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## BOARD CHAIR MESSAGE



Chris Jones

I hope this message finds you well. As the chair of the Board, I am pleased to share some important updates with you regarding recent developments and initiatives undertaken by the Board.

Firstly, I am excited to inform you that the Board is sponsoring SB 1024 (Ochoa Bogh), a legislative proposal aimed at modernizing advertising regulations to better align the delivery of mental health services via telehealth.

This bill addresses the display of license or registration requirements and also provides clarifications on supervision standards, crucial steps towards ensuring quality care in an evolving health care landscape. You can find more information on this legislation [here](#).

In line with our commitment to supporting both practitioners and consumers, we have added two new informational documents to our website. The **Guidance Document: Use of Online-only Therapy Platforms to Provide Psychotherapy** offers valuable resources for practitioners navigating the complexities of telehealth. Developed by our Telehealth Committee, this guidance document addresses a pressing need identified through survey responses. The second document, **Who are the Board's Licensees?**, is tailored specifically for consumers and individuals aspiring to enter the mental health profession. It provides a comprehensive overview of the Board's four license types, helping consumers make informed decisions about mental health care needs and helping individuals considering possible career pathways.

Additionally, the Board conducted a Pathway to Licensure survey to identify and address potential barriers encountered by individuals pursuing licensure. I would like to thank all who participated. Your insights into the education, supervision, and examination experience are invaluable and will inform the work of our Workforce Development Committee in crafting solutions to enhance accessibility and support for aspiring mental health professionals.

In our efforts to streamline processes and enhance user experience, we are developing an online application for associate registrations, starting with associate marriage and family therapists (AMFT). This initiative aims to

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

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simplify the registration process and improve efficiency. We anticipate rolling out the online AMFT application in the coming months, with plans to extend this service to associate clinical social workers and associate professional clinical counselors in the future.

I would also like to draw your attention to the ongoing social work census conducted by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) and the Social Work Workforce Coalition. Participation in this survey is vital for gathering essential data about the social work workforce and shaping the future of social work licensing exams. If you have colleagues or supervisees in the social work profession, I encourage you to urge them to participate in the survey at [www.swcensus.org](http://www.swcensus.org).

Lastly, I want to reiterate our invitation for your active participation in committee and Board meetings, which take place both in-person and online. Your input and engagement are instrumental in shaping the policies and decisions that affect mental health care in California. Upcoming meeting dates are listed on the back cover and on the Board's [website](#). Meeting agendas are posted 10 days prior to each meeting, and you can sign up to receive notifications via our [email subscriber's list](#).

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we work towards advancing the quality and accessibility of mental health care services in our state.

**Chris Jones**

*Board Chair*

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

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



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

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

This is important for everyone, but especially registrants working on passing an exam. This is because candidates are notified of approval to test via email. Without an email address on file, they will not receive notification of how to register for and schedule the exam.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The email address you provide when creating a BREEZE account is not automatically uploaded into your record. Even if you have

created a BREEZE account, your email address may not be accessible to Board staff.

### **HOW TO ADD OR UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**

You can easily add or update your email by accessing the "Change of Address Application" located within the drop-down menu under "Manage Your License" on BREEZE. See [BREEZE Helpful Hints](#) for further details.

### **EMAIL ADDRESS REQUIRED EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

Effective July 1, 2022, a new law requires all licensees, registrants, and applicants who have an email address to provide it to the Board. The Board must be notified of any changes to your email address within 30 calendar days of the change.

## UPDATES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION (HCAI)

The Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) improves healthcare access and works to promote a culturally competent and diverse healthcare workforce by providing scholarships, loan repayments, and grants to students, graduates, and institutions providing direct patient care in areas of unmet need. HCAI also collects, analyzes, and publishes data about California's health professional training, as well as identifies healthcare shortage areas in the state.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN

**Behavioral Health Scholarship Program (BHSP):** BHSP aims to increase the number of appropriately trained allied and advanced behavioral health professionals providing direct patient care in California. There are also scholarships available for individuals pursuing behavioral health careers in reproductive health settings. The BHSP application cycle opens on April 9, 2024, and closes on May 24, 2024.

**Golden State Social Opportunities Scholarship Program (GSSOP):** GSSOP aims to increase the number of licensed behavioral health professionals providing direct patient care in California. This scholarship gives priority to those who have experienced foster care and/or homelessness, as well as community-based organization employees. The GSSOP application cycle opened on April 9, 2024, and closes on May 24, 2024.

