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# CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

SUMMER/FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Deborah N. Brown, MPA, Chair

It has been an honor to serve as a Governor-appointed public member since 2012. At the May 2016 meeting I was elected to serve as the Board Chair for the upcoming 2016-2017 year. I look forward to my increased role as Board Chair and continuing the work of the Board.

The past year was very busy. I am pleased to share that current members Dr. Leah Brew (LPCC) and Ms. Betty Connelly (LEP) were reappointed by Governor Brown, and Dr. Christine Wietlisbach (public member) was reappointed by the Senate.

Additionally, we welcomed Mr. Max Disposti as our newest and 13th member of the Board. Mr. Disposti was appointed by the state Assembly as a public member in April 2016. Mr. Disposti is the Executive Director for the North County LGBTQ Resource Center and it is a pleasure to have him on our Board.

Congratulations to the Board and staff for their exemplary work on and Senate approval of the Board's Sunset Review. The Board was given a four-year extension. This is the second four-year extension the Board has received.

As we are about to start a new legislative year, we are concluding much work that has been done in past years. The Supervision Committee—chaired by Dr. Brew and including members Ms. Connelly, Ms. Sarita Koli, and Ms. Patricia Lock-Dawson—has accomplished valuable work on defining and refining the qualifications of licensed supervisors. I would like to thank all of the stakeholders who participated in these meetings. Your contributions to revise and establish qualifications for supervisors were so valuable. As a result, these changes will benefit registrants and improve mental health services to the public.

Looking ahead, the Board will begin to explore exempt settings and how services in these environments can be improved. A committee of both public and licensed members of the Board will be appointed at the beginning of 2017.

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I am excited to share with you that as a result of additional staffing resources, Board processing times for applications are now less than 40 days. Most applications are processed in less than 30 days.

I look forward to serving the Board and members of the public in the upcoming year.

**Deborah N. Brown, MPA**  
Chair, Board of Behavioral Sciences

## LAW AND ETHICS EXAM REMINDER FOR REGISTRANTS AND INTERNS

The initial grace period for registrants and interns to defer taking the California Law and Ethics Examination has ended. As of July 1, 2016, all registrants and interns must take the Law and Ethics exam to renew their registration. The registration will remain delinquent until this requirement is satisfied, even if the Board has cashed your check. To avoid any delays in processing your renewal, submit your application to take the California Law and Ethics Examination early. Once the Board receives confirmation a registrant has taken the exam, the hold on the renewal will be released.

## BBS STAFF NEWS

During the August Board meeting, Board members recognized BBS staff for their dedication and service. The Board's mission and goals cannot be accomplished without its staff.

### The following individuals were recognized for five years of service:

Joanna Huynh—*Licensing Analyst*

Flora Lopes—*Enforcement Analyst*

David Jones—*Office Assistant and Support*

Ellen Viegas—*Cashiering Analyst*

### The following individuals were recognized for 10 years of service:

Marsha Gove—*Examination Analyst*

Michelle Eernisse-Villanueva—*Enforcement Analyst*

## 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. Candidates experiencing difficulty registering should contact the Board for assistance.



# LICENSING NEWS

## CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS

Effective January 1, 2016, the Board resumed auditing licensees for compliance with the continuing education requirements. From January to June 2016, a total of 217 licensees were randomly selected for an audit. A total of 76 licensees (35 percent) failed the audit and were issued a citation and fine.

The top three reasons for failing the audit are as follows:

- Failing to take six hours of Law and Ethics (required every renewal period).
- Missing first-time course requirements.
- Taking the continuing education course from an unapproved provider.

Take a moment to review the continuing education brochure available on the Board's website. The information is located at [www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov). Select the "Licensees" tab and then select the "Continuing Education" link. Select the link to "Licensee CE Requirements." Reviewing this information will ensure you are compliant with the continuing education requirements.

