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

# Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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 Friday March 4th, 2016 in Anchorage Alaska

Friday, March 4th, 2016

Agenda item #1	Call to order:
This meeting was called t	o order by Chairperson Laura Thiesen at 9:07 a.m

#### Roll call:

Laura Thiesen, Chairperson Angie Christiansen Danielle LaFon Zachary Paulson – Tardy – 9:24 AM Rachel Olson

#### **Board staff:**

Chelsea S Childress - Licensing Examiner

Agenda Item #2 Review Agenda

The Board amended the agenda to move lunch to 11:30 AM

Agenda item #3: Administrative Business

**Ethics report:** 

There were no ethics conflicts to report.

1 | Page



# Review Meeting minutes from the December 4th, 2015 Meeting & February 1st, 2016 Teleconference:

There were spelling, grammar and language corrections completed.

Agenda item #3: Administrative Business (continued)

#### Correspondence:

The Board reviewed a few email correspondences regarding:

- o CEU hours for Nursing
  - The board determined more information was required. Course descriptions, etc
     will be needed in order to determine if the hours will be applicable to licensure
- o ASWB special accommodation request

A motion dually made by Zachary Paulson, seconded by Danielle LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent was:

The individual in charge of ASWB special accommodations will be able to use their discretion to approve all future special accommodation requests.

- CEU inquiry for PSY courses
  - The board determined a majority of PSY courses would be applicable, but additional information regarding course descriptions would be preferred before a decision is made.
- CEU inquiry regarding courses offered by Elders
  - Applicant inquired to see if any semester credit would be accrued for a class taken under her master's degree program. The board determined 15 contact hours will be offered for 1 semester class (4 credits).

Ms. Childress will reply to all inquiries via email.

#### Task list:

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

Agenda Item #4 Investigative report

The Board was joined by Investigator Lipker.

Probationary license case was discussed; applicant moved out of state causing further investigation/attention in regards to Statutes and Regulations.

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:48 AM The Board came back on record at 10:02 AM

#### Agenda item #5

**Division update** 

The Board was joined by Administrative Officer Martha Hewlett.

Ms. Hewlett went over the FY16 Quarter 2 financial report. Ms. Hewlett also provided an overview for the FY16 Quarter 1 report.

Ms. Hewlett explained how the account coding process works for programs and how they've worked to document more detailed expenditures since FY14. The division made the decision to update cost allocations for indirect costs and improve the methodologies with state and accounting standards. One of the changes — for the front desk time and overhead — rather than code out costs for each license issued, they began coding out the costs for each receipt/transaction made for that program. Subsequently, during a renewal period we may end up paying a little bit more than expected, but on the non-renewal years we are able to cut down the deficient for the money previously wasted due to the lack of details through the old accounting system.

Break @ 10:33 AM Back @ 10:37 AM

#### Agenda item #6

**New Business** 

The board met with the NASW-AK Chapter President Stephanie Staveland, LCSW for the purpose of discussing and brainstorming ideas on encouraging master's level social workers in seeking clinical licensure.

It was discussed how LCSW's have both practice and title protection, where LMSW/LBSW only have the title protection. Currently there is nothing in statutes requiring MSW's to obtain their license on the master's level in order to obtain clinical supervision hours. The board discussed that this may be a way encourage CSW licensure. However the board determined it is not the board's duty to change Statutes – this would be the profession's duty (advocated by the lobbyists for the NASW or ASWB). The board let Ms. Staveland know that we would be willing to assist with this process whenever they get the movement in motion.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:30 am

The Board returned on the record at 12:54 pm

#### **Public Comments:**

Public comment postponed until 2PM.

The board was greeted by Marilyn Kerr – Ms. Kerr provided the group with useful packets for Ethics and the Code of Conduct booklets.

#### Agenda item #8 Application review

Enter executive session at 1:47 PM

Exit executive session at 1:57 PM

## Continue with application review

Enter executive session at 2:17 PM

Exit executive session at 2:37 PM

## Continue with application review

Enter executive session at 4:00 PM

Exit executive session at 4:05 PM

# Continue with application review

Enter executive session at 4:25 PM

Exit executive session at 4:32 PM

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

RESOLVED to approve the following applications for licensure in Alaska:

Clinical Social Work by Exam

Rebecca Muir
Jacqueline Campbell
Angelique Lee
Jessica McKay
Arthur Bannow
Tashia Amshslavski
Heidi Barrett-McNerney
Aileen Holthaus

Clinical Social Work by Credentials

Fabiola Jamieson

Shannon Keeney

Romy Shafkind

Kerry Kennedy-Pressey

Heather Faber

**Julie Ford** 

Hillary Bemel

Sharen Dodd

Taimur Kahn

Master Social Work by Exam

Carrie Cravens

Florence Latham

Margaret Kugzruk

Marylee Cassell-Quinto

Leah Bradley

Master Social Work by Credentials

Gloria Martinez

Pamela Wingate

Baccalaureate Social Work by Exam

Adrienne Chambers

Exam Extensions & Distance Supervision Requests

Rachel brown

Valerie Stella

Ada Rivera

Brandy Aday-springer

Fantah Lee-Sankoh

Kaytlin Crawford

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

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

CE Providers

VA Statewide Behavior Intervention/Threat Assessment Coalition DBH/OCS - Child Adolescent and Family Behavioral Health Conference

Clinical Social Work by Exam Rachel Yablon Cindy Paauw Stephanie Staveland Janessa Hatch Allison Berkowitz Allison Weeks

Clinical Social Work by Credentials Rachel Jasperson Wendy Francis Kacia Zuill Rachel Nielsen Laura Kabatt-Kennedy

Masters Social Work by Exam Kyle Perkins

Masters Social Work by Credentials Kaitlin Smith

Agenda item #9

**Old Business** 

No old business.

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners

Adjourned at 4:41 pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

Chelsea Childress

**Occupational Licensing Examiner** 

State of Alaska, CCED

Kaura Thuam, MSW

Laura Thiesen Board Chairperson

Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners

11.02.2016

Date

11.10.16

Date