**Wellness Coach Scholarship Program (WCSP):** The goal of the WCSP is to educate and train students to serve as certified wellness coaches (CWC) in California to provide care to young people through prevention and early intervention services. This scholarship provides up to \$35,000 to students who will be enrolled or accepted into an associate- or bachelor's-level program in the fields of social work, addiction studies, or human services at a California college or university starting in the 2024-25 academic year in exchange for a 12-month service obligation. The WCSP application cycle opened on April 9, 2024, and closes on May 24, 2024.

### WELLNESS COACH CERTIFICATION

The wellness coach certification process is open. The certification website and information on certification requirements are available at <https://cawellnesscoach.org/>.

### OTHER HCAI FUNDING PROGRAMS AND ELIGIBILITY

HCAI offers a variety of grant, scholarship, and loan repayment programs for students, health care professionals and organizations. The application cycles open and close at different times of the year. Stay updated by signing up for [HCAI's email subscriber's list](#). HCAI provides an online tool to help determine eligibility for HCAI programs, available at [Funding Eligibility](#).

### CALIFORNIA HEALTH WORKFORCE DASHBOARDS AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA PRODUCTS

The California Health Workforce Research Data Center serves as the state's central source of health workforce data. The Research Data Center is responsible for collecting, analyzing, and distributing information on the supply, demand, demographic, educational, and employment trends of health care professionals and their distribution throughout the state. To view, visit [HCAI's Health Workforce Data](#) page.



## CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR LCSW CLINICAL EXPERIENCE HOURS AND SUPERVISION RATIOS

***Do all 2,000 hours of clinical psychosocial diagnosis, assessment, and treatment constitute “direct clinical counseling hours” for purposes of calculating the need for additional supervision required per week?***

In September 2023, the Board’s Licensing Unit became aware of a possible inconsistency in the calculation of supervision hours among ASWs, particularly concerning clinical experience hours. Upon investigation, it was found that this confusion stemmed from unclear information provided by Board staff and inadequately explained requirements in the Board’s licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) publications.

The issue primarily revolves around the interpretation of Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 4996.23(d)(2), which outlines the experience hours required for licensure. This section requires a minimum of 2,000 hours in clinical psychosocial diagnosis, assessment, and treatment, with at least 750 hours dedicated to face-to-face individual or group psychotherapy provided in the context of clinical social work services.

BPC section 4996.23.1 specifies supervision ratios and requires ASWs to obtain one hour of supervision for each week in which experience is credited in each work setting. It also specifies that if more than 10 hours of direct clinical counseling are performed in a week, an additional hour of supervision is required in that week. (Note: “One hour” of supervision as defined in BPC section 4996.23.1 means one hour of individual or triadic supervision, or two hours of group supervision).

Subsequent discussions highlighted ambiguity regarding what counts as “direct clinical counseling.” Do all 2,000 hours required by BPC section 4996.23(d)(2) constitute direct clinical counseling hours for purposes of calculating supervision ratios? Or just the 750 hours? The conclusion is that all 2,000 hours required by BPC section 4996.23(d)(2) are considered direct clinical counseling hours, for purposes of calculating supervision ratios, with the 750-hour requirement intended to ensure that a portion of these hours is within the specific context of clinical social work services.

Associates and supervisors should note that the LCSW Breakdown of Required Experience and the ASW Frequently Asked Questions were revised in November of 2023 for clarity.

### **What Should ASWs Do if They Did Not Meet the Required Supervision Ratio for the 2,000 hours?**

ASWs who believe their supervision hours may have been impacted by previous misunderstandings are encouraged to include a brief letter explaining their calculation method when submitting their LCSW application for licensure. The Board will take these explanations into consideration during the evaluation process. However, it is important to note that the Board does not pre-evaluate experience, and any final determination about an associate’s supervised experience will be made at the time of evaluation.





## NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

We unfortunately missed the announcement for **National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month** in our last newsletter. This year, the awareness month was moved up to April from its previous date in July, catching us off guard. However, we believe the information and resources related to this important observance are still incredibly valuable, which is why we're providing them now, albeit a bit later than intended.

Each year, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) **Office of Minority Health (OMH)** designates a theme for National Minority Health Month. The theme for 2024, "Be the Source for Better Health: Improving Health Outcomes Through Our Cultures, Communities, and Connections," is about understanding how the unique environments, cultures, histories, and circumstances (known as social determinants of health, or SDOH) of racial and ethnic minority and American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations impact their overall health.

