

**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  
August 28, 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 Fairbanks, Alaska, at 2301 Peger.

**Friday, August 28, 2009**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Darrell Allman, 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)  
David Newman, Investigator (by telephone)  
Brian Howes, Chief Investigator (by telephone)

**Agenda Item 1    Review Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Agenda Item 2    Review Meeting Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 24, 2009 meeting.

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

**RESOLVED that the Board accept as amended the April 24, 2009, meeting minutes.**

### **Agenda Item 3 Correspondence**

#### **A. Rosanne Lynch**

Ms. Lynch requested information regarding how much of a conference a participant must attend of a conference in order to get the CE credit.

The Board has determined that it is up to the organization as to what they wish to award, but the Board has no restrictions regarding what percent of a conference they would require a person to attend before they could receive credit. The Board's standards for accepting hours are based on the following:

#### **12 AAC 18.210. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT. ....**

(c) For the purposes of this section,

(1) one "contact hour" equals a minimum of 50 minutes of classroom instruction between instructor and participant;

#### **B. Drew Babidoux**

The Board of Social Work Examiners received correspondence from a social worker who is doing outreach from Massachusetts to patients all over the United States to support them (the patients) in keeping up with taking medications, getting appointments, and their diets. This person was checking with the Alaska Board (of Social Work Examiners) to see if there are any laws that would bar them from doing this if they do not identify themselves as social workers or if they must be licensed in this state (as a social worker).

After discussion, the Board decided to request that the Attorney General's Office review this issue and give them guidance. They will also seek clarification from ASWB.

This is also being forwarded to the Medical Board in case there are concerns from them.

#### **C. Christy McMurren**

Ms. McMurren asked if a supervision group using Skype is face to face and if it would count. The Board determined that it is not face to face supervision. There can be exceptions under the following 12 AAC 18.115 (d).

#### **D. Nault/OCS**

Mr. Nault has questions regarding whether or not it is ethical for social workers to work as bar tenders. The Board had determined that it was a hypothetical question, not a licensing question and was not appropriate for consideration by the Board. The Board would refer such inquiries to the NASW ethics for guidance.

### **Agenda Item 4 Applications/Audit Review**

The Board reviewed applications and discussed ways to bring people into compliance with licensing.

One application file was tabled pending Investigator's report.

**On a motion by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Patty McMillin, and approved unanimously it was**

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

Into Executive Session 10:15 am;  
Out of executive session 10:20 am

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

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

Into Executive Session 10:25 am  
Out of executive session 10:35 am

**On a motion by Jason Floyd, seconded by Gale La Rose-Henderson, with Patty McMillin abstaining, and approved unanimously it was**

**RESOLVED to approve the following Social Work applications:**

BOOGERD, BETHANY (pending)  
SMITH, LAURIE

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

**RESOLVED to approve the following Social Work Continuing Education Providers Approval applications:**

ALASKA COURT SYSTEM

- Family Group Conference in Alaska: Putting it into Practice

CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS INSTITUTE

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Eating disorders Revealed
- Intersection Between Cognitive Behavior Therapy & Motivational Interviewing

CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS

- Knowing Who You Are

LYNN CANAL COUNSELING SERVICES

- Adult Attachment Interview Training Institute
- Mentalization Based Family Therapy

MID AMERICA DIABETES ASSOC/KAPA/U of KANSAS

- Diabetes Education Update: An Intensive Workshop & Clinical Practicum for the Health Professional

STATE OF ALASKA/DEPT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

- Aggression Replacement Training

UAF/ALASKA RURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING ACADEMY

- Honoring & Understanding Alaska Native Cultures

**On a motion by Gale La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Patty McMillin, and approved unanimously it was**

**RESOLVED to approve the following Social Work applications:**

**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION**

CARTER NFZIGER, LORA  
CHAMBERLAIN, LAURA  
DAVIS, MICHELE  
EVANS, MARY  
FILANOWICZ, ALEXA  
GREER, CINDY  
IVERSON, CAROLYN  
KILKENNY, KIMBERLY  
MICHAELSON, COLETTE  
RASZEWSKA, JUSTYNA  
WILLIAMS, MARY JOE

**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS**

DUMAS, KELLI  
GIRON, SUSAN  
SCHOENBERGER, LUCILLE

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION**

GAUGHAN, MEGHAN  
HOSFORD, MICHELLE  
LACEY DUNN, JEANNETTE  
LEBARON, VERLA  
MACK, M. YVONNE  
MCCORD, AMY  
SMITH, TYNE

**BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION**

CARR, NICOLE

**REINSTATEMENT**

JEWETT, MERCEDES

**EXTENSION OF EXAMINATION TIME**

HOWING-DEROY, LINDA  
LEBORGNE, STEPHANIE  
TIBBETTS, CARLY

TRUSLEY, JIM  
LERMAN, PENNY

PENDING

GRUM, DIANNA  
HOWARD, TAMMY  
PAYTON, JENNIFER  
PHILLIPS, CAROLN

CEU AUDIT

BIRKEY, JANE

**Agenda Item 5 Old Business**

A. Annual Report

This was an “FYI”. The yearly reports are reports of the Department regarding the status of a licensing board.

