

**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 AS 08.95.020, 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.

Friday, September 27, 2013

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Jason Floyd, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
Laura Thiesen, Licensed Master Social Worker
Marilyn B. Kerr, Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Jennifer Syzdek, Public Member
Zachary Paulson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

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

Don Habeger, Director, by telephone
Michele Wall-Rood, Investigator
Eleanor Vinson, Licensing Examiner

Ethics Reports

There were no ethics violations to report.

Agenda Item 1 Review Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda.

**On a motion duly made by Marilyn Kerr, seconded by Laura Thiesen, and passed
unanimously, it was**

RESOLVED that the Board accept the agenda as presented.

Agenda Item 2 Review Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 7, 2013, meeting.

On a motion duly made by Laura Thiesen, seconded by Marilyn Kerr, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board accept the June 7, 2013 meeting minutes as presented.

Agenda Item 3 Correspondence

A. May, Alaska VA Healthcare

Sue May, a member of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council was asking about continuing education being required in the field of suicide prevention or crisis management for social worker licensees.

While the Board recognizes it as a problem and understands the concerns; their consensus is that they believe that suicide preventions is already an integral part of the current requirements.

B. Largent, Job duties

Nancy Largent sent a job announcement asking if it would fall under clinical social work experience. The Board determined that the position did not rise to the level of clinical social work and would not be eligible for licensure hours for an LCSW license.

Agenda Item 4 Board Reports

A. NASWAK Liaison Report

Marilyn Kerr is the Board's liaison to the National Association of Social Workers Alaska Chapter. She reported that there has been a total turnover at that organization and information on the conference or agenda is not available.

B. ASWB New Member Training Report

Zachary Paulson attended the Association of Social Work Board's new member training. He reported that there was information about the differences between the CSWE, ASWB, and NASW.

He stated that it taught an understanding of model regulation and will help him to become a better regulator. It was informative to see the difference in laws from state to state.

C. University Liaison Report

Zachary Paulson is the liaison between UAA and the Board. He reported that he had not had a response from the Social Work program director of UAF.

The UAA MSW program will actually speak on regulations and wanted to know if the Board was available to assist. The Board determined Mr. Paulson could appear on their behalf.

D. Nominating Committee

The Board announced that they had nominated their staff, Eleanor Vinson, for ASWB's Board Administrator Award Service for 2013.

Agenda Item 5 ASWB guest-Dwight Hyman

Dwight Hyman, Association of Social Work Boards' Deputy Executive Director, addressed the Board regarding Alaska establishing an Associate's level licensure.

He noted several things, among them:

- It is for the most very basic work, such as in-take
- It is not in ASWB's Model Law
- With the idea of public safety in mind, the Board must consider the supply and demand for social workers and job titles—they are entering into the realm of BSW, MSW titles
- You need to put a scope of practice into law (It was pointed out that when Alaska passed its laws the scope of practice for BSW and MSW level was not included.)

Mr. Hyman also commented that some states are pushing to get rid of the associate level, as there is a feeling that a BSW would be better prepared/trained to do the work in an effective way to protect public

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

RESOLVED that the Board would create a scope of practice committee; the record reflecting that Jason Floyd and Zachary Paulson will be that committee to explore the scope of practice for BSW and MSW with NASW and the University.

Marilyn Kerr will deal with information for and from AKNASW.

Zachary Paulson will review the ASWB practice Act and liaison with UAA/UAF.

Jason Floyd shall liaison with Legislators regarding statute changes to create a scope of practice for MSWs and BSWs.

Agenda Item 6 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 7 Investigator's Report

A. General Report

Investigator Wall-Rood gave the Investigations Report, which deals with open matters. There are six complaints, three probations, and three intakes open.

Since the last meeting, there has been one investigation, three complaints, and three intakes closed.

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 applications.

Into Executive Session: 1:25 pm

Out of Executive Session: 2:05 pm

On a motion by Zachary Paulson, seconded by Laura Thiesen, 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: 2:38 pm

Out of Executive Session: 3:28 pm

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

RESOLVED to deny applicant in case number 2013-001781, based on 08.95.110 (b) and 12 AAC 18.140 (a) and (c).

Agenda Item 8 Budget Report

Director Habeger addressed the Board by telephone. He reported that, at the end of the third quarter, this board was in good shape financially with a surplus of \$72,000.00.

The Director also discussed HB187 with the Board. This bill addresses Occupational Licensing fees in allowing for a consolidation of fees; collection of costs distributed over multiple licensing periods; and investigation funds to be paid out of the general fund.

The Board supports HB187.

Agenda Item 9 Applications/Audit Review

The Board reviewed 1 continuing education audit, 8 CEU Continuing Education Providers' Approval forms and 39 licensure applications.

On a motion by Laura Thiesen, seconded by Zachary Paulson, 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 applications.

Into executive session: 5:23 pm

Out of executive session: 5:32 pm

On a motion by Laura Thiesen, seconded by Marilyn Kerr, 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

Albright, Brian
Bubar, Christine
DeLatorre, Minerva
Gallin, Margaret
Hansen, Courtney
Hollar, Karen
Huffman, Pamela
Leff, Kim Adelia
Morris, Elena
Nusbaum, Colleen
Schroll, Jennie
Watkins, De-An

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS

Francom, Daniel
Maguire, Linda
Silcott, Karen
Zank, Alissa

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

Fry, Linda
Greer, Tara
Johns, Heather
Johnson, Karen M.
Smith, Keri J.
Pierce, Lisa

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIAL

Brown, Michael J.

BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

Frost, Kathleen
Helfrich, Heather
Lee-Sankoh, Fanta
Longenbaugh, Sarah
Phillips, Carrie J.

EXTENSION OF EXAM TIME

Fryer, Victoria
Larsen, Eric

AUDIT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Kruzinski, Stacie

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER'S APPROVAL

Alaska Native Tribal health Consortium
Reporting Child Maltreatment

Alaska VA Health Care System
Dementia: Differential Diagnosis & Challenging Behaviors

Rural CAP

1. Healing Scars of Sexual Abuse
2. Sexual Abuse Panel
3. Resilience in Action Part 1
4. Resilience in Action Part 2

South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services, Inc
Motivational Interviewing

Agenda Item 10 Old Business

Old business was tabled until next meeting due to lack of time.

Agenda Item 10 New Business

A. Board Member expiration

Board members who were nearing their expiration time on the Board were reminded to submit letters of interest to the Governor's Office if they were extending their time on the Board.

Agenda Item 13 Board Business

A. Task List

Marilyn Kerr – liaison to NASWAK including scope of practice legislation
Zachary Paulson – liaison to UAA and UAF Social Work Schools/review ASWB Practice Act
Jason Floyd – liaison with Legislators regarding statute changes to create a scope of practice for MSWs and BSWs.

B. Sign Wall Certificates

The wall certificates were signed.

C. Schedule future meetings

December 12 and 13, 2013 in Anchorage

The meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m.

D. Sign Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were signed by the Board Chair.

E. Discuss Travel Authorizations/collect & sign

Travel Authorizations were signed by the Board members and submitted.

F. Training/conferences

ASWB Annual Training -- 1st attendee -- Jason Floyd; 2nd attendee -- Jennifer Syzdek
(Later changed as these board members were unable to attend)

On a motion by Laura Thiesen, seconded by Zachary Paulson, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.