## COMMON DELAYS IN THE RENEWAL PROCESS

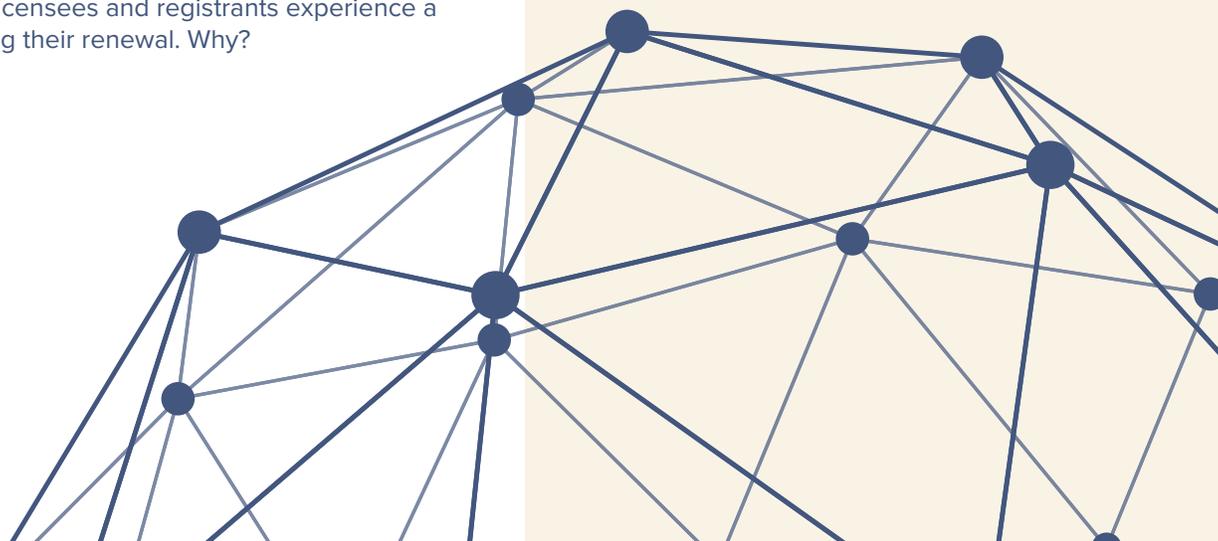
Annually, the Board receives nearly 50,000 renewal applications from licensees and registrants. Renewing your license or registration is a straightforward process—complete the renewal application and submit a fee. Yet, every year many licensees and registrants experience a delay in processing their renewal. Why?

Simply put, the renewal process was not completed. The renewal process requires a completed application, required fee, and approval of the renewal application. The Board will process the fee submitted with the renewal application. This simple action leads the individual to believe the renewal process is complete, even if the individual never receives an updated license or registration. However, until the individual completes the renewal process, the renewal application cannot be approved.

These are the most common reasons a renewal application will be delayed:

- Failed to answer the conviction question.
- Failed to answer the continuing education question.
- The renewal form is not signed.
- A signature is missing from the check.
- The dollar amount is missing from the check.
- The incorrect fee is submitted.

So take a moment to review your next renewal application to be sure it is complete. Doing so will help you avoid a delay in renewing your license or registration.



## EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Health Professions Education Foundation is now accepting applications from mental health professionals who desire to provide mental health services in California communities who are underserved. The deadline to submit your application is November 18, 2016. If you have any questions or would like more information about these programs, please visit [www.healthprofessions.ca.gov](http://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov).

# Apply!

## Application Cycle is Open

August 1, 2016–November 18, 2016

The Health Professions Education Foundation can help you meet your career goals so you can focus on caring for California's underserved. Health professionals serving the mental health community may benefit from two loan repayment programs:

**Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program,**  
which may award up to \$15,000

**Mental Health Loan Assumption Program,**  
which may award up to \$10,000



HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
*Giving Golden Opportunities*

For more information please visit:  
[www.healthprofessions.ca.gov](http://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov)  
or call the Health Professions  
Education Foundation at  
**(916) 326-3640.**

## NEXT STEPS FOR A REGISTRANT OR INTERN AFTER TAKING THE LAW AND ETHICS EXAM

You just completed your California Law and Ethics Examination and are anxiously waiting for your score report. You wonder: Did I pass? What do I do next? The next steps depend on your examination results.

If you passed the examination, you have completed the first exam in the licensure process. Celebrate this accomplishment! Your next steps are either continuing to gain the required number of supervised work experience hours or apply for the clinical examination. You will not be required to take this examination in the future to renew your registration.

If you were unsuccessful in the Law and Ethics Examination, you will have a few extra steps in your licensure process. If your renewal was on hold, the hold will be released since you took the examination. If your renewal is due soon, you will be able to renew your registration without delay.

Registrants who were not successful in their attempt to pass the Law and Ethics Examination are permitted to retake the exam every 90 days. To retake the examination, the registrant must submit an application and fee to the Board. Once the 90-day wait period has passed, the Board will send the registrant's eligibility to take the examination to the testing vendor. The registrant is able to contact the testing vendor to schedule their examination.

Also, registrants who are unsuccessful in their attempt to pass the Law and Ethics exam should be aware of when they

are required to complete the 12-hour Law and Ethics course. The course is required in the next renewal cycle following the unsuccessful attempt(s).

