

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held in Anchorage, Alaska at 550 West 7th Avenue.

July 21, 2011

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Gail La Rose-Henderson, Chair, at 8:30 a.m.

Board members present, forming a quorum of the Board, were:

Gail La Rose-Henderson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Wasilla
Jason Floyd, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker, Nome
Laura Thiesen, Licensed Master Social Worker, Glennallen
Marilyn B. Kerr, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Board member absent:

Jennifer Syzdek, Public Member

Present from the Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing at various times were:

Eleanor Vinson, Licensing Examiner
Gary Keiser, Investigator

Agenda Item 1 Ethics Reports

There were no ethics reports.

Agenda Item 2 Review Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

On a motion duly made by Jason Floyd seconded by Laura Thiesen and passed unanimously it was

RESOLVED that the Board accept the agenda.

Agenda Item 3 Review Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 29, 2011, meeting.

On a motion duly made by Jason Floyd seconded by Laura Thiesen and passed unanimously it was

RESOLVED that the Board accept the February 11, 2011 meeting minutes.

Agenda Item 4 Investigator Report

Investigator Gary Kaiser joined the meeting and gave his investigation report. One complaint for unethical conduct is on-going and four complaints/investigations have been closed since last meeting. All three cases involving consent agreement, probation, or supervision are on schedule and doing well.

On a motion by Laura Thiesen, seconded by Marilyn Kerr, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to go into executive session with staff in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and (3) for the purpose of discussing an investigation.

Into Executive Session: 1:55 pm

Out of Executive Session: 2:09 pm

Agenda Item 5 Applications/Reinstatements/Audits

The Board reviewed 43 applications 36 continuing education audits during this meeting.

On a motion by Laura Thiesen, seconded by Jason Floyd, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to approve the following Social Work applications with the stipulation that the information in the applicants' files will take precedence over the information in the minutes:

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

BURGESS, LEE
BURTON, CYNTHIA
HAWKINSON, THERESA
HUESTIS, AMBER
KENNEDY, CATHERINE
LUBY, ANNA
MCGAUTHIAR, CHRISTINA
MCMURREN, CHRISTINE

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS

KAHTZ, SANDRA
PAGE, BOBETTE
RENNOLDS, SUSAN
WEEKS, ELIZABETH

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

BLACKMUR, SARA
GIBNEY, SHANA
HUFFMAN, PAMELA
JENSEN, ARIKA
LEFF, KIM
SATCHELL, SAMANTHA

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS

GEORGE, MELISSA
HAMPTON, CYNTHIA

REINSTATEMENT

HALVERSON, KATHLEEN
KEARON, PATRICIA
PARKIN, CYNTHIA

EXTENSION OF EXAM TIME

BROWN, RACHEL
HUPP, WILLIAM

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

LORMAN BUSINESS CENTER

1. Making Friends: Social Understanding for Students w/Autism & Asperger's
2. Making Revisions to Closed medical Records

LYNN CANAL COUNSELING SERVICES

1. Practice Based Evidence: Improving Effectiveness thru Client Directed, Outcome informed counseling

CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS INSTITUTE – CODI

1. ASAM
2. Assessment for Professionals
3. Assessment for Paraprofessionals
4. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
5. Couples Counseling
6. Documentation
7. Family Psychoeducation
8. Global Assessment of Functioning
9. Integrated Treatment
10. Medication Management
11. Motivational Enhancement Therapy
12. Personality Disorders & Addiction
13. Risk Assessment
14. Trauma Focused CBT
15. 12 Step Facilitation
16. Working With Resistant Clients

On a motion by Laura Thiesen, seconded by Marilyn Kerr, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to approve the following Social Work continuing education audits with the stipulation that the information in the applicants' files will take precedence over the information in the minutes:

Anderson, Jami
Arvison, Kathryn
Behr, Claudia
Campbell, Michael
Carey, Kathleen
Champagne, Lauren
Charest, Nyia
Charlton, Alice
Chase, Yvonne
Eider, Terry
Favano-Harding, Linda
Fong, Rose
Gaffney, December
Hischer, John
Holthaus, Aileen
Hunter, Tamara
Iverson, Becky
Lawrence, Kimberley
Lewis, Randy
Magen, Randy
McInally, Kathleen
Modde, David
Natanek, Malinda
Olson, Sherry
Rygh, Margie
Schmoker, Mikea
Truesdell, Pat
Weglarz, Gary
Yanez, Jennifer
Yaros, Ann

Agenda Item 6 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The Board adjourned at 4:50 pm

July 22, 2011

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Gail La Rose-Henderson, Chair, at 8:30 a.m.

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Jason Floyd, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker, Nome
Laura Thiesen, Licensed Master Social Worker, Glennallen
Marilyn B. Kerr, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Board member absent:

Jennifer Syzdek, Public Member

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Eleanor Vinson, Licensing Examiner
Gary Keiser, Investigator

Agenda Item 7 New Business

A. Military Temporary License

This was an “FYI” regarding a new law that has taken effect state-wide regarding all professional licensing. It deals with streamlining licensing for military personnel and their spouses.

