

**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 Anchorage, Alaska at 550 West 7th Avenue.

February 11, 2011

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Darrell Allman, Chair, at 8:30 a.m. Those present, forming 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, Nome

Members Absent:

Laura Thiesen, Licensed Master Social Worker, Glennallen
Barbara Paddock, Public Member, Juneau

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

Kathy Mason, Administrative Manager (by telephone)
Eleanor Vinson, Licensing Examiner
Gary Keiser, Investigator
David Newman, Investigator
Peggy Weaver, Investigator (by telephone)

Agenda Item 1 Ethics Reports

There were no ethics reports.

Agenda Item 2 Review Agenda

There were additions made to the correspondence and new business.

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

RESOLVED that the Board accept the agenda as amended.

Agenda Item 3 Review Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 8, 2010, 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 October 8, 2010 meeting minutes.

Agenda Item 4 Applications/Reinstatements/Audits

The Board reviewed 47 applications during this meeting.

On a motion by Jason Floyd, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson, 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 application.

Into Executive Session: 10:38 am

Out of Executive Session: 10:50 am

On a motion by Jason Floyd, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson, 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

Dusenbury, Stephanie A.
Gomez, Brian P.
Runyan, Jolie C.
Schick, Leona M.
Scott, Andrea L.
Wright, Kelly J.
Young, Hilary S.

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS

Cirocco, Carol J.
Copeland, Leigh
Eckwert, David G.
Reed, Sarah C.

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

Lewis, Natalie E
Marcionette, Renee M.
Muhr, Jaime R.

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS

Eberle, Mary C.
Lewis, Natalie Skinner
Watkins, De-an M.
Webb, Monica R.

BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

Hagstrom-Sanger, Leigh A.
Laman, Barbara A.

ALTERNATE SUPERVISION

Lewis, Natalie
Curtis, Marissa

REINSTATEMENT

Hardy, Jaqueline
Lombardo, Theresa
Wangerin, Robert

EXTENSION OF EXAM TIME

Michaelson, Colette
Muhr, Jaime

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

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

ALASKA ATTACHMENT & BONDING ASSOC.

Attachment Disorder 201 I & II

CODI (Thru Paulson)

1. Super shrinks
2. Integrated Mental Health & Sub Abuse

CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS INSTITUTE

Excellence in Outcomes

Co-Occurring Disorders Program

Ethics

Ethics in Clinical Supervision

COLORADO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (Shelly Biss)

Doctorate Program

LORMAN BUSINESS CENTER

Preparing for Special Education Placement Disputes

Recognizing & Addressing Co-Occurring

Restraint & Seclusion Techniques: Know Your Legal Rights

Working With Challenging Parents

Difficult & Disruptive Students

Caring for Nursing Home Residents Approaching End of Life: SW Prospective

CHILKAT COUNSELING & CONSULTING

Co-Occurring Disorders: Integrated Srv.

Agenda Item 5 Correspondence

A. Meg Loomis – CEUs/Professional organizations

Her questions were answered during “Public Comment”.

B. Cooper Baldwin – face to face CEUs

Mr. Baldwin asked if course taken via the internet were eligible for CEU credit if not face to face. The Board noted that there are no rules regarding any percentage having to be face-to-face, but, must adhere to the following:

12 AAC 18.220. APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES. (a) To be accepted by the board, continuing education must contribute directly to the professional competency of a social worker and must be directly related to the skills and knowledge required to implement social work principles and methods as defined in AS 08.95.990

C. Melanie Nelson – supervised hours

Ms. Nelson had questions regarding their obtaining hours for licensure and asked if it mattered how the 3000 full time employment hours were spent.

This was tabled and Ms. Nelson will be invited to speak to the Board at the next meeting for clarification and discussion.

D. Holly Byrnes – mandatory reporter

Ms. Byrnes had a question pertaining to child custody investigators and mandatory reporting. There was discussion regarding them being bound by the judicial rules.

This was tabled until the next meeting.

E. Holly Berger – job description

Due to time constraints, this was tabled until next meeting.

