

**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
April 24, 2009**

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 W 7th Avenue, Suite 1860.

Friday, April 24, 2009

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Darrell Allman, Acting Chair, at 8:30 a.m. Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board, were:

Darrell Allman, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Anchorage
Gail La Rose-Henderson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Wasilla
Jason Floyd, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker, Valdez
Patty McMillin, Licensed Master Social Worker, Bethel

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

Kathy Mason, Administrative Manager (by telephone)
Eleanor Vinson, Licensing Examiner
Karen Wilke, Paralegal (by telephone)
JoAnna Williamson, Investigator (by telephone)

Present from Division of Legislative Audit:

Kimball Andresen (by telephone)

Visiting Member of the Public:

Colleen Riley, Former Board Chairperson

Agenda Item 1 Review Agenda

The Agenda was left as presented.

Agenda Item 2 Review Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 5, 2008 meeting.

On a motion duly made by Jason Floyd, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson, and passed unanimously it was

RESOLVED that the Board accept as amended the December 5, 2008, meeting minutes.

Agenda Item 3 Election of Board Officers

On a motion duly made by Jason Floyd, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson, and passed unanimously it was

RESOLVED that the Board nominate Darrell Allman as Chair of the Board of Social Work Examiners

On a motion duly made by Jason Floyd, seconded by Patty McMillin, and passed unanimously it was

RESOLVED that the Board nominate Gail La Rose-Henderson as Vice Chair of the Board of Social Work Examiners

The Chair formally welcomed Patty McMillin to the Board of Social Work Examiners.

Agenda Item 4 Old Business

A. Non-response of Board members to mail ballots

The Board discussed the difficulties encountered with mail ballots. The division had suggested not mailing out ballots and having another meeting. The Board would like to meet every four months, with emergency mail-outs if necessary.

B. ASWB meeting report

Gail La Rose-Henderson reported on the Association of Social Work Board's (ASWB) meeting. She emphasized that it is very informative and the new board member training is very good.

There was information on tele-health. It allows one to get the feeling of what others are concerned with; gives new resources. The meeting helped one get "the big picture"

Agenda Item 5 Regulations

A. Application made under oath/penalty

Application made under oath/penalty

This was an "FYI". This was signed into law and became effective on February 28, 2009.

This regulation adds 12 AAC 18.140 (c) regarding application made under oath and the penalty and changes to 12 AAC 18.100 (a), 12 AAC 18.110, 14 AAC 18.140, and 12 AAC 18.200.

The Board Chair requested that the licensing examiner set up a document tracking the legislative information of the Board. This would show such things as when supervision change occurred; when licensing began (no longer grandfathered).

B. Change alternate supervision 12.AAC.18.115

This was concerning face-to-face supervision. There is no place that says how much face to face supervision is required when using alternate supervision. The Board feels that face to face supervision is critical, but does not want to define in regulation how many hours are required. It will be decided on a case by case basis; to be determined by the Board if the alternate supervision will be acceptable.

Agenda Item 6 Correspondence

A. McMurren – alternate supervision

Christy McMurren was asking for approval to use alternate supervision, by being allowed to use supervision provided by telephone from a person out of state. Some of the supervision had already taken place.

There was discussion regarding alternate supervision when living in Anchorage, which is not considered to be a remote location.

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

(d) To receive the exception in (c)(1) of this section, an applicant who practices in a remote location must, before the supervision begins, submit a written request to the board to allow supervision by telephonic or electronic means. The board will approve a request for telephonic or electronic supervision of an applicant who practices in a remote location if the board determines that

- (1) approved clinical supervisors are not practicing at, or within a reasonable distance of, that location; or
- (2) the approved clinical supervisors practicing at that location cannot provide appropriate supervision because of the supervisor's relationship to the applicant, a possible conflict of interest, or other good cause shown.

(e) For good cause shown to the board's satisfaction, the board will accept an alternate plan of supervision that varies from the requirement of this section, if the applicant

- (1) submits the alternate plan in writing to the board; and
- (2) receives approval of the alternate plan by the board before the applicant begins the alternate supervised experience.

On a motion duly made by Patty McMillin, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson, and passed unanimously it was

RESOLVED that the Board, Based on 12 AAC 18.115, deny Ms. McMurren's request for approval for alternate supervision that has already taken place without Board approval, or for future alternate supervision using this plan

The Board encouraged Ms. McMurren to seek expertise in the Anchorage area for her supervision.

B. Maya Raschel – alternate supervision

Ms. Raschel had requested approval for alternative supervision while overseas in Australia. The Board had requested additional information and she had submitted the additional information.

