

APPROVED MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS PLANNING MEETING Friday, April 10, 2009 Second Floor Conference Room 3218 Pringle Road SE – Salem, OR 97302

Board Members Present: Mark Oldham, Chair
Becky Rasmussen, Vice Chair
Cheryl Price
Carol Copley Zancanella
Simone Brooks
Sara Dehaan
Mark Troseth

Board Counsel present: Kyle Martin, AAG, Oregon Dept. of Justice
Staff Members Present: Martin Pittioni (Executive Director)
Public Members Present: Ginger Martin, Department of Corrections (2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.)

Chair Oldham welcomed Board members and opened the Board Spring 2009 Planning Meeting at 8:35 a.m. The Chair advised Board members he would meet with Board staff Sancha Alley and Pam Johansen at 9 a.m. to discuss possible communication improvements between Board and staff.

Chair Oldham also advised that the afternoon schedule needed to be adjusted to accommodate an invitation to Ginger Martin of the Department of Corrections (DOC), to discuss DOC concerns and potential additional amendments to the Board's Senate Bill 177. He advised that the afternoon work of the Board would need to be interrupted between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m. to accommodate a full Board discussion with Ms. Martin.

Board members reviewed and discussed the Planning Meeting Schedule.

Chair Oldham recessed the Planning Committee at 8:50 a.m. to allow the Board committees to start their individual work assignments, which included preparation for the Board meeting on April 11 and working on committee goals. The full Board was asked to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. to commence the afternoon work. The Rules Committee was assigned to review the issue of what a person can do under "inactive" status, and to review rules regarding CSWAs who have completed their plan.

Chair Oldham reconvened the Board at 1:00 p.m., and discussed with the Board further changes to the Planning Meeting agenda. The Board decided to take up the Continuing Education and Rules Committee work the next day, and to defer the review of 2008-09 Committee Goals, in order to allow as much as time as possible for the full Board to accomplish its full planning discussion agenda, with a special focus on SB 177, and preparation for the meeting with DOC's Ms. Martin.

Pittioni discussed with the Board the status of SB 274, including -3 amendments, and HB 2345, including -2 amendments, to prepare the Board for possible taking of a position on these measures during next day's Board meeting.

Pittioni then briefed the Board in detail on SB 177-A, and progress of the Board's budget and fee bills (SB 5508 and SB 5509). Pittioni clarified the current nature of SB 177-A as it had passed the Senate on a 24-5 vote, including amendments implementing a practice act limited to clinical social work effective January 1, 2011. Oldham reviewed for the Board some of the reaction from stakeholders who are impacted by SB 177-A as written, and are requesting further amendments to keep them from potentially opposing SB 177 on the House side.

Oldham reviewed and discussed with the Board the issue of CADCs, the current licensure process for CADCs, certified primarily through ACCBO, and their concern that SB 177-A would trigger an additional licensure requirement for them. Pittioni advised that this issue is also of special concern to the Department of Corrections. Board members received materials from ACCBO regarding ACCBO's licensure program for CADCs, and related DHS rules.

Pittioni and Oldham also discussed with Board members the issue of Community Health Program Certification by DHS under OAR Chapter 409, and the regulations within that Chapter for Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHPs) and Qualified Mental Health Associates (QMHAAs). Board members received copies of the relevant regulations for review.

Board members discussed with Pittioni the requests by stakeholders for exemption of CADCs and QMHAAs and QMHPs from the clinical social work practice act licensure requirement in SB 177-A's Section 4, and possible ways to accommodate such requests to maintain the bill's momentum and consensus character.

Special Guest Ginger Martin, Assistant Director, Dept. of Corrections, joined the discussion of the Board at 2:30 p.m. re CADCs. Board members discussed with Martin the nature of DOC's concerns and their intent to craft an amendment that would address DOC's and other stakeholder concerns that licensed CADC's would not also need to obtain licensure from this Board for work currently within the scope of their existing CADC license. Martin thanked the Board for consideration of DOC's views and left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Oldham then moved to other agenda items, and discussed with Board members development of a Board policy to publish disciplinary history, including for what period of time disciplinary actions should make available on the web site as a summary document.

Pittioni reviewed with the Board overdue Implementation of a Board Best Practices Performance Measure, and a hard copy PowerPoint presentation on this performance measure.

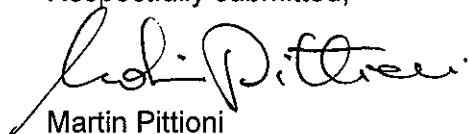
Oldham discussed with the Board his progress on the on-going project of updating the supervision booklet, and the related policy issues and OARs touched on. Oldham asked the Board to provide greater clarity on the Board's position on supervision post CSWA plan completion. Board staff Pam Johansen and Sancha Alley joined the Planning meeting for this discussion. Board and staff reviewed existing procedure and implementation in place since July 1, 2008, and the related rules. Chair Oldham asked the Board to work on improving the clarity of the Board's post-plan supervision expectation. Staff was asked to develop a proposal and a revised version of Form 8 to track post-plan supervision.

Pittioni discussed with the Board the essential need to improve Board and staff efficiencies in processes and procedures, in light of continually increasing licensure load, and additional program requirements, and the new work to be triggered by SB 177. Pittioni presented a list of possibilities, some for implementation at the staff level, others for discussion with the Board at the Fall 2009 Planning meeting and individual Board meetings.

Chair Oldham discussed with the Board the importance of improving Board communication with staff, to include their experience and perspective in the Board's decision making process, and to return to the practice of meeting with staff during the lunch time of the Board.

Chair Oldham adjourned the Planning Meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Pittioni". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "P".

Martin Pittioni
Executive Director