Agenda Item 6 Public Comment

Meg Loomis, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers Alaska, came to introduce herself and ask a few questions that she had regarding concerns from members.

Among the many questions discussed:

Why the Board does not meet once a month.

The Chair pointed out that the Board is required per statute to meet a minimum of two times per year, however, at this time, with support/permission from the State Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, they meet four times per year. At this time, the Board tries to limit the number of meetings to four in order to not increase the costs of the licenses. The Board's goal is to have people licensed, not to slow them down. It was pointed out that the Board has reduced many of the costs that allowed the fees to come down. Some of this is due to more applicants, but that means a larger workload.

How the Association can help people get licensed?

It was noted by the Board that applicants often do not read the directions nor the statutes/requirements and do not send in the correct paperwork, all of which slows the process. The Chair noted the Legislative Audit recognized that there is not adequate support for the Boards, but that is being addressed through the Division.

Why is testing not offered outside Anchorage?

This is a decision made by the Association of Social Work Boards' examination providers, not the state board.

When should applicant apply?

The Board will not review their applications until all information is in and education is completed. They are usually told to begin ordering transcripts a few months before they are done with supervision.

Distance supervision must be approved before the supervision begins.

California is the only state that you may not be able to come in by license by credential.

The Chair commented that there is a concern regarding the different rules for different boards' supervision. There has been a problem with Clinical Social Workers who are supervising for Professional Counselor's hours for licensure. This Board does not require that a supervisor be an approved supervisor, but the Board of Professional Counseling does require a supervisor to be pre-approved. There is now a statement/disclaimer on the Board of Social Work Examiners' website.

The Chair also noted that there is discussion regarding moving away from NASW's Ethics to a more formalized code of ethics. The Board is discussing adopting a different, more constant standard. What is appropriate for a regulatory board may not be appropriate for an organization. There is a need, as social work matures, for standardized supervision requirements. The Board would like input from the organization.

The Board wishes to advance the profession, but the primary mission is to protect the public.

Agenda Item 7 Budget Report

Administrative Officer Cathy Mason gave the budget report by telephone. She reported that the Board is doing well and has a roll-forward of \$73,915.00.

The Board has concern with the Division not approving travel when there is adequate reason for Board Members to travel.

Agenda Item 8 Investigator Report

Investigators David Newman and Gary Kaiser joined the meeting. The Board's new Investigator, Gary Kaiser, gave his investigation report. There have been two new complaints opened and closed since the last meeting.

On a motion by Jason Floyd, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson, 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 application.

Into Executive Session: 2:15 pm
Out of Executive Session: 2:55 pm

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

RESOLVED that probation in the consent agreement in case number 800-09-006 will be extended to the next meeting.

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

RESOLVED that the Board accept the consent agreement in case number 2010-000899.

On a motion by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Jason Floyd, 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 application.

Into Executive Session: 3:03 pm
Out of Executive Session: 3:07 pm

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

RESOLVED rescind previous motion in case number 800-09-006 and note that consent agreement completed; all requirements have been met

Agenda Item 9 Regulations

A. 12 AAC 18.990 – student definition

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the changes and language as presented, including wording for 12 AAC 18.120; the addition to 12 AAC 18. Article 3; and the repeal of 12 AAC 18.990 (8) and instruct the Regulations Specialist to public notice the changes.

Agenda Item 10 New Business

A. ASWB Dues

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

RESOLVED to pay the Association of Social Work Board’s 2011 yearly dues.

Agenda Item 11 Old Business

A. Code of Ethics

This was tabled until the next meeting. The Board will review information and bring it back to the next meeting.

B. Board Elections

The new Chair for the Board of Social Work Examiners will now be Gail La Rose-Henderson
The new Vice-Chair for the Board of Social Work Examiners will now be Jason Floyd.

Agenda Item 12 Board Business

A. Task List

B. Sign Wall Certificates

The wall certificates were signed.

C. Schedule future meetings

April 29, 2011 Anchorage

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

There will be discussion at the next meeting regarding a two day meeting.

D. Sign Meeting Minutes

The October 8, 2010 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

There is Board consensus that Jason Floyd be allowed to attend the ASWB's Spring Training.

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.