Non-medical factors like **poverty, limited access to health care, lack of education**, and racism are all examples of SDOH that contribute to health disparities and inequities. SDOH impact nearly everyone in one way or another, and simply promoting healthy choices won't eliminate health disparities. Considering the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age is fundamental to improving health and reducing longstanding disparities affecting racial and ethnic minority and AI/AN populations.

The information remains accessible on HHS' website. We encourage you to explore these resources, as they offer valuable insights and support for addressing mental health disparities within minority communities.

## ONLINE IS EASIER AND FASTER!

### A Variety of Online Services Available via BREEZE

- For faster service, manage your registration and license online! BREEZE provides services for applicants, registrants and licensees that can save you weeks of processing time compared to paper applications. BREEZE allows payment via major credit card in a secure environment. Services available include the ability to:
  - Request a name change (**new!**).
  - Submit an address change (takes effect instantly).
  - Add or change your email address.
  - Verify a license and obtain proof of renewal status.
  - Obtain a certification of licensure.
  - Renew a license or registration instantly (up to 90 days in advance).
  - Submit an application to change from inactive to active status.
  - Request a replacement registration or license (allow two weeks for delivery).
  - Apply for your initial Law and Ethics Exam.
  - Apply for initial license issuance.

Consumer complaints can also be filed on BREEZE.

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

### HELPFUL TIPS

If you are new to the Board's online services, helpful tips are available online:

- **BREEZE Helpful Hints**
- **BREEZE Help Tutorial Videos**, including:
  - An overview of BREEZE services.
  - How to search for a license.
  - How to register for BREEZE.
  - What to do if you forgot your password or user ID.
  - How to submit a renewal.
  - How to update license information.
  - How to make a payment.

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



## COMING SOON

### ONLINE ASSOCIATE APPLICATIONS

The Board, along with the California Department of Consumer Affairs, are working hard behind the scenes to make Associate applications available to submit online via BREEZE. We expect the AMFT application to be rolled out some time in July or August of 2024.



## SUPERVISOR'S CORNER: TIPS WHEN TAKING ON A NEW SUPERVISEE

The Board recognizes that serving as a supervisor entails dedication and responsibility, and commends licensees who work hard to develop new mental health professionals contributing to the provision of quality mental health services in our state. Following is guidance to both new supervisors as well as experienced supervisors seeking to refresh their approach.

While ensuring the quality of services provided to clients by supervisees is paramount, it is equally essential for supervisors to nurture the professional growth and competence of their supervisees. Below are some tips to help achieve this balance, especially when taking on a new supervisee:

**Develop a Supervisory Plan:** California law requires a supervisor and supervisee to sign a **Supervision Agreement** within 60 days of commencing supervision.

This agreement requires the inclusion of a Supervisory Plan, outlining collaboratively set goals and objectives. Use this initial 60-day period to get to know your supervisee and develop a plan together tailored to their needs:

- Take the time to understand your supervisee's cultural identity, including personal and professional background, experiences, interests, and perceived strengths and weaknesses.
- Encourage your supervisee to reflect on their clinical goals and aspirations to pursue during supervision, including specific skills they wish to develop.
- Ensure that the goals and objectives set are both meaningful and measurable to evaluate the supervisee's progress.

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**Determine Your Supervisory Approach and Methods:**

Consider your supervisee's level of training, experience, and proficiency when deciding on your supervisory approach. Different methods of supervision may be more suitable at different stages of their development. For instance, less experienced supervisees may benefit from individual supervision sessions. When considering providing supervision via videoconferencing, the law requires supervisors to assess the appropriateness of this method. This assessment must include, but is not limited to, the abilities of the supervisee, the preferences of both the supervisee and supervisor, and the privacy of the locations of the supervisee and supervisor while supervision is conducted.

Best practices include conducting one or more initial in-person meetings to jump-start the relationship-building process, develop the Supervision Agreement, and establish protocols for use of the technology. It is important to ensure that the supervisor and supervisee have reliable and private Wi-Fi access. In terms of monitoring and assessing performance, for less experienced supervisees you may wish to use live observation of therapy sessions. For more experienced supervisees, review of video or audio recordings regularly may suffice.

**Develop a Strong Working Relationship:** Invest time in fostering a collaborative relationship with your supervisee. Be aware that factors such as culture, race, ethnicity, age, gender/gender orientation, academic background, religious and spiritual practices, romantic/sexual orientation, and disability may affect the supervisory relationship and process, and should be discussed. Open discussions about responsibilities, expectations, and contextual factors will foster the trust and understanding that is essential for effective supervision.