For example, a registrant's registration expires on October 31, 2017. Prior to October 31, 2017 (current renewal cycle), the registrant may retake the Law and Ethics Examination as many times as permitted by law, without taking the 12-hour Law and Ethics course. After October 31, 2017 (the next renewal cycle following an unsuccessful attempt), the registrant must complete the 12-hour Law and Ethics course. Proof of completion of this course must be submitted to the Board before the Board will approve the application to retake the Law and Ethics Examination.

**Important information for registrants or interns who may need a subsequent registration number after January 1, 2017:** Effective January 1, 2017, an individual cannot be granted a subsequent registration number unless he or she has passed the Law and Ethics Examination. There are no exceptions.

## NEW TELEHEALTH REGULATIONS

On July 1, 2016, the Board's telehealth regulations became effective. The new regulations specify that to practice with a client who is located in California, the mental health practitioner must have a valid California license or registration.

The new regulations also specify actions that must be taken at the initiation of telehealth with each client (one-time actions) and actions that must be taken each time telehealth is performed with each client (ongoing actions).

Specifically, at the time telehealth services are initiated, the mental health professional must:

- Obtain informed consent from the client consistent with Section 2290.5 of the Business and Professions Code.
- Inform the client of the potential risks and limitations of receiving treatment via telehealth.
- Provide the client with his or her license or registration number and the type of license or registration.
- Document reasonable efforts made to ascertain the contact information of relevant resources, including emergency services, in the patient's geographic area.

Each time telehealth services are provided, the mental health professional must:

- Verbally obtain from the client and document the client's full name and address of present location at the beginning of each telehealth session.
- Assess whether the client is appropriate for telehealth, including, but not limited to, consideration of the client's psychosocial situation.
- Utilize industry best practices for telehealth to ensure both client confidentiality and the security of the communication medium.

California licensees and registrants may provide telehealth services to clients located in another jurisdiction, but only if the California licensee or registrant complies with the licensure laws of that jurisdiction, and if that jurisdiction allows telehealth services.

More information regarding the new regulations may be found on the Board's website ([www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov)).



## 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.

## LICENSING TOTALS

AS OF JULY 1, 2016

License Type	Total Population
MFTI	19,783
ASW	15,748
PCI	1,940
LMFT	40,360
LCSW	24,197
LEP	2,195
PCE	0
LPCC	1,390
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>105,613</b>

## 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.

## ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS APRIL 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016			
Name	License Number	Violation Description	Fine Amount
James Lane Snell	LMFT 40369	Wrote an unsolicited biased letter to a judge in a child custody case.	\$1,000
Kerrie Anne O'Leary	PCCI 566	Failure to report conviction.	\$500
Crystal Ann Hedlin	LCSW 62418	Failure to report conviction.	\$500
Charlene Cummings Rodriguez	LMFT 34208	Breach of confidentiality.	\$2,500

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Name	License Number	Violation Description	Fine Amount
Brenda H. Barca	LCSW 2887	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500
Marnie Higgins Webster	LMFT 7714	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500
Scott Ben-Yashar	LMFT 28260	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500
Miriam Bruff Covington	LMFT 13193	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500
Sue Vire Divjak	LCSW 13018	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500
Diana Audrey Ellis	LCSW 13911	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500
Naomi Farrow	LCSW 7408	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500
Augrey L. Sagerman	LMFT 20981	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500
Judith A. Legrand	LEP 1458	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500
Bailey Bruce Mccune	LEP 51	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500
Nancy Gail Gustafson	LMFT 24933	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500
Virginia Hawkins	LMFT 32757	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500
Barbara Ann Heiman	LMFT 28471	Failure to comply with the Board's fingerprint requirement.	\$2,500

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Name	License Number	Violation Description	Fine Amount
Hilda Patricia Ayala	IMF 67505	Failure to report conviction.	\$500
James Martin Hollomon	LMFT 37788	Provided supervision to a trainee in a private practice setting.	\$1,000
Isaac Louis Burns	LMFT 44245	Failure to report conviction.	\$500
Alicia Aurora Vasquez	ASW 29792	Failure to report conviction.	\$500
George Efrain Montoya	LMFT 37364	Failure to report conviction.	\$500
Leticia Velazquez	LCSW 59556	Failure to report conviction.	\$500
Beverly Sue Nalls-Demar	LCSW 14453	Working on a delinquent license.	\$2,500
Samuel Mark Schwarzmer	LEP 2172	Failed to complete the required continuing education course in Law and Ethics.	\$200
Renee Elaine Bond	LPCC 471	Failed to complete the required continuing education courses in HIV/AIDS and Law and Ethics.	\$400
Naomi Deedra Silva	LPCC 453	Completed HIV/AIDS course and 1 hour of Law and Ethics after renewal period.	\$200
Jennifer Lynn Moore	LCSW 25827	Failed to complete 36 hours of continuing education during renewal period. Completed the necessary 4 hours after renewal period.	\$150

## FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Below are the formal disciplinary actions effective April 1 through June 30, 2016.

