

State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners
September 22nd & 23rd, 2016

By Authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners was held Thursday September 22nd, 2016 and Friday September 23rd, 2016 via teleconference.

Thursday September 22nd, 2016

Agenda item #1

Call to order:

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Laura Thiesen at 9:06 a.m.

Roll call:

Laura Thiesen, Chairperson
Angie Christiansen – Absent – Unexcused
Danielle LaFon
Zachary Paulson
Rachel Olson

Board staff:

Chelsea S Childress, Licensing Examiner

Agenda Item #2

Review Agenda

No initial changes noted by the Board.

A motion duly made by Mr. Zachary Paulson, seconded by Ms. Danielle LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to approve the agenda as amended.

Later in the meeting Licensing Examiner Chelsea Childress noted that the investigator provided under the investigative report was supposed to reflect Brian Howes, not Sonia Lipker.

Agenda item #3:

Administrative Business

Ethics report:

There were no ethics conflicts to report.

noted that even though they inquired to the State prior to starting supervision the statutes clearly state who is able to provide supervision; it is the licensee's responsibility to ensure that they will be meeting statutes and regulations when it comes to obtaining supervision. The Board also noted that delivery of incorrect information should be the State's liability.

12 AAC 18.115. SUPERVISION OF EXPERIENCE FOR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK LICENSE.

(b) The board will, in its discretion, approve the supervision of experience of an applicant for a clinical social work license to satisfy the requirements of AS 08.95.110(a)(2) if the clinical supervisor

(1) documents the applicant's supervised experience on a form provided by the department; and

(2) is a clinical social worker, psychologist, or psychiatrist who holds an unrestricted license to practice that profession in this state or other licensing jurisdiction during the period of supervision.

The Board votes to table the application discussed above due to not satisfying the length of supervision requirement required Per 12 AAC 18.115.

Agenda item #6

New Business

Ms. Childress had a question regarding reinstatement. Since the Social Work Statutes and Regulations don't have a specific reinstatement section, the authority would fall under the Centralized Statutes and Regulations. Centralized Statutes state the individual applying for reinstatement will satisfy the renewal requirements. In the Board of Social Work Examiners case, the individual would be required to submit a renewal for the concluding licensing period. Ms. Childress questioned - would it be the concluding licensing period that just passed, or the licensing period that they had let their license lapse? I.e. if expired 06/30/2012, would they submit the 2012 renewal or the 2016 renewal?

After discussion, the Board determined that the licensee shall satisfy the requirements for the concluding licensing period for the licensing period that just passed. I.e. if expired 06/30/2016, they must submit the 2016 Renewal with supporting documentation. The Board also determined that, if they were satisfying the renewal requirements with CEU's after the licensing period (any CEU's obtained on or after 07/01/2016), a letter shall be provided by the licensing examiner specifying which CEU's they would not be allowed to use for the 2018 renewal.

After concluding the discussion regarding reinstatements, the Board determined that they would review the reinstatement application with the other applications.

Break at 9:32 AM
Return at 9:41 AM

Agenda Item #4

Investigative report

The Board was joined by Investigator Howes.

Upon return from lunch, the Board continued with application review.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Agenda item #8

Application review

The Board continued with application review.

The Board entered executive session at 1:16 PM for the purpose of discussing applications for review.
The Board exited executive session at 2:27 PM to continue with application review.

Break at 2:27 PM

Back at 2:35 PM

Upon return from break, the Board continued with application review. It was determined that the Audit's submitted would be reviewed for approval tomorrow morning, prior to our regulations discussion.

The Board reviewed an Audit that did not satisfy the requirements per 12 AAC 18.210. The Board discussed appropriate fees for the individuals that do not satisfy the Audit requirements. It was requested of Ms. Childress to check other licensing board policies to see if they have a set standard for fees, etc. The Board determined subsequent conversation would be more suitable for tomorrow after further information has been obtained on how to proceed with the incomplete audits.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:

RESOLVED to adjourn the Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners

Adjourned at 3:26 pm

Michelle Beaulieu

Master Social Work by Exam

Sheila Baker
Christian Garrett
Hope O'Brien
Christopher Sharpe
Rebecca Rodriguez
Judy Dattus
Corrie Bahr

Audits

Lisa Jamieson
Kelly Wright
Seimeen Blanco
Holly Anderson-Caldwell
Becky Iverson
George Girod
Pauline Richard
Mary Evans
Joanne Thomas
Pamela Jones
Marcia Hoffman-Devoe

Continuing Education Approval Requests

CEU Rural Cap
CEU Core Concepts
CEU Increasing Capabilities
CEU 40 Hour Mediation Training – approved for 36 CEU's
CEU FASD

Additional Requests

Cheri Johansen – Exam Extension
Judy Dattus – Alternate Supervision
Camielle Call – Audit Extension Request

Agenda item #9

Statutes and Regulations Discussion

The Board discussed the deadline for the regulations project (January 01, 2017 – draft sent to legislature; July 17, 2017 – fully implemented).

Ms. Childress provided copies of other State regulations for telehealth to help the board with developing the appropriate language.