B. Professional Reference Form

The Board has noted that there seems to be a problem with question number seven on the professional reference form being answered. They wish to change the format of the question, making it more difficult to miss.

Agenda Item 8 Regulations

A. 12 AAC 18.120, 12 AAC 18.930, 12 AAC 18.990

This concerned a regulation changes to place a 10 year limit on “student” employment that was previously discussed, reviewed by the Department of Law, and now has been public noticed.

On a motion by Jason Floyd, seconded by Laura Theisen, and approved unanimously it was

**RESOLVED to adopt the changes dealing with sections
12 AAC 18.120, 12 AAC 18. 930, and 12 AAC 18.990, as public noticed.**

Agenda Item 9 Old Business

A. Code of Ethics

The Board had discussed that the NASW's code of ethics is broad and ambiguous and they may write their own. Discussion showed that some board members believe that the code of ethics is not a code of regulations and there is no historical context for needing to change it. The board members will find out more information at the national ASWB annual meeting. This will be re-visited at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 10 Budget Report

There was no budget report. The Division is hiring a new Administrative Officer.

Agenda Item 11 Correspondence

A. Frysz/Military reporting

This question was in regard to mandated reporting of suspected child abuse. The policy for a civilian working for the federal government, per government regulations, is to report any suspected abuse to a designated government agency. It does not say they must report to OCS directly for suspected maltreatment of children. All military members also have to report to this designated agency. It does not say OCS, either.

The Board was asked if military members that are state licensed social workers have to report any suspected child abuse directly to the OCS, or does the federal policy trump the state policy in that the military members only have to report to the designated government agency.

It was further asked if military members who are licensed in various other states and are stationed in Alaska have to report directly to OCS also? (Note: Military members are not required to become licensed in Alaska if working only on military bases.)

This is in reference to the following:

Sec. 08.95.900. Confidentiality of communication. (a) A licensed social worker, and the social worker's employees or other persons who have access to the social worker's records, may not reveal to another person a communication made to the licensee by a client about a matter concerning which the client has employed the licensee in a professional capacity. This section does not apply to.....

(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a licensed social worker shall report incidents of child abuse or neglect as required by AS 47.17.020 and incidents of harm to vulnerable adults as required by AS 47.24.010.

Sec. 47.17.020. Persons required to report.

(a) The following persons who, in the performance of their occupational duties, or with respect to (8) of this subsection, in the performance of their appointed duties, have reasonable cause to suspect that a child has suffered harm as a result of child abuse or neglect shall immediately report the harm to the nearest office of the department:

(1) practitioners of the healing arts;.....

(g) A person required to report child abuse or neglect under (a) of this section who makes the report to the person's job supervisor or to another individual working for the entity that employs the person is not relieved of the obligation to make the report to the department as required under (a) of this section.

The Board's opinion is that the Federal authority would trump the State of Alaska authority while they are working on a military base, but are unclear if this would apply if the military member, licensed in Alaska, working off base, would have to report to OCS.

The Board is requesting a legal opinion from the state as to whether the Federal authority would trump the State authority.

B. Maling/concerns regarding BSWs

Ms. Maling had questions regarding comments made regarding concerns about BSWs that was made at a previous meeting. Board Member Jason Floyd will contact her. This is a follow-up for interpretation.

C. Hetzel/supervision question

Ms. Hetzel asked if she took a job with limited patient contact, would she be eligible to get her LCSW. The case load will not be her major job function.

The Board stated that it would be up to her supervisor for licensure hours to sign off the appropriate hours acknowledging that she was doing clinical training.

D. ASWB/licensure w/doctorate only

This was an "FYI" from the Association of Social Work Boards regarding the question of licensing PhDs who do not have master social worker degrees. Some states do license these doctorate level applicants. ASWB does not endorse them, so Alaska would not accept them. The Board members will discuss it at the national meeting.

E. FYI – Morse/complaint re: form

Mr. Morse complained regarding a list for social workers application references. The Board does not feel it necessitates a regulations change to add "licensed clinical social worker" to the list of who can be a professional reference. They would be covered under "master's or doctorate degree social worker".

Agenda Item 12 Board Business

A. Task List

Marilyn Kerr will become the board liaison to NASWAK.
Jason Floyd will contact person regarding BSWs.

B. Sign Wall Certificates

The wall certificates were signed.

C. Schedule future meetings

October 14, 2011 in Anchorage
February 24, 2012 in Juneau
June 15, 2012 in Anchorage

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

D. Sign Meeting Minutes

The April 29, 2011 meeting minutes were signed by the Board Chair.

E. Discuss Travel Authorizations/collect & sign

Travel Authorizations were signed by the Board members and turned in.

F. Training/conferences

New Member Training – to be attended by Marilyn Kerr
Annual Meeting – Jason Floyd and Laura Thiesen to attend

**Upon a motion by Laura Thiesen, seconded by Jason Floyd, and approved
unanimously it was**

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.