

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

Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners
August 27th & 28th 2015

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 August 27th and Friday August 28th 2015 in Anchorage Alaska.

Thursday, August 27th 2015

Agenda item #1 **Call to order:**

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Laura Thiesen at 9:05 a.m.

Roll call:

Laura Thiesen, Chairperson
Marilynn Kerr
Danielle LaFon
Zachary Paulson - joined us at 9:17

Board staff:

Dawn K Hannasch-Records and Licensing Supervisor

Agenda Item #2 **Review Agenda**

Under new business, the Board added the topic of "board makeup" to discuss upcoming terms and to ensure the Board is meeting the requirements in Sec. 08.95.010.

Agenda item #3: Administrative Business

Ethics report:

There were no ethics conflicts to report.

Review Meeting minutes from the May 14th & 15th 2015 meeting:

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Lafon and seconded by Ms. Kerr, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the May 14th and 15th 2015 meeting as amended.

Review the Fiscal year 2015 Annual report draft:

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

RESOLVED to approve the Annual report as amended.

Agenda Item #4 Investigative report

The Board was joined by Investigators Wall-Rood, Lipker & Kays and Sr. Investigator Riefle. At this time the Board has no open investigations. Since its last update the Division opened 6 matters and closed 10 matters.

Agenda item #3: Administrative Business (continued)

Travel designation:

For the ASWB new Board member training in March of 2016, the Board will send up to 2 new Board members and 1 staff.

For the ASWB Spring meeting in New Jersey, April 28th –May 1st 2015, the Board will send Ms. Lafon.

For the ASWB Annual meeting in November of 2015, the Board will be sending Ms. Kerr. Ms. Hannasch has submitted the approval to the Division and is just waiting to hear back.

Correspondence:

The Board reviewed a letter of concern regarding on line courses and the need for Alaska Native CEU's. The Board was not able to address the concern regarding the on-line course issue. However, regarding the need for the Alaska Native continuing education courses, the Board holds the belief that these are and will continue to be relevant. Ms. Hannasch will reply to the inquiry via email.

Task list:

The Board reviewed the FY16 task list while reviewing the annual report.

Schedule the FY2016 meetings:

The Board decided that one day meeting would be sufficient to conduct Board business for most meeting. The will meet:

Friday, December 4th 2015 in Anchorage

Friday, March 4th 2016 in Anchorage

Agenda item #5 Division update

Sara Chambers, Division Operations Manager joined the meeting via teleconference at 10:00 a.m. The Board requested information from Ms. Chambers as to their upcoming presentation to the NASW in October 2015. They wanted to check to see if they needed to public notice the meeting, they do not. They are encouraged to keep the audience questions away from Board business and any "hot topics" and keep it on topic. It was also suggested by Ms. Chambers that the Board could collect audience questions, have staff prepare them and present them to the Board at its next meeting. Ms. Chambers thank the Board for taking the time to present this import information to the public.

At the December 2015 meeting the Board can expect Division Director Janey Hovenden to present the fee analysis for renewals. At that same meeting the division will be able to provide the final financial information for FY15 as well as 1st quarter of FY16.

The Board recessed at 10:30 am
Back on the record at 10:39 am

Agenda item #6 Liaison/Conference report

Marilynn Kerr will be representing the Board at the November 2015 ASWB meeting in New Jersey. She will be using the Boards presentation at the October NASW meeting to share with the group at the ASWB.

The NASW staff is working from Missouri on the October meeting that will take place in Anchorage. The Alaska Boards presentation was accepted by the NASW. Marilynn Kerr will notify Ms. Hannasch of the date and time of the presentation, she will then forward that information onto the Board. At this time there is still not an Alaska designate. The Board is hoping that at the October meeting, more people will become interested in getting involved with the NSAW.

Zachary Paulson will be using the Boards presentation, Pathway to licensure, at UAA for the MSW & BSW programs. Danielle Lafon will be using it at UAF for the BSW program.

Agenda item #7 **New Buisness**

Board makeup:

The Board requested that Ms. Hannasch contact Boards & Commissions to inquire about Ms. Kerr's term that is ending in March of 2016. Ms. Kerr served the last year of another member's term and will complete her first full term in March of 2016. Is Ms. Kerr able to be reappointed?

From Boards and Commissions:

"If she began her service in 2011 and the terms are 4 years each/limit 2 consecutive terms, then whether she took over for someone else shouldn't matter because she technically hasn't served 2 full terms. I will do some more digging just to be sure and give you my final answer when I know more definitively what the right answer is."

Ms. Hannasch will notify the Board once a final answer is given.

