALIFORNIA LAW & ETHICS (CA L&E) EXAMINATION AND YOUR REGISTRATION

**All registrants must take the CA L&E** a minimum of one time per renewal cycle until a passing score is achieved.

**If you don't pass the CA L&E**, you may apply for re-examination immediately; however, you may not retake the examination until a minimum of 90 days has passed from the date of your last examination.

**If your registration is six years old**, you will need to apply for a subsequent registration. A passing score on the CA L&E examination is required before a subsequent registration can be issued. Remember to submit your subsequent registration application at least 90 days before your current registration expires.

**A 12-hour course in California Law & Ethics is required** to regain eligibility to take the CA L&E examination during your next renewal cycle. Proof of completion must be attached to the first re-examination application you submit after your last renewal date. The 12-hour course in California Law & Ethics is required once per renewal cycle until a passing score is obtained.

## ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

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

ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS MAY 1 THROUGH JULY 31, 2017			
Name	License Number	Violation Description	Fine Amount
Carrie Rogers Green-Zinn	LEP 3298	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$400
Mariya Kriv	IMF 73291	Intern Worked as an Independent Contractor	\$0
Anthony John Cedolini	LEP 676	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Brian Joseph Inglesby	LEP 2245	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Christina Elizabeth Fass	LEP 3294	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Kathleen Campbell	LMFT 53119	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$500
Gail Ann Gallette	LMFT 39701	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$900
Todd Steven Adams	LMFT 41843	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
John Xavier Torres	IMF 85725	Failure to Report Conviction	\$500
Patricia Brooks Bennett	LMFT 21190	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Sari Steinberg	LCSW 20289	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$150
Cynthia Stadler	LCSW 15671	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$200
Ronald Alfonso Ramos	LCSW 9207	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Renee Colleen Davis	LMFT 45046	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Elisabeth Jean Kalmanson	LMFT 38207	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$200
Tahereh Hessam	LMFT 77399	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$200
Damon Joseph Maggiore	LMFT 44475	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$150
Maria Cecilia Oliveri	LMFT 42348	Supervised Intern with a Delinquent License	\$250
Karalee Hayes	LMFT 90475	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$400
Catherine Auman	LMFT 30784	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$200

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<b>Name</b>	<b>License Number</b>	<b>Violation Description</b>	<b>Fine Amount</b>
Patricia Brooks Bennett	LMFT 21190	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Shelley Rosetta Tabar	ASW 69460	Intern Worked as an Independent Contractor	\$0
George Masaji Nakama	LCSW 12779	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$150
Ronald David Brown	LCSW 7334	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$150
Robin Kipnis Kaufman	LEP 3086	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Claudia J Blodgett	LEP 2802	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$500
Carol Ann Antosh	LEP 1648	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Kathleen O'Connor Smith	IMF 71884	Treated Clients with a Delinquent License	\$1,000
Cherie Campbell-French	LMFT 40083	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,500
Randolph Neil Jaffe	LMFT 14721	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$400
Amanda Carrie Ajmal	LMFT 47092	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Lisa Marie De Benedetto	LMFT 42565	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Starr D Sullivan	LMFT 53970	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$200
Sweta Divy Kikani	LMFT 86244	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$300
Susan N Levin	LMFT 47760	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$300
Horacio Renteria	LMFT 87788	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$300
Josephine Nowell	LMFT 78322	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$400
Susan Ann Nance	LMFT 28621	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$200
Susan Marie Anderson	LMFT 42234	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$400
Joanne Gail Mednick	LMFT 36644	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$200
Gabriele Ely Roberts	LMFT 41773	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$150

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<b>Name</b>	<b>License Number</b>	<b>Violation Description</b>	<b>Fine Amount</b>
Lenora Marie Grimando	LMFT 19728	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$250
Jaimie D. Martinez	ASW 67444	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$500
Jeania C. Schilling	LCSW 20616	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$150
Karen Martin Eley	LCSW 69434	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$350
Elizabeth Schenk	LCSW 11429	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$200
Karen Jill Sugarman	LCSW 23153	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Maria Panduro-Morales	LCSW 68024	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$400
Courtney Lynne Miller	ASW 34087	Failure to Report Conviction	\$500
Jenise Marie Caetana	LMFT 78325	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Allene Annette Hulette	LMFT 8432	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Brooke Woods	ASW 59486	Failure to Report Conviction	\$500
Renee Christine Dutra	LMFT 49362	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Jaron Daniel Haynes	LMFT 88574	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$300
Michelle M. Ho	LMFT 90732	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$300
Sharon Eleanor Davis	LMFT 85871	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$300
Cathleen Swift Nagel	LCSW 20623	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$150
Patricia Jacobsen	LMFT 38463	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$500
Virginia Hughes Patterson	LMFT 42486	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$200
Yasaman Safaie Shirzai	LMFT 50686	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$150
Lorraine Ramirez	LMFT 86592	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$300
Stephanie Ann Flood	LMFT 52873	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$1,200
Jana Dorene Todd	LCSW 16669	Failed Continuing Education Audit	\$400

## 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 of Behavioral Sciences (Board). The right to practice is terminated.