**Avoid Your Supervisee Losing Experience Hours:** Several avoidable factors could result in your supervisee losing valuable experience hours towards licensure. Take the following proactive measures to prevent such occurrences:

- Ensure your compliance with all requirements for serving as a supervisor. (see the [Supervisor Resources page](#)).
- Be fastidious about renewing your license on time, including completing the continuing education required for renewal.
- Complete a [Supervision Agreement](#) within 60 days of commencing supervision with each supervisee.
- Sign the supervisee's Weekly Log of Experience Hours on a weekly basis.
- If you're not employed by your supervisee's employer, ensure a Written Oversight Agreement is in place prior to commencement of supervision. The supervisee is required to provide this signed agreement with their application for licensure (see the [Sample Written Oversight Agreement](#)).
- Ensure that you provide the amount of weekly supervision necessary for a supervisee to count the hours worked in that week.
- Confirm that your supervisee is classified as either a W-2 employee or a volunteer, and not as an independent contractor.

For further details, refer to the Board's FAQs for Associates (access at [www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov)>Applicant>(select the Associate's license type)>Forms/Pubs).

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*Note: This article provides introductory information to help support supervisors. Please read the Statutes and Regulations pertaining to supervision to familiarize yourself with all requirements. A list of legal references can be found [here](#). Check with your professional association about best practices for supervision sessions.*

**References:**

*Quick [Guide for Clinical Supervisors](#), HHS Publication No. (SMA) 13-4770 Printed 2013, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).*

*[APA Guidelines for Clinical Supervision in Health Service Psychology](#) (2014), American Psychological Association.*

*[Planning to Supervise via Videoconferencing?](#) (2023) Board of Behavioral Sciences.*

## GET TO KNOW BBS STAFF MEMBERS



**PRATIKSHYA BARAL,  
CASHIER**

**Tell us a little bit about yourself and your career journey so far:**

I moved to the U.S. from Nepal in 2012, leaving behind my large and loving family. Currently I live with my husband, two amazing daughters and an adorable dog. Coming from a large, close-knit family background back home, adjusting to life in the U.S. meant starting fresh. Despite the challenges, my prior education and experiences back in Nepal helped me adapt. I began working in a small tax firm while raising my kids, eventually joining state service in 2023.

**How did you become a part of the BBS?**

In 2023, I joined state services and transferred to BBS after six months at the California Department of Food and Agriculture. I wanted a permanent position with growth opportunities, and I believe my job at BBS fulfills both requirements.

**What is your position at BBS and what does a day at the office look like for you?**

I am an Office Technician in the Cashiering Unit. In this role, I can interact with everyone at the Board, and working with the applications and fees that come into our office is fun.

**What are the most interesting aspects of the work that you do for BBS?**

I am someone who enjoys interacting and learning something new every day. As I am still new to the job, the most interesting aspect is learning the system.

**What is one thing that you wish more people knew about BBS?**

This is an excellent workplace where you meet fantastic people. Everyone is supportive and willing to help when needed. The supervisors and senior staff members are not only knowledgeable but also empathetic.

**Who or what inspires you?**

My inspiration comes from my mother and my entire family. Additionally, my friends play an intrinsic role in motivating me to keep moving forward in life.

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**LEE LYLES,  
LICENSING EVALUATOR**

**Tell us a little bit about yourself  
and your career journey so far:**

I have been with the state for 16 years and with BBS for almost 10 years. I am a single mom of three beautiful kids who are growing like weeds and keep me busy. I love to work out and eat.

**How did you become a part of BBS?**

I came to BBS at the time to get a promotion and get a different experience. I soon came to really enjoy the people I worked with.

**What is your position and what does a day at the office look like for you?**

I am a licensing evaluator; my days are usually busy with processing applications and answering emails. Every once in a while, I get an “interesting” application on my desk.

**What are the most interesting aspects of the work that you do?**

I think the most interesting aspect of working at BBS is the wide range of people you communicate with inside and outside of the Board.

**What is one thing that you wish more people knew about BBS?**

I wish more people knew how hard everyone here works for the whole state of California.

**Who or what inspires you?**

My mom and my kids inspire me. Most of who I am today is because of my mom. She is one of the kindest, smartest people I know and she’s always there for me. My kids inspire me to do my best and accomplish more because I have to provide for them, and I want them to have a good example in their lives and know that mom has their back.