**On a motion duly made by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Patty McMillin,
RESOLVED that the Board approve Maya Raschel's request for alternate
supervision**

There was discussion regarding the public safety aspect and that this is the Alaska Board of Social Work Examiners, not an international board. Per 12 AAC 18.115, the Board may approve an alternate plan if a person is living in "a remote location". There was discussion regarding Australia being a "remote location" and how "remote location" was intended to be used in the Alaska Board regulations.

The Board voted on this motion. The following is the results:

Voting in favor of accepting Ms. Raschel's request – two
Voting not in favor of accepting Ms. Raschel's request – one
Abstaining from voting: one (Jason Floyd)

The motion failed due to lack of quorum (no action can be taken); approval not given.

There was further discussion regarding a quorum and accepting Ms. Raschel's employment hours toward her required hours.

**On a motion duly made by Patty McMillin, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson
RESOLVED that the Board approve Maya Raschel's supervision by
teleconferencing and current employment hours pending documentation from
current supervisor as to the nature of the work**

Chair Allman felt it was not in the best interest of the public or the State of Alaska to approve work hours or supervision outside the jurisdiction of the United States. The alternate supervision was intended to be a way to fulfill the need of social workers practicing in the rural parts of Alaska.

The Board voted on the above motion. The following are the results:

Voting on whether or not to accept the motion:

Darrell Allman – No
Gail La Rose-Henderson – Yes
Patty McMillin – Yes
Jason Floyd - No

The motion failed due to lack of quorum (no action can be taken); approval not given.

C. National Association of Scholars

The National Association of Scholars had previously asked the Board to cease relying on the Council on Social work Education to qualify social workers for licensure. There will be no letter/reply needed.

E. Stacey Reay – complaint OCS

Ms. Reay wrote regarding the use of the term "social worker" as it is being used in courts and the need for education of the public as to the use of this as a generic term.

There was discussion regarding how the Board has written to the Office of Children's Services in the past regarding licensure and how some employers are not requiring licensure.

Jason Floyd discussed how OCS is advertising for non-social workers in positions that had previously been social work positions.

The Board discussed requesting the investigator look into court records and see if people who are not social workers are, indeed, presenting themselves as social workers in violation of 08.95.100. There was discussion regarding the scope of such an investigation and the specific question that is being asked.

There was discussion on how to get information out to the public.

Jason Floyd will work on obtaining information regarding public service announcements to educate the public on the licensing of social workers. The Board also feels that it would be good to invite the local (Fairbanks) school of Social Work to the next meeting to begin a dialogue regarding the concern of licensing information and requirements getting to their students.

Agenda Item 7 Application Review

The Board reviewed applications:

On a motion by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Jason Floyd, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to approve the following Social Work applications:

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION:

EMERSON-WINTER, DENNITA
KARG, SHELLEY
GARNER, NIKKI
HAY, LISA
MANDSAGER, RACHEL
O'BRIEN, ANNE
PEEK, JENNIFER

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS:

RAGAN, SHAWNA
YOUNG, MERLIN

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION:

HONNER, CHARLOTTE
ISAEFF, KRISTI
JOHNSON, STEPHANIE
LUBY, ANNA
NELSON, MATTHEW
RICHMOND, KATHLEEN

SELL, DEBBIE
SENSEINIG, GWEN

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS:

BUBAR, CHRISTINE
MOON, HEATHER
RENNOLDS, SUSAN

BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION:

LEHODIK-ALEXANDER, REBECCA

BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS:

ALLEN, JENNIFER

CEU AUDITS

HENKELMAN, JAMES
JAMIESON, MELODY
LALLY, EILEEN

REINSTATEMENT

KILKENNY, KIMBERLY

EXTENSION

BUSH, JAY
CALHOUN, SHERSTON
GREGORY, ANGELA
MCDONALD, LARA
MENTH, LISA SMITH
MONREAL, AMALIA

On a motion by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Jason Floyd, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to approve the following Continuing Education Providers' applications:

AWARE

An Integrated Approach to Childhood Exposure to Violence & Implications for Early Brain Development

Alaska Center For Resource Families

2009 Kenai Peninsula Out of the Home Care Conference
Fostering Hope: For Children, Families & Our Community

Beyond Borders

1. Helping Those Who Experience Depression & Anxiety
2. Helping Those Who Experience Grief & Loss

Casey Family Programs

Knowing Who You Are

Central Peninsula Hospital, Behavioral Health Dept

Community Trauma Training

Co-Occurring Disorders Institute, Inc (CODI)

