



ALASKA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

POSITION STATEMENT: Requests for Exam Extensions

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Status: Approved.

Organized by: The Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners

Adopted by: The Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners

PURPOSE:

The Board of Social Work Examiners holds to the following position regarding Requests for Exam Extensions

SUPPORTIVE DISCUSSION AND MATERIALS: The Board reviewed the regulations pertaining to the examination, 12 AAC 18.100(c) and 12 AAC 18.105.

12 AAC 18.100. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE BY EXAMINATION.

(c) Once an application is approved by the board, the applicant must sit for the examination within one year from the date of board approval. For good cause shown, the board will, in its discretion, grant a written request from an applicant for an extension of time to sit for the examination.

12 AAC 18.105. EXAMINATION.

(a) The examination required for licensure by examination under this chapter is the Association of Social Work Boards Examination sponsored by the Association of Social Work Boards. The examination required for licensure as a

- (1) clinical social worker is the clinical examination;
- (2) master social worker is the intermediate examination; and
- (3) baccalaureate social worker is the basic examination.

(b) To pass the examination, the applicant must achieve at least the minimum scaled score determined by the Association of Social Work Boards as the passing point for that version of the examination.

(c) Repealed 10/14/99.

SUMMARY:

The Board of Social Work Examiners determined an applicant for licensure by examination may apply for an exam extension under the following conditions:

1. The request for exam extension must be submitted and approved by the board prior to the current exam approval period expiration date (i.e. if the current approval expires 3/2/2019, the request for exam extension must be reviewed and approved by the board on or before 3/2/2019).
2. The request must include an explanation as for why the extension is required.
3. The duration of the request for exam extension may not exceed one (1) year. If an exam approval expires 3/2/2019, the maximum extension could be granted through 3/2/2020.

Position Statements:

The board reviewed the position statement regarding behavioral addiction presented by Ms. Childress. The board held a discussion regarding behavioral addiction versus substance abuse. Ms. LaFon referenced the provided definition in the Alaska Social Work Examiners Statutes and Regulations. Ms. Childress will provide further clarification regarding what is considered substance abuse education in a position statement. This position statement will be presented at a subsequently scheduled board meeting. The board discussed whether tobacco use was considered substance abuse; Ms. Childress will work on submitting a request for proposed regulations to Jun Maiquis regarding the steps for adding definitions under substance abuse education for “psychoactive” and “behavioral addiction.”

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

RESOLVED to approve the position statement regarding behavioral addiction.

The board reviewed the position statement regarding Incomplete Documentation w/ Notary Seal Requirements presented by Ms. Childress.

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

RESOLVED to approve the position statement regarding Incomplete Documentation w/ Notary Seal Requirements.

The board reviewed the position statement regarding CONTINUING EDUCATION – Change in Instructor Credentials presented by Ms. Childress.

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

RESOLVED to approve the position statement regarding CONTINUING EDUCATION – Change in Instructor Credentials.

The board reviewed the position statement regarding Requests for Exam Extensions presented by Ms. Childress. Ms. LaFon requested that Ms. Childress make note of the time requirements from board staff for multiple exam extensions for licensees for future regulation project discussions.

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

RESOLVED to approve the position statement regarding Requests for Exam Extensions.

Ms. Childress presented position statement regarding Continuing Education offered by Behavioral Health Boards. The board expressed concerns regarding setting limited continuing education providers/organizations. Ms. Childress offered to adjust the language to “included but not limited to.” Ms. LaFon and Ms. Hay agreed with adding this language. Ms. Childress expressed concern for possible errors that may have negative ramifications for licensees. Ms. LaFon cited Sec. 08.95. 040(b) in the Alaska Board of Social Work Examiners Statutes and Regulations; the board could work towards developing an education committee who would advise the board on continuing education matters. Ms. Hay requested the position statement presented be adjusted to reflect “education related to social work practice.” The board elected to table the position statement regarding Continuing Education offered by Behavioral Health Boards until it can be revised and presented to the board at a subsequently scheduled board meeting.

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