**What is one fun fact about you that few people know?**

I am a little bit of a daredevil and like to try new things. I once sky dived.



Governor's Office press release



The newly passed initiative builds on the Newsom Administration's prior investments ([here](#) & [here](#)) and reforms ([here](#) & [here](#)), and will enable California to fully transform its behavioral health system for the first time in 20 years. (Courtesy of the Governor's Office.)

## WORK ACCELERATES ON HISTORIC TRANSFORMATION OF CALIFORNIA'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Originally published Mar 21, 2024, [here](#).

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The passage of Proposition 1 by California voters adds rocket fuel to Governor Gavin Newsom's transformational overhaul of the state's behavioral health system. These reforms refocus existing funds to prioritize Californians with the most serious mental health and substance use issues, who are too often experiencing homelessness. They also fund more than 11,150 new behavioral health beds and supportive housing units and 26,700 outpatient treatment slots.

LOS ANGELES—California took a major step forward in correcting the damage from 50 years of neglect to the state's mental health system with the passage of Proposition 1. This historic measure—a signature priority of Governor Gavin Newsom—adds rocket fuel to California's overhaul of the state's behavioral health systems. It provides a full range of mental health and substance

abuse care, with new accountability metrics to ensure local governments deliver for their communities.

"This is the biggest reform of the California mental health system in decades and will finally equip partners to deliver the results all Californians need and deserve. Treatment centers will prioritize mental health and substance use support in the community like never before. Now, it's time to roll up our sleeves and begin implementing this critical reform—working closely with city and county leaders to ensure we see results." – Governor Gavin Newsom

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**WHY THIS MATTERS:** These reforms focus billions of dollars in existing funds to prioritize Californians with the most serious mental health and substance use issues, too often experiencing homelessness, jail, and crisis hospitalizations. The \$6.38 billion bond will provide funding to build more than 11,150 new behavioral health beds and supportive housing units and 26,700 outpatient treatment slots—capacity that will touch many tens of thousands of people’s lives every year—filling critical needs across the state for everyone from homeless veterans to kids suffering from depression, to elders facing isolation, and everyone in between. Polling from the **Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC)** found an overwhelming majority (87%) of Californians say there is a mental health crisis in the United States.

**WHAT THEY’RE SAYING:**

- **Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg**, original author of the Mental Health Services Act: “Twenty years ago, I never could have dreamed that we would have the strong leadership we have today, committing billions and making courageous policy changes that question the conventional wisdom on mental health. Now, with the passage of Proposition 1. California is delivering on decades old promises to help people living with brain-based illnesses, to live better lives, to live independently and to live with dignity in our communities. This is a historic moment and the hard work is ahead of us.”
- **Senator Susan Eggman (D-Stockton)**, author of Senate Bill 326: “Today marks a day of hope for thousands of

Californians who are struggling with mental illness—many of whom are living unhoused. I am tremendously grateful to my fellow Californians for passing this important measure. And I am very appreciative of this governor’s leadership to transform our behavioral health care system!”

- **Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks)**, author of Assembly Bill 531: “This started as an audacious proposal to address the root cause of homelessness and today, Californians can be proud to know that they did the right thing by passing Proposition 1. Now, it’s time for all of us to get to work, and make sure these reforms are implemented and that we see results.”

**BIGGER PICTURE:** Transforming the Mental Health Services Act into the Behavioral Health Services Act and building more community mental health treatment sites and supportive housing is the last main pillar of Governor Newsom’s **Mental Health Movement**—pulling together significant recent reforms like the 988 crisis line, CalHOPE, CARE Court, conservatorship reform, CalAIM behavioral health expansion (including mobile crisis care and telehealth), Medi-Cal expansion to all low-income Californians, Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (including expanding services in schools and on-line), Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative, Veterans Mental Health Initiative, Behavioral Health Community Infrastructure Program, Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, Health Care Workforce for All and more. (More details on next steps [here](#).)



Learn more about the reform [here](#). (Courtesy of the Governor's Office.)



## ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

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

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS December 1, 2023—March 31, 2024		
Name	License Number	Fine Amount
Rebecca Braren	Unlicensed	\$5,000
Katharine L. Gould	Unlicensed	\$1,500
Rebecca G. Harvey aka Orion Queer	Unlicensed	\$5,000

## FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS DECEMBER 1, 2023–MARCH 31, 2024

Select the individual's name for a link to more information.