B. When NASW will meet in Juneau

Chair Allman was assigned the task of finding out when the NASW will be meeting in Juneau. They will not be meeting when the Board can meet.

B. PSA possibilities

Jason Floyd was to obtain information on public safety/education PSA possibilities regarding social work licensing and public rights or organizational/employer responsibilities.

**Agenda Item 6 New Business**

The was no new business.

**Agenda Item 7 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item 8 Paralegal Report**

Paralegal Karen Wilke gave the report to the Board. At this time, there are four open audit cases.

Ms. Wilke also discussed previously adopted (in 2007) guidelines for discipline regarding CEU deficiencies and the Board’s history of its use. There was discussion about “good faith” where the licensee was concerned.

A. Montean Jackson

CEU audit courses were reviewed.

**On a motion by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Patty McMillin, and approved unanimously it was**

**RESOLVED to accept the Montean Jackson's CEUs as presented by the Paralegal**

B. Non-Disciplinary Consent Agreement case number 0800-09-001

In this case, the continuing education audit had previously been denied and the paralegal presented a consent agreement to the Board.

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

**RESOLVED to go into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and (3) for the purpose of discussing case number 0800-09-001**

Into executive session 2:00 pm  
Out of executive session 2:06 pm

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

**RESOLVED to accept the Non-disciplinary Consent Agreement in case number 0800-09-001.**

**Agenda Item 9 Investigator's Report**

Investigator Newman gave the Board the report regarding cases opened and closed. Six cases have been closed since the last meeting and there are two open complaints/Investigations.

The Board had previously had an application that they had tabled making a decision on, pending the Investigator's report. No report had been received by the office, only a memo saying a case had been opened.

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

**RESOLVED to go into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and (3) for the purpose of discussing an application/open case/memorandum.**

Into Executive Session 3:20 pm  
Out of Executive Session 3:30 pm

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

**RESOLVED to deny Kathleen Wales application for Clinical Social Worker**

**Agenda Item 10 Budget Report**

Administrative Officer Cathy Mason gave the budget report. She informed the Board that, as of this time, this board is in good financial shape.

**Agenda Item 11. Regulations**

**A. 12 AAC 18.990 Definitions (8)**

The Attorney General's office asked how long one could work under the "student" provision. It seems to be being used as a loophole. It was asked how long a person is allowed to be a "student" under 12 AAC 18.990(8)(A) and if the Board was going to change the regulation to give it a limit.

**Sec. 08.95.100. License required.** (a) A person who practices clinical social work without obtaining a license under this chapter to practice clinical social work is guilty of a class B misdemeanor unless the person is .....  
(2) practicing clinical social work as a student in a social work program approved by the board.

**12 AAC 18.990. DEFINITIONS.** In this chapter and in AS 08.95.....  
(8) "student in a social work program approved by the board" includes  
(A) a person with a master or doctorate degree in social work who is practicing clinical social work under the supervision of a person who meets the requirements of AS 08.95.110(a)(2); or  
(B) a student enrolled in a social work degree program at a college or university approved by the board.

After much discussion, the Board requested that the Attorney General's Office give their interpretation of 12 AAC 18.990(8)(A) and (B). Some members of the Board felt that the person under (A) who had a masters or doctorate degree still had to be enrolled in a social work degree program to be a "student". The Board would like this question clarified.

**Agenda Item 12 Board Business**

**A. Task List**

**B. Sign Wall Certificates**

The wall certificates were signed.

**C. Schedule future meetings**

The next meeting are:

December 7, 2009	Anchorage
April 9, 2010	Juneau
August 20, 2010	Fairbanks
November 29, 2010	Anchorage

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

D. Sign Meeting Minutes

The April 24, 2009 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.

G. Training/conferences

The Board will send Eleanor Vinson to the ASWB Annual Spring Training as the primary person. The Board wishes to send Jason Floyd to the ASWB yearly meeting being held October 29, 2009. Next year the Board would like to see Allman, La Rose-Henderson and McMillin attend the ASWB yearly meeting.

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

**RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m.**