

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
DECEMBER 4-5, 2014
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 at 5550 W. 7th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99516

Thursday December 4, 2014

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Laura Thiesen, Licensed Master Social Worker
Marilyn B. Kerr, Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Danielle LaFon, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker

Board member:

Zachary Paulson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, absent
until 10 AM
Tina Walter, Public Member, absent

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

Martha Hewlett, Administrative Officer
Michele Wall-Rood, Investigator, by telephone
Angela Birt, Chief Investigator
Angie Parker, Licensing Examiner

Ethics Reports

There were no ethics violations to report.

Agenda Item 1 Review Agenda

The Board approved the agenda as amended; some items were changed as follows: Agenda Item 3, Conference Reports, and Agenda Item 6 Investigations. Reports were both moved to Friday. Due to the small quorum, it was decided to begin CEU Audit Reviews on Thursday in order to have enough time to get all audits and licensure files reviewed at this two day meeting.

Agenda Item 2 Review Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 11-12, 2014, meeting. Minor typographical changes were made.

On a motion duly made by Marilyn Kerr, seconded by Danielle LaFon, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board accept the Sept 11-12, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected.

Agenda Item 8 CEU Audit Reviews

The Board began review of CEU audit files.

Board member Zachary Paulson joined at 10:00AM

Agenda Item 4 Budget Report

The Board discussed budget information with Martha Hewlett, Sara Chambers, and Colleen Kautz. Hewlett review the 4th quarter revenues and direct expenditures. Chambers explained that the Division had reduced costs by a million dollars. She explained that there has been changes to how indirect costs are calculated and also reviewed the indirect cost report. Member Paulson questioned Director Chambers why indirect costs for the Board have increased by 38% if the Division reduced costs by a million dollars? Director Chambers explained that the indirect costs are no longer calculated only by number of licensees like in the past. Number of licensees is part of the equation, but now also using a different methodology, shares indirect costs more fairly. In the past the larger Boards would subsidize the smaller boards on indirect costs. The Board is very concerned on the effects this may have on fee increases. Director Chambers stated that it needed to go through analysis before that can be determined.

Member Zachary Paulson left at 11:30.

Lunch

11:40 – 12:45

Agenda Item 8 CEU Audit Review

The Board continued to review audit files.

The Board discussed starting the meeting earlier due to small quorum and volume of files to review.

On a motion duly made by Marilyn Kerr, seconded by Danielle LaFon, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board adjourn until tomorrow (Friday) at 8:00AM.

Friday, December 5, 2014

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Call to Order/Roll Call 8:17 AM

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

Laura Thiesen, Licensed Master Social Worker
Marilyn B. Kerr, Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Danielle LaFon, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker

Board member:

Zachary Paulson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, absent
until 8:50 AM
Tina Walter, Public Member – absent

The Board resumed review of CEU audit files.

Board Member Zachary Paulson joined the meeting at 8:50 AM.

Agenda Item 6 Investigator's Report

- A. General Report
- B. Executive Session

Michele Wall-Rood gave her report for the period of August 7, 2014 – November 14, 2014. There were 8 cases opened and 9 cases closed. Another 8 cases remain in ongoing review.

On a motion duly made by Zachary Paulson, seconded by Danielle LaFon and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to enter into executive session with staff in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and (3) for the purpose of discussing investigation files.

Off record 11:00 AM

On record 11:41 AM

On a motion duly made by Zachary Paulson, seconded by Marilyn Kerr and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to send case # to investigations.

Agenda Item 3 Board Reports

A. ASWB Conference Report

Board member Zach Paulson reported the ASWB 2014 Annual Meeting Report. He reported that there were discussions regarding electronic communications. There was a lot of discussion regarding testing, the availability of testing questions, and the DSM V.

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B. University Liaison Report

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C. Scope of Practice Committee Reports

No report

Agenda Item 11 New Business (Out of Order)

NASWAK

Board member Kerr reported that she received an email contact from Stephanie Johnson, NASW President of the Alaska Chapter. They have some questions concerns and will call in during Public comment. They had questions regarding domestic violence and why it is not part of our CEU requirements. Also, they have received many inquiries that phone calls/email are not be being returned timely. They wanted to know what the procedure is and how they could help.

On a motion duly made by Marilyn Kerr, seconded by Zachary Paulson and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to explore and prepare an education presentation at NASW AK's biennial conference and contact President Stephanie Johnson.

Lunch – 12:08 – 1:02pm

Agenda Item 7 Correspondence

Correspondence question- referred to Investigations

Sarah McConnell- CEU requirements per statutes, must also follow Policy and Procedure.

Agenda Item 8 Applications/CEU Audits

The Board reviewed 52 CEU audit files, 28 applications files, 1 continuing education provider's approval requests, and 1 renewal/ reinstatement. Review done on Thursday and Friday, motion made on Friday.

On a motion by Zach Paulson, 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

- Berberovic, Lejla
- Carson, Deanna L.
- Smith, Jason B.
- Smith, Melanie K.
- Stella, Valerie C. E.

CLINICALSOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS

- Blinkman, Linda S.

Mucino, Gloria E.
Schmitt, Stacey R.
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MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

Bostic, Sherron A.
Hosler, Colleen M.
Rolland, Marianne F.

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER – CRED

Tabb, Jordan E.
Russell, Jackie O.

BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

Woodard, Andra K.

Renewal Reinstatements

Kruziniski, Stacie

Agenda Item 9 Public Comment

Stephanie Johnson, NASWAK President, and Lejla Berberovic, NASWAK, Vice Chair called in regarding their concerns as stated above in “NEW Business. **Agenda Item 10 Regulations**

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The Board discussed the regulations for the Code of Ethics and Standard of Practice and stated that they had been voted on previously; they have not been public noticed. The PARF form was submitted by Jun Maiquis to the Lt. Governor for review and approval for public Notice. These regulations are still in the process of approval by the Governor’s office.

Agenda Item 12 Board Business

A. Task List

B. Sign Wall Certificates

Five wall certificates were signed by the Board and Vice Chair.

C. Schedule future meetings

The February 26-27, 2015 meeting was changed to Anchorage instead of Juneau, for cost saving measures.

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

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D. Sign Meeting Minutes

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The meeting minutes were signed on record by the Board Chair.

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E. Training/conferences

The Board discussed the upcoming NASWAK conference to be held in Anchorage in October.

On a motion duly made by Marilyn Kerr, seconded by Danielle LaFon, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to have Angie Parker attend the October 2015 NASWAK conference in Anchorage with other Board members.

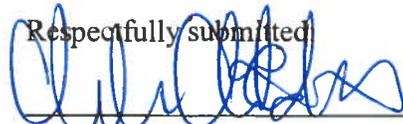
On a motion by Zachary Paulson, seconded by Marilyn Kerr, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

*fic. Examiner
Chelsea Childress
in place of Angie
Parker (fic. Examiner @
time of Mtg.)*

Respectfully submitted



Licensing Examiner

Approved:



Laura Thiesen, Chair
Social Work Examiners Board

Date: 12-09-2016