

**Nevada Applied Behavior Analysis Board Meeting June 20, 2023 - DRAFT MINUTES**

1. Meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Dr. Fronapfel. Board members in attendance: Dr. Fronapfel, Christy Fuller, Stephanie Huff and Courtney LoMonaco. April Zimba was absent. DAG Henna Rasul and Executive Director Wendy Knorr were present.
2. Public Comment- None
3. Approval of May 16, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes – No corrections noted. Christy Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; Courtney LoMonaco seconded the motion; motion carried.
4. Executive Director's Report
Wendy requested approval to attend the CLEAR conference in Salt Lake City in September. She also reported that both FARB and CLEAR offer educational opportunities that she will continue to monitor and take advantage of. Those fees can range from free to \$50-80 for the online sessions. Christy Fuller reviewed the conference materials and supports approving funding to send a board member or two as well. It is multi-track with a variety of topics and would be helpful as the board moves forward. Courtney LoMonaco also supported the idea of sending interested board member/s.
Christy Fuller made the motion to send Wendy and up to two board members to the CLEAR conference, approving funds to cover the cost of attending in September. Stephanie Huff seconded the motion; and the motion passed.

The listserv was used to promote a NABA sponsored event as well as the board meeting.

Certemy applications are being revised. The RBT application is in process right now after meeting with Erica. The LBA/LaBa applications have fewer revisions and will be addressed next. Hopefully all the new versions will be available/in use by the end of July.

There have been two requests for information. The first was another confirmation of the definition of "intern." The organization was referred back to the regulations and reemphasized that interns are part of a formal, approved educational partnership with an institution that includes defined goals, objectives, timelines and review. The second request was for NV ABA Board application approval rates. The number submitted, approved, denied due to background report issues and the total number issued during the previous year. Henna clarified that information about the denial of an applicant discussed *during a meeting* is considered public information and must be released. An application, minus confidential information, is also considered public information and must be provided upon request. She also clarified that if information is NOT tracked or easily obtained when the request is made, it does not have to be provided – the office does not have to create a new report just for the request. Dr. Fronapfel stated that much of the information requested is reported at each meeting and can be found in the posted meeting minutes.

5. Legislative Update- Wendy expressed thanks to NABA and the Autism Coalition of Nevada for the support during the session.

SB 431 is the Governor's Government Modernization act. It was a much broader bill when originally introduced but the reorganization of the Boards and Commissions remained. It is a complicated process and will definitely take time to implement, so we don't expect to see many changes initially. Oversight has been given to the Office of Business and Industry so our reporting structure will change. Many of areas of interest in the bill are in the individual statutes of each board, so there won't be any immediate sweeping changes. Difficult to understand what will and will not happen at this point in time.

SB 191 increased the age of Medicaid eligibility for young adults and clarified the ABA fee schedule. Fees did not change, they were just clarified.

AB 267 did change DEI requirements – they were increased for ABA licensees. The requirement was increased from 2 CE's to 6 for each renewal period. The details of the content requirements are listed in NRS 641D.360. The Office of Minority Health has been charged with providing educational resources that will meet the requirements and making that information available which will be helpful to our licensees. The definition of DEI is quite broad, so much of the existing CE offerings could meet the definition and may not be difficult to meet the new standard. Communication will need to go out to licensees about the new requirements and the renewal process information will be updated as well. The total number of CEs did not increase, just the state specific required.

AB 219 focused on administrative changes and open meeting requirements especially in light of the high use of online meetings.

6. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Board Activities

Dr. Fronapfel announced that our Community Member representative, April Zimba, has resigned. A new member will be recruited.

7. Financial Update

May Financial reports were provided to board members and posted on line. A year end report will be provided for review and discussion. Since our revenue exceeded \$250,000 we will be required to have a financial audit. Courtney LoMonaco made the motion to seek proposals for a financial audit; Christy Fuller seconded the motion and it passed.

Courtney LoMonaco reported that after meeting with Wendy and reviewing some options available for diversifying the Board's funds to increase the security and potential investment considerations. With potential investment income available, the board could consider using the additional fees to give back to the ABA community through scholarships for education or new licensees – something to consider for the future. Her recommendation is to remain with Heritage Bank and utilize the systems they have available for ease and consistency as we start this process. Revisions could be considered by the Board in the future. Christy Fuller made the motion to utilize Heritage Bank to begin the process of diversifying funds, Stephanie Huff seconded the motion; motion passed.

8. Discussion of Current Status of Applications and other Licensing Activities

Licensing Information:

RBT's:	May	Total: 104	June to date: 41	Total: 1744
LaBA's:	May	Total: 0	June to date: 0	Total: 32
LBA's:	May	Total: 7	June to date: 2	Total: 506

For a total of 2282 Licensed/Registered ABA professionals in the state.

Christy Fuller asked if there was any update from DPS regarding our LiveScan approval. Wendy will reach out for an update.

9. Determine Future Agenda Items

Christy Fuller made the motion to include the standard agenda items for the next meeting; Stephanie Huff seconded; motion passed.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, July 18 at 10 a.m.

10. Public Comment - None

11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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