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THE CERTIFIED PSYCHOANALYSTS ADVISORY COMMIT JUNE 24, 2020 PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Due to the current state of emergency, the **June 24, 2020** meeting of the Certified Psychoanalysts Advisory Committee was not held at 124 Halsey, but remotely. Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.1, notice was provided electronically within 48 hours of the scheduled meeting. The meeting started at 9:34 am and was accessed by the public via this link (now inactive):

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE MEETING

The agenda was provided below to the extent known at the time of this notice. The meeting was limited to urgent matters and those related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any public comments were to be submitted by 6:00 pm on Monday, June 22nd, 2020 by emailing Indira Nunez, Executive Director at nunezi@dca.njoag.gov. The Committee would make its best efforts to read any comments received during the meeting.

I. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patricia Harte Bratt, Ph.D., Chair Delores Johnson, M.D. (Public Member) Vicki G. Semel, Psy.D. Roland Alum, (Public Member, Vice Chair)

Also In Attendance:

Indira A. Núñez, Executive Director Tobey Palan, Deputy Attorney General

Announcement of Quorum

Dr. Harte Bratt, Committee Chair, announced the presence of a quorum.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 1. How to submit applications and documents to the Committee at this time.

 Ms. Núñez informed the public that all application documents should be emailed to the email noted on the website as all staff are currently working remotely.
- 2. Important resources on Division's website.

Ms. Núñez directed the public to visit the Division's website and go to the link called COVID Resources. Important information about all licenses and certifications on the Division are being posted periodically under that link.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

No minutes to approve.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received.

V. LEGISLATION/REGULATION

- 1. The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 4225, which prohibits lawful presence in United States as qualification for obtaining a professional or occupational license. The Committee felt that the Bill, while well-intended, may pose other issues because the language of the proposed legislation was not specific as to its application. Upon motion made by Dr. Semel, seconded by Dr. Johnson, the Committee voted to remain neutral on its position in connection to this proposed legislature as it lacked specific information. Mr. Alum opposed the Bill because he believed it would cause adverse issues. Dr. Bratt also voted to remain neutral. The motion carried with a quorum of the Committee.
- 2. The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 4247, which stablishes COVID-19 Frontline Mental Health Claims Program in Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in DHS and makes appropriation.

 Upon motion made by Dr. Semel, seconded by Mr. Alum, the Committee voted to support the Bill as presented. Voting in favor: All.
- 3. The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 4246, which permits expedited licensure in mental health professions for certain out-of-State individuals during state of emergency or public health emergency.

 Upon motion made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Alum, the Committee voted to support the Bill as presented. Voting in favor: All.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE No correspondence.

VII. MEETING DATES

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mr. Alum, seconded by Dr. Johnson, the Committee voted to close the public session and adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Voting in favor: All.