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

## FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

### Alejandro Velderrain Aguilar

IMF 99503  
Los Angeles, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration surrendered.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

### Brian Jacob Bass

LCSW 78872  
San Diego, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 8/17/2017

### Petra Betancourt

ASW 77767  
Mission Hills, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

### Ross Bentulan

IMF 81918  
Fullerton, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective 8/9/2017

### Mary Lassiter Brecheen

LMFT 38446  
Orange, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 9/20/2017

### Janette G. Brown

IMF 83107 & PCCI 1918  
Spring Valley, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registrations revoked, revocations stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 8/9/2017

### Chevelle Marie Bourdon

ASW 76998  
Visalia, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 5/30/2017

### Marvin Paul Cohen

LMFT 41362  
Boulder Creek, CA

#### UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Action: License revoked.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

### Virginia Lee Coleman

LCSW 21719  
Rio Dell, CA

#### UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Action: License surrendered.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

### Lasaro Coreas

ASW 77768  
Los Angeles, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

### Regina Lynn Culver

IMF 99539  
Elk Grove, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 5/2/2017

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**Irene T. De Alba**

ASW Applicant  
Long Beach, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration to be issued, then revoked, revocation will be stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 9/25/2017

**Aida Idalia Delgadillo**

IMF 80690  
Wilmington, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration surrendered.  
Effective: 8/17/2017

**Ann Marie DoQui**

LCSW 18354  
Reseda, CA

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of four (4) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 6/14/2017

**Susan Dritsas**

LMFT 31811  
Santa Barbara, CA

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Action: License publicly reprovved.  
Effective: 9/20/2017

**Richard Frank Duarte**

IMF 88216  
Merced, CA

**MENTAL/PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT**

Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective: 9/20/2017

**Erika Isabel Esparza**

IMF 68234  
Long Beach, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 8/30/2017

**Gregory Delano Evans**

ASW 35585  
Oakland, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration surrendered.  
Effective: 6/14/2017

**Kathryn Ellen Farrelly**

LMFT 52691  
Granite Bay, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective: 8/9/2017

**Stephanie Jeane Fell**

IMF 100598  
Laguna Niguel, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

**Julie Dianna Figueroa**

IMF 76737  
Pomona, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

**Larissa Ashlen Files**

IMF 77836  
San Diego, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration surrendered.  
Effective: 9/20/2017

**Kelly Michelle Fitzpatrick**

ASW 68835  
La Mesa, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 8/17/2017

**Lindsay Kay Fryer**

IMF 72853  
Santa Barbara, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

**Jerry Dwight Gambrell**

PCCI 2746  
South San Francisco, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration surrendered.  
Effective: 9/20/2017

**Esteban Elias Gonzalez**

IMF 77727 & LMFT Applicant  
San Diego, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration to be revoked, a license will then be issued, which will be revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 9/20/2017

**Isaac A. Gutierrez**

ASW 35026  
San Jose, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 8/17/2017

**Lisa Marie Harlacher**

IMF 82121  
San Diego, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration surrendered.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

**Athena Katherine Hedges**

IMF 77459  
Rimforest, CA

**SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective: 8/9/2017

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**FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13

**Anabel Hernandez**

IMF 79726  
Woodlake, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

**Ernest Gregory Hovivian**

LMFT 41825  
Hemet, CA

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Action: License surrendered.  
Effective: 8/30/2017

**Melissa Lynn Jones**

LMFT 100851  
Chico, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License previously revoked, petitioned for license reinstatement, which was granted, and issued a new license, which was immediately revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 7/20/2017

**Mary Frances Kemp**

LMFT 42667  
Westlake Village, CA

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

**Paul Dwayne Knaus**

ASW 34751  
Vallejo, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 6/14/2017

**Jerry Lopez**

ASW 35142  
Farmersville, CA

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Action: Registration surrendered.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

**Christine M. Maitland-Koeh**

ASW 35350  
Venice, CA

**INCOMPETENCE/NEGLIGENCE**

Action: Registration surrendered.  
Effective: 5/30/2017

**Hoyt Marshall**

IMF 101365  
Hemet, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 8/17/2017

**Dalia Rubi Merida Cuevas**

ASW 79171  
Los Angeles, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 8/30/2017

**Rene Sanchez Mesa**

ASW 34222  
Rocklin, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective: 07/07/2017

**Kara Valerie Miller**

LMFT 40210  
Fair Oaks, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License revoked.  
Effective: 8/30/2017