All formal disciplinary documents are available on the Board's website, [www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov).

### ADAM MARTIN SCHILLING

IMF 93298

Long Beach, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

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

Effective 6/23/2016

### BARBARA M. KITADA

LMFT 50140

Auburn, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License surrendered.

Effective 4/8/2016

### BENJAMIN DAVID GREENE

IMF 70460

San Francisco, CA

#### FRAUD/DISHONEST ACT

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

Effective 5/6/2016

### BRENDA KAYING LEWMAN

IMF 65801

Stockton, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

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

Effective 6/17/2016

### CAROL LOUISE SAND

IMF 92833

aka **CAROL LOUISE RICHARD**

Salinas, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

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

Effective 5/6/2016

### CAROLINE AMBER SHEEHAN

ASW 33502

Reseda, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

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

Effective 5/6/2016

### CHERYL L ROBINSON

IMF 72125

Pasadena, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Public reproval.

Effective 5/6/2016

### COLLEEN PATRICIA HENDERSON

IMF 73320

Lafayette, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration surrendered.

Effective 4/8/2016

### DEBBIE GRACE WILLIAMS

ASW 35208

Laguna Woods, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration surrendered.

Effective 6/17/2016

### DONALD JAMES GLOEGE

LCSW 14672

Shelby, NC

#### DISCIPLINE BY ANOTHER STATE

Action: License revoked

Effective 6/23/2016

### ERICA WITNEY MODEL

IMF 80327

Irvine, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration surrendered.

Effective 5/6/2016

### ERIK MONSEN

LCSW 15907

Gorham, ME

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

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

Effective 6/17/2016

### IRENDA RIOS

IMF app

Heber, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Upon successful completion of a "Psychological/Psychiatric Evaluation," registration is granted, revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of four years with terms and conditions.

Effective 5/6/2016

### JACQUELINE ELYDA SILK

LMFT 8984

Sun Valley, CA

#### DISCIPLINE BY ANOTHER AGENCY

Action: License revoked.

Effective 6/23/2016

### JANE LOUISE COLLIER

LCSW 28057

Orange, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked.

Effective 6/17/2016

### JEFFREY K. LARSEN

LMFT 45671

San Diego, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License surrendered.

Effective 6/17/2016

### JUAN C. VASQUEZ

LCSW 12876

San Jose, CA

#### CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License surrendered.

Effective 5/6/2016

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**FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

**KAREN ELIZABETH MOONEY**

LMFT 44724  
aka **KAREN ELIZABETH GUVLEKJIAN**  
Palmdale, CA  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years with terms and conditions.  
Effective 6/23/2016

**KATHERINE ANDREA MORALES**

IMF 70585  
Fairfield, CA  
**MISREPRESENTATION ON APPLICATION/ ACTS OF DISHONESTY**  
Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions.  
Effective 5/6/2016

**LAUREN C COLSON**

ASW 31817  
Lodi, CA  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective 6/17/2016

**LESLIE ARNELL LUKEN**

LCSW 24863  
Redding, CA  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
Action: License revoked.  
Effective 6/23/2016

**LINDSAY ANNE CLIFTON**

IMF 64800  
Moraga, CA  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
Action: Registration surrendered.  
Effective 6/17/2016

**MARTHA MASON DRUMMOND**

LCSW 13023  
San Diego, CA  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
Action: License surrendered.  
Effective 6/17/2016

**MENU SINGHAL**

IMF 70701  
Los Angeles, CA  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective 6/23/2016

**MICHAEL GEORGE YOUNG**

LMFT 45281  
Fresno, CA  
**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT/ NEGLIGENCE**  
Action: License revoked.  
Effective 6/17/2016

**RENE SANCHEZ MESA**

ASW 34222  
Rocklin, CA  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years with terms and conditions.  
Effective 5/6/2016

**ROBERT HOWARD MEAD JR.**

LMFT 47245  
Modesto, CA  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
Action: License revoked.  
Effective 6/23/2016

