MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD 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.
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—This 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/](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 BreEZe 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 BreEZe account? Create one: Select the BreEZe 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 BreEZe account.**
   BreEZe 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 BreEZe 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
- The national organization is based in Wisconsin: AFCC@AFCCnet.org

Special thanks to Kim Madsen, Executive Director of BBS, and David Jensen, J.D., of CAMFT for their input and support for this article.

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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 ACCOMODATIONS 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) 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.

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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 examination. The 12-hour course in California Law & Ethics is required once per renewal cycle until a passing score is obtained.

LICENSING TOTALS as of September 2017

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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.

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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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FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

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 reproved.  
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: 7/20/2017

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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FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

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

Kymberlee 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

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

Brianea Beth Turner
IMF 100102
Chula Vista, 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: 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
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