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BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

- TIME AND PLACE:** June 15, 2023
UALR Donaghey Student Center, 2801 S. University Ave., Little Rock, AR 72204
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lance Lindow, RN; Neldia Dycus, BS, MHSM, MHRD, RN; Janice Ivers, MSN, RN, CNE; Stacie Hipp, MSN, APRN; Leslie Harmon Branman, BSN, RN, CPSN, CANS; Jasper Fultz, LPN; Melanie Garner, LPN, CLC; Ramonda Housh, MNSc, CNP, C-PNP; Lynne Ritchie, BS, RDH; Haley Strunk, LPN
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** NONE
- STAFF ATTENDING AT VARIOUS TIMES:** Sue A. Tedford, Director, MNSc, APRN
David Dawson, General Counsel, JD
Karen McCumpsey, Assistant Director, MNSc, RN, CNE
Shannon McKinney, Assistant Director, DNP, APRN, WHNP-BC
Lisa Wooten, Assistant Director, MPH, BSN, RN
Janet Simpson, Program Coordinator, MSN, RNP, RNC-MNN
Tammy Vaughn, Program Coordinator, MSN, RN, CNE
LouAnn Walker, Public Information Coordinator
Udell Ward Jr., Regulatory Board Chief Investigator
Albert Williams, Information Systems Coordinator
Leslie Suggs, Executive Assistant to the Director
- GUESTS:** Jim Cleghorn, Director, Member Engagement and Government Affairs, National Council of State Boards of Nursing
Dr. Michael Mancino, Program Director, UAMS Center for Addiction Services and Treatment

President Lance Lindow called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A flexible agenda was declared.

I. BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING AGENDA

A copy of the agenda for the day along with a copy of the corresponding hand-outs are attached.

Jim Cleghorn, Director, Member Engagement and Government Affairs, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, presented on Disciplinary Decision Pathway. This Tool is designed to help inform nursing regulatory body decisions in cases of practice errors and unprofessional conduct.

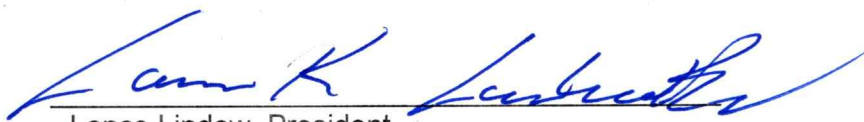
Following the presentation, board members and staff were divided into groups and given previous board disciplinary cases to determine an outcome using the Disciplinary Decision Pathway. Each group came to the original Board's conclusion of action.

Dr. Michael Mancino, Program Director, UAMS Center for Addiction Services and Treatment, discussed Opioid Use Disorder: An Arkansas Perspective with the Board. The use of Naltrexone, Methadone, and Buprenorphine for opioid use disorder were discussed.

Sue Tedford, Director, discussed with the Board parameters of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for individuals under a Board order. The Board suggested the following guidelines prior to bringing cases to board hearing:

- Neurological evaluation is not required,
- Addictive Behavior evaluation is required,
- Tentative Treatment Plan for listed providers,
- Individual Provider Treatment Plan is required,
- Three (3) months stability on Treatment Plan,
- Professional urine drug screen must be provided,
- Current PMP on file,
- Current medication list, and
- Employer Reference Letter

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.


Lance Lindow, President


Leslie Suggs, Recording Secretary

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Date Approved