1. Hipaa and 42 CFR
2. Ethics

Lynn Canal Counseling Services

Attachment in the Classroom

MEDS-PDN

Legal Issues in Behavioral Health in Alaska

UAF Alaska Rural Behavioral Health Training Academy

1. Drum Circle
2. Motivational Interviewing

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp

1. Our Children Our Future
2. Connecting Our Children to Past, Present, and Future

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc

2009 Rural Providers' Conference:

1. Innovative Treatment Interventions for Youth with FASD
2. HIV Prevention, Stigma & Resilience
3. Pathway to Hope / A Time to Heal
4. Meth 360: Never a First Time
5. Honoring, Supporting & Empowering Grandparents Who Are Raising Their Grandchildren within Rural Communities
6. Strong at the Broken Places – group therapy for PTSD
7. It is a Pain
8. What do Kids Need so Suicide is Not an Option?
9. STEPS – to Interfacing Schools & Community Mental Health
10. Tobacco Policy – How it Relates to Your Community
11. An Empowerment Model of Recovery From Sexual Abuse For Indigenous Men
12. Assertive Cultural Communications Secrets: Who Are They?
13. Freedom of Choice in the Lives of People With Disabilities
14. Healthy Boundaries
15. Peacemaking: Skills and Perspective for Resolving Conflicts
16. The Spiritual Care of Addicts and Those Who Love Them
17. Grief & Health Part 1 & 2

On a motion by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Jason Floyd, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to approve PENDING the following Social Work applications:

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

MICHAELSON, COLETTE

Agenda Item 8 New Business

A. CEU Providers' inaccuracies (FYI)

This was an "FYI" for the Board. It has been found during a board audit, that there are providers who are claiming that their courses are "sponsored by the Alaska Board of Clinical and Social Work Examiners". The Board of Social Work Examiners does not sponsor any courses; they approve courses for continuing education.

B. ASWB Exam pass rate

This was an "FYI" report from the Association of Social Work Boards regarding the pass/fail rate for applicants from Alaska who have taken their examination, which is required for licensure by examination.

Agenda Item 9 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 10 Budget Report

Administrative Officer Cathy Mason explained to the Board what is involved in the different categories of the budget report. She informed the Board that, as of this time, this board is in good financial shape.

Agenda Item 11 Paralegal Report

Paralegal Karen Wilke gave the report to the Board. She also reminded the Board that they have previously adopted (in 2007) guidelines for discipline regarding CEU deficiencies. There is one pending audit at this time.

A. Gardner

This matter has been reviewed and the audit is now approved and concluded.

B. Aman

Mr. Randal Aman's license is currently suspended and he has not been in contact with our board paralegal.

C. DeBoer

Ms. DeBoer's continuing education audit had previously been denied and she provided continuing education to be reviewed today as part of the requirements from the previous renewal period (2006-2008).

On a motion by Jason Floyd, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to accept the NASW letter submitted to the Paralegal as proof of Ms. DeBoer's CEU compliance.

Agenda Item 12 Investigator's Report

Investigator Williamson gave the Board the report regarding cases opened and closed. There are no new open investigations at this time.

On a motion by Jason Floyd, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to go into executive session regarding case 800-08-001

Into executive session at 11:35 pm
Out of executive session at 12:20 pm

On a motion by Jason Floyd, seconded by Patty McMillin, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement as presented for case number 800-08-001

There was a Roll Call Vote on this motion:

- Darrell Allman – Vote to Accept
- Gail La Rose-Henderson – Vote to Accept
- Jason Floyd – Vote to Accept
- Patty McMillin – Vote to Accept

Agenda Item 13 Audit of licenses

Renewal Audits

The Board reviewed the continuing education information that had been submitted by licensees who were chosen in the renewal audit.

On a motion by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Jason Floyd, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to Deny the following Social Work CEU Audits:

JACKSON, MONTEAN
STALLARD, BARBARA

Agenda Item 14 Board Business

A. Task List

Darrell Allman
Find out when NASW will meet in Juneau

Jason Floyd
Follow-up on public safety/education PSA possibilities regarding social work licensing and public rights or organizational/employer responsibilities

B. Sign Wall Certificates

The wall certificates were signed and it was requested that some of the wording on the certificates be changed, such as changing "President" to "Chairperson".

C. Schedule future meetings

The next meeting will be held August 28, 2009, in Fairbanks. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

D. Sign Meeting Minutes

The December 5, 2008, 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. Ethics reports

There were no ethics violations reported.

Jason Floyd reported the change in his employment status to the board and his understanding and that no action against his license had been reported. There was no action reported to the Board that needed further information gathering and the board did not take a position on the employment action that had occurred with Jason.

G. Training/conferences

The Board will send Darrell Allman to the ASWB Annual Meeting, October 29-31, 2009.

Agenda Item 15 Yearly Report

For the 2009 yearly report, the Board discussed what it would like to see in its legislative recommendations and in its goals and objectives.

Some of the new legislative recommendations include the following:

- Add practice language to all levels of licensure
- Define the state's position on tele-health as it relates to the practice of social work
- Address licensure of school social workers

Upon a motion by Jason Floyd, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Eleanor Vinson, Licensing Examiner

Approved:

Darrell Allman, Chair
Social Work Examiners Board

Date: _____