**SANDRA J. WELBOURN**

LMFT 39746  
Sebastopol, CA  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years with terms and conditions.  
Effective 4/8/2016

**STACI LOUISE MONTGOMERY**

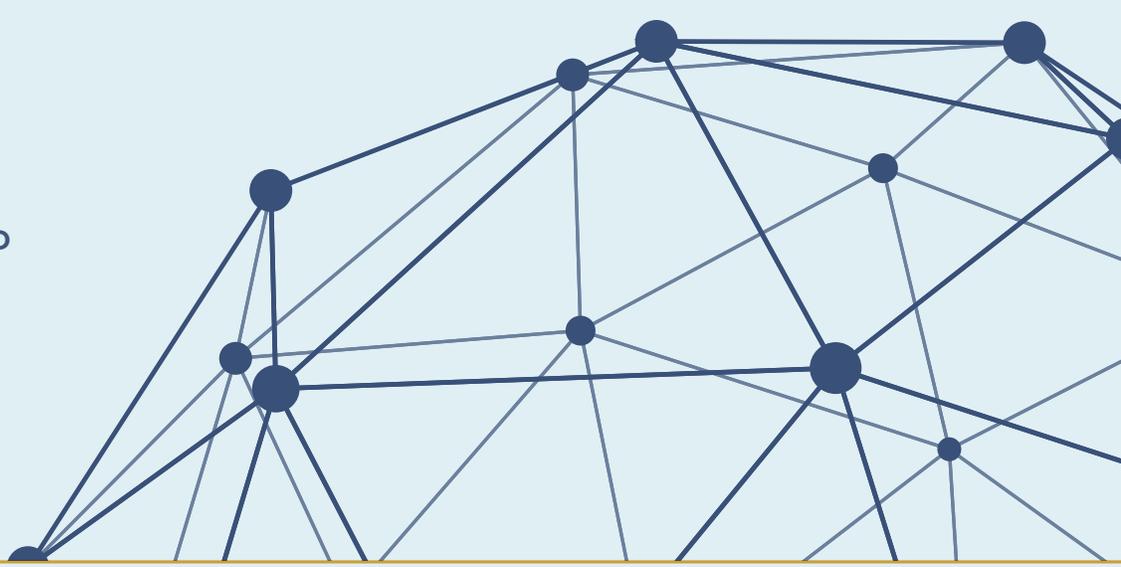
IMF 73364  
Redwood City, CA  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**  
Action: Registration revoked.  
Effective 5/6/2016

**STELLA MONDAY**

LMFT 22363  
Sebastopol, CA  
**FRAUD/ACTS OF DISHONESTY**  
Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions.  
Effective 5/6/2016

**STEPHANIE CEDAS-BARKETT**

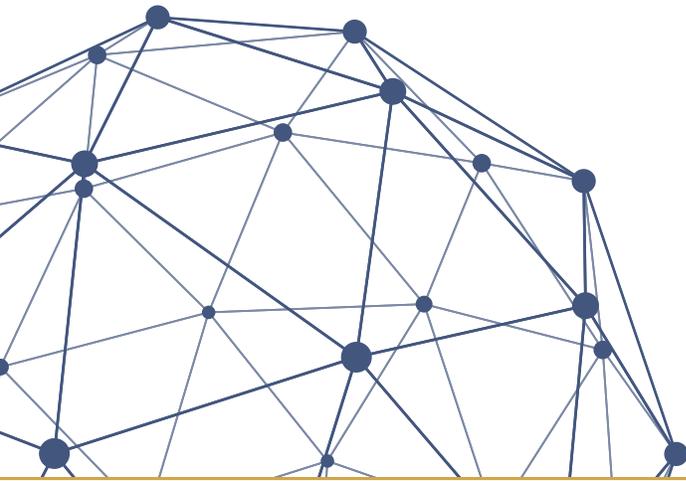
LMFT 48062  
Sacramento, CA  
**SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**  
Action: License revoked.  
Effective 6/17/2016





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## UPCOMING MEETING DATES

### Board Meetings

November 2-4, 2016                      Southern California

### 2017 MEETING DATES

March 1-3, 2017  
May 10-12, 2017  
August 23-25, 2017  
November 1-3, 2017

### Policy and Advocacy Meetings

September 30, 2016                      Sacramento

### 2017 MEETING DATES

February 3, 2017                      Sacramento  
April 21, 2017                      Sacramento  
June 23, 2017                      Sacramento  
September 15, 2017                      Sacramento