

OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR September 12, 2011

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
Sally Johnson, Lay Member

Others Present: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Secretary
Paula Spargur, Executive Assistant
Kirsten Jasper, Assistant Attorney General
Dwight Hymans, ASWB Director of Board Services
Christine Knapp, NASW
Ginger Wintemute, Equivalency
Deb Aden, Equivalency
Tim Fitzgerald, Program Director, Black Hills Children's Home

President Harrington called the meeting to order at 8:41 AM MT at The Lodge at Deadwood, SD. Harrington welcomed board members and Dwight Hymans, ASWB Director of Board Services. Harrington called for corrections or additions to the agenda.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda: There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes from July 28, 2011: Lindquist moved and Herrboldt seconded to approve minutes from July 28, 2011. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FY Financial Update: Spargur reported fiscal year to date figures as of July 31, 2011: revenue of \$2,955.00, expenses of \$10,945.38 and cash balance of \$87,256.40. Lindquist moved and Johnson seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

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Dwight Hymans, ASWB Director of Board Services: Harrington welcomed Hymans, the ASWB Director of Board Services. Hymans updated the Board on ASWB policy changes. First, effective January 1, 2012, ASWB will only provide examination services to entities that allow the Association to directly collect fees for the examinations and other ASWB products. Jasper will review the law to see if a legislative change will be required to change the way we currently collect the exam fee then reimburse ASWB. Secondly, Hymans updated the board on the Advanced/Generalist exam. As of January 1, 2012 the Advanced/Generalist will have been revised significantly and ASWB will no longer stand behind it for clinical content. This topic will be added to the next meeting's agenda. Thirdly, Hymans informed the board of ASWBs concerns regarding a Ph.D. qualifying applicants for the CSW-PIP level of licensure. South Dakota statute does include "accredited by the council on social work education". The Board discussed removing "doctorate" from 36-26-14. Jasper will review the language. The meeting recessed for 15 minutes. Aden and Wintemute joined the meeting.

Complaints/Investigations Update: Lindquist moved and Johnson seconded to enter executive session at 10:15 AM MT to discuss complaints/investigations, CSW-PIP contract approvals, CSW-PIP applicants. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Knapp, Aden, Fitzgerald and Hymans exited the meeting. Lindquist moved and Herrboldt seconded to exit executive session at 10:33 AM MT. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Knapp, Aden, Fitzgerald and Hymans joined the meeting.

#245- complaint is pending.

#246- complaint is pending.

#250- complaint is pending.

CSW-PIP Contract and Applicant Approvals:

Blausey, R.: Herrboldt moved and Johnson seconded to approve supervision beginning August 18, 2011. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Fichtner, E.: Herrboldt moved and Johnson seconded to approve supervision beginning August 12, 2011. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sedlacek, B.: Herrboldt moved and Johnson seconded to approve supervision beginning August 12, 2011. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Blaalid, B.: Herrboldt moved and Johnson seconded to approve supervision beginning August 6, 2011. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Applicant question: Applicant must complete a CSW-PIP application along with fees and verification of out of state supervision prior to having out of state supervision reviewed.

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Social Work by Equivalency: Tellinghuisen explained the qualifications for becoming licensed at the Equivalency level per 20:59:02:03.03, 20:59:02:04 and 20:59:02:05. Tim Fitzgerald, Director of Black Hills Children Home voiced his concern with eliminating the level of licensure as it benefits their residential facility. His facility has licensed nine people since 2007. Hymans suggested the Board increase the supervision requirement to strengthen the level. Christine Knapp, NASW voiced her concerns that the level minimizes the profession of Social Work. With more options in South Dakota to obtain a bachelor's and master's degree in Social Works she believes it needs revisited. Tellinghuisen reminded the Board that we need to look at it from the perspective of protection of the public and not promotion of the profession. Have there been complaints? Has the public been harmed? Lindquist recommended we invite other members of the public and profession to discuss the topic during one of our meetings. Tellinghuisen advised we check with the Department of Social Services on this issue. The Board recessed for lunch at 11:35 AM MT. The Board reconvened at 1:05 PM MT. Nielsen exited the meeting. Aden will be taking over Wintemute's role as Equivalency Review Officer effective January 1, 2012. The Board office will check on setting up a contract for her to mentor under Wintemute the rest of this year and beginning January 1, 2012.

Importance/Role of a Board: The Board discussed composite boards/multiple profession boards and the downfalls of them. Our Board is self sustaining so we shouldn't see an issue with being merged. Tellinghuisen expressed how well our law is written and the importance of not getting too specific in law so that you don't get boxed in when it comes to being able to make decisions.

Internet/treatment across state line: Social Workers need to be cognizant of both. Jasper advised the only option to report unlicensed practice per Administrative law is to report it to the States Attorney in the county in which it occurred. Hymans suggested the board review the language ASWB uses in the Model Act.

Complaint procedure: Harrington explained the complaint procedure briefly. Hymans informed the Board that CLEAR offers training on complaint procedures to Board members and that Dale Atkinson, ASWB legal counsel is always available to the Board as a consultant.

Posting of disciplinary action: Lindquist had reviewed the Medical Examiners website and suggested we update our website with more information on a licensee's disciplinary action. The Board agreed to post more detail. The Board office will check with the Department to see if it is possible to provide a link for example "*Disciplinary Action*" next to a licensee on the roster that will take the viewer to the Disciplinary Action website page that will include another link to the complete Final Determination.

Continuing Education via the internet: Harrington explained the in depth process a continuing education provider must go through to become an ACE provider. Currently we allow ten of the thirty required continuing education hours to be distance learning. The board discussed the possibility of changing this requirement with webinars and more on-line programs. This topic will be added to another agenda.

Second testing site in South Dakota: Harrington expressed his concern with only having one testing site available in South Dakota and the length of time it is taking to be scheduled for the exam. Hymans suggested the Board contact Pat Olinger with ASWB if we have an applicant that is having

difficulty getting scheduled. Pearson Vue is looking at the possibility of another site in Rapid City, however they do not have a center there so would be partnering with another organization if they meet the qualifications.

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CSW-PIP evaluation form: Johnson was happy to see how in depth the CSW-PIP evaluation form was but had concerns that some areas were outdated. Knapp reminded the board that NASW has a supervision manual. Hymans stated supervision has been under more scrutiny and that supervisor training was important. The Board agreed to look at the questions and see what could be revised.

ASWB Annual Meeting: The Board discussed sending staff and two board members to the ASWB Annual Meeting November 3-5, 2011 in Oklahoma City, OK.

Schedule Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 8, 2011 at 12:00 PM CT / 11:00 AM MT. Herrboldt moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 PM MT. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Lindquist, CSW-PIP
Secretary/Treasurer