The other question was that due to the regulations, there must be a Licensed Master Social Worker on the Board. When Chair Laura Thiesen was first appointed she was a LMSW. When she was re-appointed she had already risen to the lever of Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Ms. Thiesen discussed this situation with Boards and Commissions and was approved to still represent the LMSW requirement.

Question regarding out of State Supervisoin:

The Board addressed the subject of out of state supervisor.

The regulations states:

(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.

They decided that when the request is for a Supervisor that is out of state the Board will wait to decide when the Board can meet face to face to discuss the situation. The Board will also refer to the NASW Standard Mode of practice. They will decide each request on a case by case situation.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:26 am

The Board returned from lunch at 1:00 pm on the record at 1:21 pm

Public Comments:

No one was present for public comments

Agenda item #8 Application review

The Board reviewed applications.

The Board instructed Ms. Hannasch how they prefer the application files to be prepared.

Board member Zachary Paulson left the meeting unexcused at 4:06 pm.

The Board recessed at 5:03 pm.

Friday, August 28th 2015

Call to order:

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Laura Thiesen at 9:41 a.m.

Roll call:

Laura Thiesen, Chairperson
Marilynn Kerr
Danielle LaFon
Zachary Paulson

Board staff:

Dawn K Hannasch-Records and Licensing Supervisor

Agenda item #8 Application review (continued)

It was decided by the Board and Ms. Hannasch that the Occupational Licensing Examiner will no longer bring incomplete application files to be reviewed by the Board. Applications that are completed between Board meetings will be sent electronically to the Board for review and approval. This will prevent the files from being transported 2 times to meetings.

Call from ASWB representative:

The Board requested a call from ASWB representative Jennifer Henkel @ 10:02 am. The topics were as follows:

1. Mobility supervision: the Board wanted to know where other States stood on this subject. Ms. Henkel told the Board that most State Boards were dealing with this same question. Some states like MS have it in their Regulations that a Supervisor can supervise from another State but they must also hold a MS license. States like Alaska and NC are case by case. It is the suggestion of the ASWB that the State of Alaska keep their regulations as is because it allows the Board to use its discretion in a case by case situation.
2. The other topic of discussion was about technological supervision. The ASWB stated that for supervision the supervisor must go by the regulations of the State that the supervisee is working in.
3. When did Alaska start using the LCSW ASWB exam? 6/16/1990
4. When did Alaska start using the LMSW ASWB exam? 6/5/2000
5. When did Alaska start using the LBSW ASWB exam? 10/25/2000

Agenda item #8 **Application review (continued)**

The Board continued to review application files

Agenda item #9 **Old Business**

The Board reviewed 2 requests:

1. Exam extension for an applicant: Granted by the Board
2. Request to allow supervisor by an MFT: Denied according to 12 AAC 18.115 (b) (2)

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:30 am

The Board reconvened at 12:06 pm

Agenda item #9 **Old Business (continued)**

The Board worked on its NASW presentation during the afternoon. They will be presenting the "Pathway to Licensure" in October. Mr. Paulson will email the power point to Ms. Lafon to clean up and arrange. They will require 30 copies of the regulations to be copies and sent to Anchorage from the Division.

Agenda item #8 **Application review (continued)**

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

RESOLVED to approve the following applicants for licensure in Alaska pending completion of application files;

Clinical Social Work by Exam:

**Sarah L Blanning
Krista Griffin**

Clinical Social Work by Credentials:

**Natosha M Malone
Elizabeth A Bell
Adriana Shipowick
Esther E Hopkins**

Master Social Work by Exam:

**Nathan A Nall
Jenna L Downs-Last
Melissa M Snyder**

Master Social Work by Credentials:

**Celina M Ramsdale
Olaide T Wolfe
Noli Z James
Ann M Ginn**

Baccalaureate Social Work by Credentials:

Amanda J Johnson

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Lafon and seconded by Ms. Kerr, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the following applications for CE providers pending completion of application files.

- **Tlingit Art Community, Conflicts & Resolution Building Relationships 3**
- **Increasing Capabilities through skills training in dialectical behavior therapy**
- **Core Clinical Training is DBT**
- **Domestic & Sexual Violence, The impact on Health and the Patient Safety Card, Approach to Integrated Education, Assessment & Response.**

Agenda item #9 Old Business (continued)

12 AAC 18.150

12 AAC 18.160

12 AAC 18.210

The Regulations, dealing with code of ethics, standards of practice, and continuing education requirements, was signed by Board Chairperson Laura Thiesen.

The change in regulation is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Although no public comments were received, the Board of Social Work Examiners paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Kerr 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 1:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted By:



Dawn K Hannasch
Records and Licensing Supervisor
State of Alaska, CCED

8/28/15
Date



Laura Thiesen
Board Chairperson
Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners

11-10-16
Date