

OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR October 21, 2013

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

Members Absent: Rebecca Grandpre, Vice President

Others Present: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Secretary
Paula Spargur, Executive Assistant
Erika Buchholz, Executive Assistant
Kirsten Jasper, Assistant Attorney General
Christine Knapp, NASW
Terry Werner, NASW
Brooke Bohnenkamp, Director of Constituent Services, Dept. of Social Services

President Harrington called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM MT at The Lodge at Deadwood, SD. Bohnenkamp and Lindquist joined the meeting via telephone. Harrington called for corrections or additions to the agenda.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda: Spargur requested to add board appointments to the agenda after Item # 13. Items 5-8 were moved for discussion after board appointments.

Approval of the Minutes from July 1, 2013: Johnson moved and Herrboldt seconded to approve minutes from July 1, 2013. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FY Financial Update: Spargur reported fiscal year to date figures as of September 30, 2013: revenue of \$9,009.89, expenses of \$20,254.99 and cash balance of \$98,687.93. Herrboldt asked how the cash balance compared to previous years. The board office will distribute fiscal year end reports for the last three years to board members.

Election of Officers: Harrington opened the floor for nominations for the election of officers. Johnson nominated Herrboldt for President. Nielsen seconded and moved nominations cease. Herrboldt nominated Johnson for Vice-President. Nielsen seconded and moved nomination cease. Herrboldt nominated Nielsen for Secretary Treasurer. Harrington seconded and moved nominations cease. Steele moved and Lindquist seconded to elect Herrboldt for President, Johnson for Vice-President and Nielsen for Secretary Treasurer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Social Work by Equivalency & Review Officer: Harrington provided the background on the previous discussions on eliminating the Social Work by Equivalency level of licensure. Knapp expressed NASW's opinion supporting eliminating the Social Work by Equivalency license. Werner also stated that NASW opposes the equivalency level. If a person calls themselves a Social Worker they should be a degreed social worker. "By eliminating this level it will protect our profession", said Werner. Lindquist stated he supports eliminating the Social Work by Equivalency level of licensure as the Social Work Associate level provides a need for underserved areas and is supervised to protect the public. The political aspects have diminished with allowing SWAs to provide restraints. Harrington moved and Johnson seconded to have the Board begin the process of pursuing in a responsible fashion changing SDCL 36-6-15 to eliminate the equivalency level of Social Work licensure. Motion carried by five yeas, one nay. Harrington affirmed the decision since the rule was passed this year allowing Social Work Associates to perform the function of restraints, the decision will effect very few people as in the last year only six applicants applied and the elimination of the equivalency level will match the national standard. The Board will reach out to stakeholders to inform them of the Board's decision to see if there are any parties opposed. Spargur informed the Board that Ginger Wintemute, the board's Equivalency Review Officer wishes to retire from the position. The board office will see if she is interested in serving one more year. The Board took a break at 9:45 AM MT.

CEU Provider: The Board reconvened at 10:00 AM MT and discussed the CEU Provider form. Harrington requested the Board have an applicant who is applying to be a CEU Provider provide a sample of one of the workshops they have approved. He also asked that the provider name a Social Work consultant who has been a part of the development of the course. Jasper referred to 20:59:04:08 and explained we do not have the authority to require a Social Worker be involved with the development of the course. The board office will revise the form to request a sample be submitted with the application moving forward.

CSW-PIP Evaluation: The Board discussed the evaluation form for CSW-PIP candidates and determined it needs revised. Johnson will work on establishing the areas to be evaluated. Lindquist recommended we use satisfactory vs unsatisfactory instead of a rating scale. Tellinghuisen will ask Louisiana how they like their form for CSW-PIP Evaluations at the Administrator's forum during the ASWB Annual Meeting.

Social Work Application addressing if applicant is licensed in another Mental Health Field and status of that license: Lindquist expressed concerns regarding the possibility of the board licensing someone who has had disciplinary action in another mental health field. Herrboldt felt the board needs to revisit background checks and redefine the law to ask the appropriate questions and have the authority to address this. Bohnenkamp was going to check to see if the Department had any plans for pursuing background checks. The Board will consider revising statute that will give the Board the authority to deny licensure based on an applicant's denial, suspension, or revocation of another professional license as well as to allow for conditional admissions.

ASWB Annual Meeting: Harrington, Herrboldt, Tellinghuisen and Spargur plan on attending the ASWB Annual meeting.

Board Appointment: The Board has two positions open to fill; one CSW-PIP and one SW. Board members will provide the board office with potential names by October 23, 2013.

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Schedule next meeting date: The board tentatively scheduled the next meeting for January 7, 2013 at 12:00 PM CT/11:00 AM MT. The Board recessed at 11:24 AM MT for a break.

Complaints/Investigations Update: The Board reconvened at 11:40 AM MT. Harrington moved and Johnson seconded to enter executive session at 11:41 AM MT to discuss complaints/investigations, CSW-PIP contract approvals, CSW-PIP applicants, Applicant 2013-3 and 2013-4. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Knapp, Werner and Bohnenkamp exited the meeting. Johnson moved and Lindquist seconded to exit executive session at 11:55 AM MT. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#254- Herrboldt recommended dismissal of Complaint # 254 based on lack of substantive evidence. Harrington moved and Nielsen seconded to accept recommendation to dismiss complaint #254. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#2013-2- Harrington recommended that applicant be allowed to continue the application process by taking the exam with the conditions that upon passing applicant will take an ethics course approved by the board and be supervised for one year. Johnson moved and Nielsen seconded to accept the recommendation on 2013-2. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CSW-PIP Contract and Applicant Approvals:

Lueth, C.: Johnson moved and Steele seconded to approve supervision beginning July 8, 2013. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Hurst, J.: Johnson moved and Steele seconded to approve supervision beginning July 18, 2013 and September 28, 2013. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Auch, S.: Johnson moved and Steele seconded to approve supervision beginning October 4, 2013. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Enomoto, J.: Johnson moved and Steele seconded to approve supervision beginning October 11, 2013. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Wiegand, M.: Harrington moved and Nielsen seconded to approve CSW-PIP licensure upon receipt of verification of licensure from Nebraska. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Shores Foster, R.: Johnson moved and Nielsen seconded to approve CSW-PIP licensure. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Karley, L.: Johnson moved and Nielsen seconded to approve CSW-PIP licensure. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Applicant 2013 – 3: Harrington moved and Nielsen seconded to approve Applicant 2013-3 for licensure. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Johnson moved and Steele seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 PM MT. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Respectfully submitted,

David Nielsen
Secretary/Treasurer