

## OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR October 19, 2012

Members Present: Mel Harrington, President  
Steven Lindquist, Secretary/Treasurer  
Todd Herrboldt, Member  
David Nielsen, Lay Member  
Ginger Johnson, Member

Members Absent: Rebecca Grandpre, Vice President  
Cindy Steele, Lay Member

Others Present: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Secretary  
Paula Spargur, Executive Assistant  
Kirsten Jasper, Assistant Attorney General  
Christine Knapp, NASW  
Tim Fitzgerald, Program Director, Black Hills Children's Home  
Bill Colson, Executive Director, Black Hills Children's Home  
Amy Iversen-Pollreisz, Deputy Secretary, Dept. of Social Services  
Brooke Bohnenkamp, Director of Constituent Services, Dept. of Social Services

President Harrington called the meeting to order at 8:39 AM MT at The Lodge at Deadwood, SD. Harrington called for corrections or additions to the agenda.

**Corrections or Additions to the Agenda:** There were no corrections or additions to the agenda. Harrington thanked the board for rallying during earlier meetings this summer in finalizing the RFP and contract process.

**Approval of the Minutes from September 11, 2012:** Lindquist moved and Herrboldt seconded to approve minutes from September 11, 2012. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**FY Financial Update:** Spargur reported fiscal year to date figures as of August 31, 2012: revenue of \$3,265.00, expenses of \$15,796.47 and cash balance of \$96,960.98. Johnson moved and Nielsen seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Election of Officers:** Nielsen moved and Lindquist seconded to retain Harrington for President. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Johnson moved and Nielsen seconded to retain Grandpre as Vice President and Lindquist as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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**Complaints/Investigations Update:** Herrboldt moved and Lindquist seconded to enter executive session at 8:57 AM MT to discuss complaints/investigations, CSW-PIP contract approvals, CSW-PIP applicants, Applicant 2012-1 and Conviction Examples. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Knapp exited the meeting. Lindquist moved and Herrboldt seconded to exit executive session at 9:58 AM MT. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Knapp joined the meeting. The board took a brief break and reconvened at 10:11 AM MT. Fitzgerald, Colson, Iverson-Pollreisz and Bohnenkamp joined the meeting.

**Social Work by Equivalency:** Harrington asked those present to introduce themselves. The board had requested interested parties provide their opinion on retaining or eliminating the Social Work by Equivalency level of licensure. Christine Knapp presented from NASW. She stated that NASW would support legislation change to eliminate the Social Work by Equivalency level of licensure due to various reasons including the fact that no other profession allows education to be waived in order to meet requirements and that South Dakota now has education available for those seeking Social Work degrees. Harrington summarized the letters from the University of South Dakota and the University of Sioux Falls. The University of South Dakota expressed that continuing the Social Work by Equivalency level of licensure, diminishes the integrity of social work as a field practice and would support the elimination of that licensure. The University of Sioux Falls stated that the BSW programs in South Dakota are not operating at full capacity, and yet they are meeting the demand for new social workers. Given the adequate supply of professionals in the state, there is no need for an equivalency licensure process that lowers professional standards. Jasper checked on when the Equivalency level of licensure was established and it was in 1975 when the original licensure laws were developed. Colson presented from the Children's Home Society and expressed how the Social Work by Equivalency level of licensure plays a crucial role in being able to serve the needs of children in South Dakota. Fitzgerald, also with the Children's Home Society expressed his concerns if the Social Work by Equivalency level of licensure was eliminated. He believes there is not an adequate supply of Social Workers in South Dakota. He currently has two licensees from an accredited program and two through equivalency. Six of his applicants who had been approved through the equivalency process passed the exam on the first time. He stressed they do meet minimum competency levels. Out of the 12 applicants he had that went through CSWE accredited programs four failed the exam on their first attempt. Tellinghuisen advised there had not been any complaints against those licensed through equivalency. Tellinghuisen provided background on the discussion of this topic. This level of licensure has been discussed by many boards in the past and they have evaluated the number of complaints, number licensed, the reason behind the level of licensure and have always decided to retain that level. Harrington asked the board office to research actual #'s of applicants, # of licensees, etc. for the next meeting. The board asked any other interested parties to provide feedback on this topic. Colson, Fitzgerald, Iversen-Pollreisz and Bohnenkamp exited the meeting.

**#251-** complaint is pending.

**#252-** Lindquist recommended to dismiss complaint #252 based on the complaint did not rise to the level of an ethical violation. Herrboldt moved and Johnson seconded to accept the recommendation to dismiss complaint # 252. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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**CSW-PIP Contract and Applicant Approvals:**

Csongradi, J.: Herrboldt moved and Johnson seconded to approve supervision beginning September 23, 2012. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dramstad, T.: Herrboldt moved and Johnson seconded to approve supervision beginning October 1, 2012. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Lohff, K.: Herrboldt moved and Johnson seconded to approve supervision beginning September 21, 2012. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

White, S.: Johnson moved and Nielsen seconded to approve applicant for CSW-PIP licensure. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Applicant 2012 – 1: Harrington moved and Nielsen seconded to send letter to applicant requesting a chemical dependency evaluation by a provider the board chooses. In addition, applicant needs to provide a signed release so the board can release the applicant's records to this provider. The letter will also include the laws/rules of South Dakota and the NASW code of ethics for the applicant to reeducate herself. Motion carried by unanimous vote with Lindquist abstaining.

The board discussed the letters where people are providing record of their convictions and asking for prior approval for licensure. The board will not pre-approve any applicant and will respond accordingly.

**Number of hours of supervision that is required to be clinical in pursuing CSW-PIP:** The board discussed 20:59:05:03 regarding the qualifications of a supervisor. In reviewing CSW-PIP contracts the board will look more closely at the practice area and may look at revising the form in order to make it clearer.

**E-therapy:** E-therapy is changing the practice of social work and the board will start reviewing other states statutes that are beginning to address the topic.

**ACE Committee Report:** Harrington provided a report from when he met with the ACE Committee. The latest study regarding continuing education shows where distance learning may be more effective than in person workshops. Distance learning is more stringent as a post test is usually required testing the attendee to see how much information they retained. The ACE committee will require post tests in the future in order to be approved for continuing education credits. Currently statute limits the number of continuing education credits to 10 of 30 that can be obtained on-line. The board may consider increasing this number to 15. Nielsen exited the meeting.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:30 PM MT. The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 PM MT.

**Change application to ask a question whether an application has an addiction to alcohol or other stimulant that if left untreated could incapacitate them from professional performance (36-26-32):** Jasper provided the board with examples of applications where this question is asked in different ways. The board discussed how they would handle the responses to this question and determined to leave the application as is for now. Herrboldt expressed interest in pursuing Background checks again for Social Work licensure. The board office will check with the

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Department to see if the Department would be favorable in this proposed change.

**“Jurisdiction” on things that occur outside of SD for licensing purposes:** Jasper had found an example of case law where it may allow the board to have “jurisdiction” on things that occur outside of South Dakota for licensing purposes.

**Schedule Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 18, 2012 at 12:00 PM CT / 11:00 AM MT. Lindquist moved and Herrboldt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 PM MT. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Lindquist, CSW-PIP  
Secretary/Treasurer