SDMHCA MEETING
Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center, Sioux Falls, SD
May 3, 2019

Call to Order – Meeting called to order by President Duane Kavanaugh at 12:30 p.m. CT.

Welcome (President Duane Kavanaugh)

Offer of Thanks and Let’s Eat (President-Elect Stephanie Lund)

Approval of Agenda
No additions or changes. Cindy Goering motions to approve the agenda; Robin Svendson seconds. All in favor; Agenda approved.

Financials (Finance Chairperson Jamie Peterson)
Current total: $9,453.02
Total income received: $1,420
Total expenses: $1,766.32

AMHCA Updates (Duane)
Duane attended AMHCA in Orlando last year. He reported that AMHCA is breaking off from ACA.

Medicare: We all need to be active (Duane)
Members encouraged to advocate for counselor reimbursement for Medicare by going to cracker barrels and sending letters. Physical letters are more effective than emails. Rebecca Christiansen will meet with Senator Thune on May 13. Please send her stories.

2019 LPC Code (Jennifer Staley, Executive Secretary of SD Board of Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists; and Duane Kavanaugh; Rebecca Christiansen; Sara Shortbull)
- There was opposition to a couple of pieces of the bill and it lost by two votes on the last day in the house.
- Bill is coming from the licensure board, not SDCA. They are involving us because they want our feedback, but they do not represent us; they represent the public.
- Purpose of the bill was to clean up the licensure code in general to make it clear, change the renewal process to every other year, remove administrative barriers, move to one level of licensure and prepare for license portability.
- Scope of practice is not affected by eliminating the two-level licensure, only billing. With the increased use of telehealth, portability will be essential. If we do not keep up with the trends, we will lose the telehealth industry to the fields of psychology and social work.
- Answered questions on current process and proposed changes. Law has not been changed. Adhere to current law regarding licensure.
- Opposition to the bill is currently louder. If you agree with the bill, become more vocal.
- Last version of the bill was HB1250. Please advise Board of Examiners if you are unhappy with any section of the bill.
- A letter of support of the bill was passed around at the conference and meeting for anyone who wanted to sign.
- A mental health task force is expected to convene this summer.
- SDCA board will cover room and board for anyone who attends Day on the Hill.
- The ACA is using SD as a model for how they do advocacy. ACA offer their full support.
- ACA is looking at national licensure across the country for portability. Need standards to line up.
- The ACA is flying Rebecca to DC to meet with Senator Thune.

**Board Election (Vote Required)**
Slate Presented for 2019-2020 Board:
President – Stephanie Lund
President-Elect – Robin Svendson
Past President – Duane Kavanaugh
Secretary – Joy Anderson
Government Relations – Sara Shortbull
Finance Chairperson – Jamie Peterson

No new nominations were made.
Motion to accept slate by Brian Dannen and seconded by Allison Oxner.

**Awards (Stephanie)**
President Award recipient: Duane Kavanaugh
Howard B. Smith Award recipients: Duane Kavanaugh, Jamie Peterson

**Closing**
Rebecca Christiansen motions to adjourn; Allison Oxner seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. CT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy Anderson, MA, LPC, QMHP, AHTC
Secretary