

**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 Kenai, Alaska at 630 Barnacle Way, Suite A.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Jason Floyd, Chair, at 9:04 a.m.

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

Jason Floyd, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
Gail La Rose-Henderson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Laura Thiesen, Licensed Master Social Worker
Marilyn B. Kerr, Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Jennifer Syzdek, Public Member

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

Misty Frawley, Administrative Officer, by telephone
Michele Wall-Rood, Investigator, by telephone
Gary Keiser, Investigator, by telephone
Eleanor Vinson, Licensing Examiner

Present from Public:

Tracy White, Northern Regional Rep for NASW, by telephone

Ethics Reports

There were no ethics violations to report.

Agenda Item 1 Review Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda and made no changes.

On a motion duly made by Laura Thiesen, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board accept the agenda as amended.

Agenda Item 2 Review Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 15, 2012, 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 15, 2012 meeting minutes as amended.

Agenda Item 3 NASWAK Liaison Report

Marilynn Kerr is the Boards liaison to the National Association of Social Workers Alaska Chapter.

NASWAK members want to attend the Board meetings and have been told they could attend at any time except for executive sessions.

There is concern regarding BSW work being done without BSW status. It was noted that it is title protected, not practice protected.

The Board thanked Marilyn for her work as a liaison.

The NASWAK meetings are the third Tuesday of every month (in Anchorage).

Agenda Item 4 Budget Report

The Division had asked that the Board determine what their training priorities were. The Board spent time doing this and discussing various trainings. The ASWB trainings are considered the most important, especially the Spring Training and New Board Member training. ASWB pays for the New Board Member Training, which is mandatory for new board members. The ASWB Spring Training connects the Board with boards in the lower 48 states; keeps them abreast of upcoming issues; and provides in-depth training on current issues. ASWB meetings allow the state to advocate and remain updated on evolving issues, including the testing processes, coming before ASWB and their relevance to us, as their code is part of our regulations.

This was with the understanding that the third party reimbursed/paid was not included. After the meeting, the Division changed this to having to include the third party paid travel, so the priorities were changed.

Misty Frawley gave a budget report by telephone. The Division had gone back ten years and their report showed the finance patterns. At this point, the Board is \$53,577.00 to the good.

Agenda Item 5 Investigator's Report

Investigator Gary Keiser gave his Board report. He has six open complaints before the meeting began. There were seven new complaints/investigations since the last meeting, of which five were closed.

On a motion by Laura Thiesen, 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 investigations.

Into Executive Session: 10:38 am

Out of Executive Session: 11:07 am

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

RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement in case number 2012-000714.

Chair Floyd signed the consent agreement.

The Board of Social Work Examiners will now have a new Investigator, Michelle Wall-Rood. She was introduced at this meeting. Though welcoming Ms. Wall-Rood, the Board noted that they are tired of having an investigator become trained and knowledgeable regarding this board, only to have them replaced.

Agenda Item 6 Applications/Reinstatements

On a motion by Laura Thiesen, 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

CURTIS, MARISSA A.
FITZWILLIAM, KATHLEEN
FORTT, STEPHANIE
MAGRO, CORRIN
MARONEY, MEGHAN
OTT, MARIEL
SCHUCHARDT, STELLA
SHOCK, DONNA
TALLMAN, PETER

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

BERBEROVIC, LEILA
CORWIN, KATHERINE
FEATHERSTON, JEREMY
LARSEN, ERIC

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS

JONES, KELLY

SWARTZENDRUBER, LORA
YEAGER, AMY

BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

LAFON, DANIELLE

EXTENSION OF EXAM TIME

BROWN, RACHEL
HAMPTON, CYNTHIA

ALTERNATE SUPERVISION

CONWAY, SARAH
MARTIN, RAPHAEL

Agenda Item 7 Public Comment

There was public comment from Tracy White, Northern Regional Rep for NASW, by telephone. She is working to be a liaison with the Board.

There was discussion about updating to the NASW 2008 ethics in the regulations.

Upcoming conference/training was mentioned. They had hoped the Board would attend the conference. There will be a spring series in Fairbanks.

Agenda Item 8 New Business

A. License on Fed Native land

This was just an FYI. At a previous meeting, the Board had said they would like to discuss it in the future, but do not choose to discuss at this time.

The Administrative judge in a previous case had discussed that a federal law, 25 U.S.C. 1621 t had provided exemption for professionals employed by a tribal health program shall be exempt, if licensed in any state, from the licensing requirements of the state in which the tribal health program performs the services described in the contract of compact of the tribal health program under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. This had gone into effect March 23, 2010.

B. State re-class of BSWs

The NASW did not have any formal questions for the Board, but there was discussion on public safety and licensing. OCS is not using the title of social worker. BSW licensure has title protection, not practice protection.

There was discussion as to why a person would get a BSW license if they don't need it for work.

Agenda Item 9 Regulations

A. Addiction regulation/CEU

The Board had previously asked for a discussion on requiring eating disorder/addiction continuing education. Addiction courses are already accepted under general CEUs, but they are not substance abuse hours.

Agenda Item 10 Old Business

A. Code of Ethics

The Board has had an on-going discussion regarding the NASW code of ethics and their regulations. What are in the regulations now is as follows:

12 AAC 18.150. SOCIAL WORKER CODE OF ETHICS. A social worker licensed in this state shall adhere to the code of ethics adopted by the Board of Social Work Examiners under this section. The board hereby adopts the *Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc.*, 1999 edition, as the code of ethics for social workers licensed in this state.

12 AAC 18.160. STANDARDS OF PRACTICE. A social worker licensed in this state shall adhere to the standards of practice adopted by the Board of Social Work Examiners under this section. The board hereby adopts the "*Standards of Practice/Code of Conduct*", Parts 1 – 10 of the Model Social Work Practice Act, Model Law Task Force 1996-1997 with amendments, 1998-2001 published by the Association of Social Work Boards, as the standards of practice for social workers licensed in this state.

On a motion duly made by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Marilyn Kerr, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board table discussion on the Code of Ethics until the December meeting.

Agenda Item 11 Correspondence

A. Daniel Carlson-phone therapy

Mr. Carlson of Utah had enquired about telephone therapy/therapists providing therapy to clients in different states. Within Alaska, with Alaska licensed

The Board recommends that if an Alaska therapist is using telephone therapy on an out of state client, the therapist be licensed in that state.

The Board recommends that, if a therapist is treating in-state clients that they have an Alaska license.

B. Multiple supervisors

It was asked if an applicant could have more than one supervisor. There is no law regarding the number of supervisors an applicant has. There was a question forwarded to Investigations regarding clinical work done with no license.

Agenda Item 13 Board Business

A. Task List

Marilyn Kerr -- liaison to NASWAK

B. Sign Wall Certificates

The wall certificates were signed.

C. Schedule future meetings

December 7, 2012 in Anchorage (changed from 12/6-7/2012)

March 14-15, 2013 in Juneau

June 7, 2013 in Anchorage

September 27, 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 Meeting, November 1-3, 2012 – Jason Floyd (1), Marilyn Kerr (2) or Laura Thiesen (3)

ASWB Spring Training

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.