**Julie Anne Montoya**

IMF 80605  
Oceanside, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective: 5/30/2017

**German Leonardo Murcia**

IMF 66382  
Northridge, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

**Melva Eugenia Nickleberry**

IMF 73922  
Hacienda Heights, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.  
Effective: 8/17/2017

**Cynthia Anne Osborne**

IMF 73608  
West Palm Beach, FL

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective: 8/9/17

**Joseph E. O'Toole**

LCSW 9539  
Garden Grove, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License revoked.  
Effective: 8/9/2017

**Jean Larson Penczar**

LMFT 29876  
Tucson, AZ

**DISCIPLINE BY ANOTHER STATE/AGENCY**

Action: License surrendered.  
Effective: 6/14/2017

**Kenneth Dean Pense**

LMFT 24310  
Roseville, CA

**SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

Action: License surrendered.  
Effective: 6/14/2017

**George Presko**

LCSW 21746  
Costa Mesa, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License surrendered.  
Effective: 7/7/2017

**Brenda Marie Rees**

LCSW 9548  
Moreno Valley, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License revoked.  
Effective: 9/20/2017

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**Julia E. Renzaglia**

IMF 81664

Atascadero, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked.

Effective: 7/7/2017

**Thomas Jacob Rocha**

ASW 65743

Murrieta, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration surrendered.

Effective: 5/30/2017

**Andrew Raymond**

Ross LMFT 42079

Healdsburg, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License surrendered.

Effective: 8/9/2017

**Kymerlee Ruff**

LMFT 21817

Santa Barbara, CA

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

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

Effective: 8/9/2017

**Charles H. Strole**

LMFT 18086

Rancho Mirage, CA

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Action: License surrendered.

Effective: 6/14/2017

**Ana Valeria San Juan**

IMF 92258

San Jose, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: 7/7/2017

**Barbara Lynne Shafer**

LMFT 33217

Martinez, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License surrendered.

Effective: 5/30/2017

**Brianne Nichole Smith**

IMF 89937

San Jose, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: 8/30/2017

**Theodore Geoffrey Sneed**

LEP 1369

Sacramento, CA

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Action: License revoked.

Effective: 7/7/2017

**Sharon Mary Storton**

LMFT 40583

Los Gatos, CA

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Action: License surrendered.

Effective: 5/30/2017

**Sean Taitt**

ASW 60072

Los Angeles, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked.

Effective: 8/9/2017

**Tiziana M. Tarquinio**

LMFT 43706

San Diego, CA

**UNLICENSED/UNREGISTERED**

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

Effective: 7/7/2017

**Sandra J. Welbourn**

LMFT 39746

Sebastopol, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License surrendered.

Effective: 5/30/2017

**Sydney Kiko Tomita**

IMF 88400 & PCCI 2379

La Jolla, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: 8/17/2017

**Brieana Beth Turner**

IMF 100102

Chula Vista, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: 6/14/2017

**Barbara Ann Welch**

LCSW 20111

San Francisco, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: 6/14/2017

**Timothy D. Willison**

LMFT 34937

Davis, CA

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

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

Effective: 7/7/2017

**Kara Ashley Winship**

ASW 30792

San Diego, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: 7/7/2017

**Brad Wood**

LCSW 20025

Lancaster, CA

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

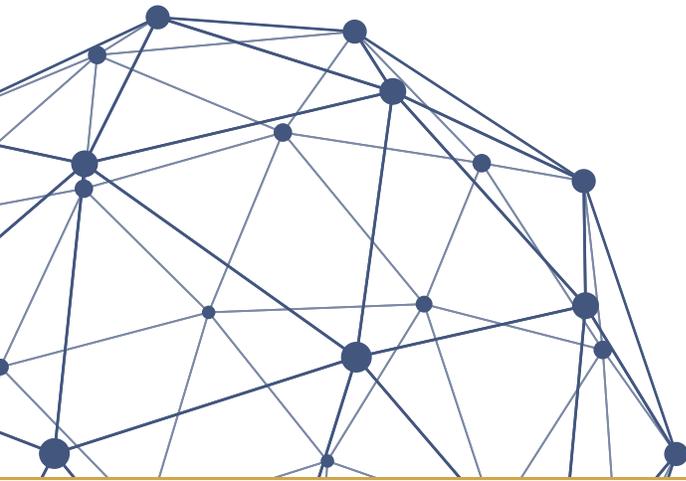
Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions.

Effective: 7/7/2017



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Policy and Advocacy Committee

February 9, 2018.....Sacramento  
April 12, 2018 .....Sacramento  
August 24, 2018.....Sacramento  
October 19, 2018.....Sacramento

### Board Meetings

February 21–23, 2018.....Sacramento  
May 9–11, 2018 .....Sacramento  
September 12–14, 2018.....Sacramento  
November 28–30, 2018.....Sacramento