### [Costromas B. Abercrombie](#)

ASW 101075

Gardena

#### **CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of four (4) years with terms and conditions. Effective: February 1, 2024

### [Kimberly N. Anaya](#)

LCSW 89750

San Bernardino

#### **CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions. Effective: February 1, 2024

### [Glenn Robert Anderson](#)

LMFT 84277

Sacramento

#### **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

Action: License surrendered Effective: December 14, 2023

### [Anne Elysabette Barkett](#)

ASW 99481

Santa Barbara

#### **CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of four (4) years with terms and conditions. Effective: December 14, 2023

### [Rachel Bennahum](#)

LMFT 92640

Santa Monica

#### **CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions. Effective: December 14, 2023

### [Veronica Ann Castaneda](#)

AMFT 120197

Altadena

#### **CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions. Effective: February 1, 2024

### [Natasha Michelle Cunningham](#)

AMFT 143712

Lompoc

#### **CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions. Effective: December 14, 2023

### [Patricia Ashley Dalman](#)

ASW 79466

Sonora

#### **UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Action: Registration surrendered Effective: December 14, 2023

### [Kenyota Marie Dokes](#)

APCC 6251

Murrieta

#### **FRAUD**

Action: Registration surrendered Effective: December 14, 2023

### [William Sagheb Edic](#)

ASW 98752

Encino

#### **CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration surrendered Effective: February 1, 2024

### [Anita Auxilio Fernandez](#)

ASW 118327

Elk Grove

#### **CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration surrendered Effective: February 1, 2024

### [Samantha A. Gray](#)

ASW 93414

Riverside

#### **CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked Effective: December 14, 2023

### [Lindsey Katherine Hawkins](#)

AMFT 144729

Gilroy

#### **CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions. Effective: February 1, 2024

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**FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS DECEMBER 1, 2023–MARCH 31, 2024**

**Luis Martin Hernandez**

LCSW 100831

Fresno

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: February 1, 2024

**le Run Jung**

APCC 15629

Fremont

**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

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

Effective: January 18, 2024

**Mary Frances McDonough**

AMFT 143708

San Diego

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: December 14, 2023

**Chris Gonzalez Herrera**

LMFT 130481

Wilmington

**FAILED TO COMPLY WITH PROBATION TERMS/CONDITIONS**

Action: Probation extended until February 14, 2028.

Effective: December 14, 2023

**Nailya Kutzhanova**

LMFT 125938

Huntington Beach

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: January 18, 2024

**Aubrie Nicole Nuno-Pelayo**

AMFT 102029

Oakland

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration surrendered

Effective: December 14, 2023

**Danielle Megan Hollander**

AMFT 119130

Sacramento

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: January 18, 2024

**Olga Monique Madaris**

ASW 100045

Victorville

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: February 1, 2024

**Kathleen Virginia O'Brien**

LCSW 18626

Healdsburg

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License revoked

Effective: February 1, 2024

**Daniel Osvaldo Rodriguez**

ASW 119755

Compton

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

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**Paul Norman Rousseve**

AMFT 143713

Morgan Hill

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: December 14, 2023

**LisaMarie M. Sanchez**

AMFT 143711

Turlock

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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Effective: December 14, 2023

**Jesica Lorena Sandoval**

LMFT 114985

Garden

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: February 1, 2024

**Katrina Giselle Stagliano**

ASW 92791

Rancho Cucamonga

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked

Effective: December 14, 2023

**Alisha Jenna Thomas**

LMFT 143715

McKinleyville

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: December 14, 2023

**Ana I. Torres Blandon**

AMFT 126056

Glendale

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

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

Effective: February 1, 2024

**Kelly Tran**

AMFT 121761

El Segundo

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked

Effective: December 14, 2023

**Oscar Leonel Trejo-Baide**

ASW 108072

Oakland

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration revoked

Effective: December 14, 2023

**Philip Michael Valdez**

LMFT 52261

Los Angeles

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: License revoked

Effective: December 14, 2023

**Katherine Paola Zapata**

ASW 85871

Los Angeles

**CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS**

Action: Registration surrendered

Effective: December 14, 2023



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### BOARD MEETINGS

September 19–20  
November 14–15

### Policy and Advocacy Committee

August 9  
October 18

### Workforce Development Committee

August 9  
October 11

### EVENTS TO REMEMBER

MAY

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[Children's Mental Health Awareness Week](#)

SEPTEMBER

[Suicide Prevention Month](#)

[National Psychotherapy Day](#)

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