

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**STATE BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS**

**Saturday, October 23, 2010**

**Second Floor Conference Room**

**3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, OR 97302**

Board Members Present:     Becky Rasmussen, Chair  
                                    Cheryl Price, Vice-Chair  
                                    Mark Oldham  
                                    Carol Copley Zancanella  
                                    Sara Dehaan  
                                    Tania Rain

Board Counsel present:     Kyle Martin, AAG, Oregon Dept. of Justice

Staff Members Present:     Martin Pittioni  
                                    Aaron Bales  
                                    Pam Johansen

1.     CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rasmussen called the Board Meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

2.     REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Rasmussen requested that the draft agenda for New Business items be amended by removing the item on Board committee assignments, and adding two items, specifically review and adoption of a revised mission statement, and update regarding the Board's Affirmative Action Plan for 2011-13. Rasmussen further requested that the Board action item on minutes be taken up later on the agenda, after the working lunch of the Board, to allow Board members additional time for review.

Price moved to approve the agenda so amended. Dehaan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3.     MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Rasmussen announced that the Board would now enter executive session to conduct board business under the authority of ORS 192.660(2)(b)(f)(h)(i)(k). The Board entered executive session at 8:43 a.m.

The Board re-entered public session at 11:25 a.m. Chair Rasmussen recessed the Board meeting until 11:35 a.m.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Rasmussen reconvened the Board meeting at 11:38 a.m. and requested reports from the committees.

Consumer Protection Committee (CPC) Chair Price moved to dismiss case 2008-37 for no violation of rule or law. Dehaan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Price moved to close case 2010-06. Oldham seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Price moved to dismiss case 2010-25 for no violation of rule or law. Zancanella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Price moved to dismiss case 2010-35 for no violation of rule or law. Dehaan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Price moved to release the requested case information in Board case 2009-38 to the Board of Medical Examiners, under the authority of ORS 676.177(1), and to authorize the Executive Director to release additional information or records from the case file to the requestor should an additional request for release of information or records be made that meets the requirements of ORS 676.177(1). Oldham seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CE Committee Chair Oldham reported that the CE committee had approved two CE requests and one study group.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board members reviewed the draft consent agenda and edited it based on the motions and actions of the committees. Zancanella moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. Dehaan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Rasmussen recessed the Board for 15 minutes to allow Board members to bring lunch into the room and continue the Board's work over lunch, and announced that the Board would take up review of minutes after the break.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Rasmussen reconvened the Board at 12:05 p.m. Members reviewed and edited minutes from the Board's July 13, 2010 meeting. Price moved to adopt the minutes of the July 13, 2010 Board meeting as amended. Oldham seconded. Board members Dehaan, Oldham, Vice Chair Price and Chair Rasmussen voted aye. Zancanella and Rain abstained. The motion passed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No member of the public was present to comment.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Chair Rasmussen asked Pittioni to provide the Board with his report. Pittioni advised he would in the interest of time not re-report the outreach related and budget related information covered during the previous day's planning meeting. Pittioni provided the Board with a copy of Department of Administrative Services PowerPoint slide summarizing the state's projected budgetary crisis, and briefly reviewed the document.

Pittioni briefed Board members on a legislative concept developed by health regulatory boards for a citation authority to provide a more efficient way of dealing with low-level administrative cases.

Chair Rasmussen and Pittioni jointly reported on the meeting at DHS with the Governors and other health regulatory boards to discuss development of a step-down model of the DHS HPSP Program for Impaired Professionals. Rasmussen and Pittioni advised that the discussion was still in a very early stage and that potential savings and costs of a step down model remain very fluid at this time.

Pittioni briefly reported on his participation in a October 1 2010 training event at Lake Oswego Center for the Arts that included a panel with representatives of all three mental health licensing boards, discussing the reporting implications of House Bill 2059 (2009) and also provided an opportunity for members of the mental health community to ask about House Bill 2345 (2009) and the eventual decision by all three mental health boards to not participate in the confidential impairment program run by DHS (HPSP).

9. OLD BUSINESS

Pittioni reported that beyond the information provided to the Board during the planning meeting of the Board on the previous day, he would ensure that all persons in any way captured in the Board's database, licensed or not, lapsed or not, would be notified of the proposed rules and new statutory regulations by post card and e-mail. Pittioni added that the database had over one thousand records of individuals who had either never finished an application or had not renewed their licenses or certifications and lapsed, and that these individuals would be included in the outreach efforts of the Board. Pittioni also reported on updates to the Board's web site with the latest Senate Bill 177 implementation data.

Chair Rasmussen then reviewed communications by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), previewed briefly at the Board's September 21, 2010 meeting, including the agenda for the November 2010 Annual Meeting of ASWB. Board members reviewed the proposed changes in ASWB's Clinical Supervision Policy proposed for the model social work practice act, and agreed that Chair Rasmussen should vote in favor of the proposed revisions at ASWB's Conference.

Pittioni and Johansen reviewed ASWB's test administration changes in vendor from ACT to Pearson VUE, and implications for Oregon. Pittioni noted that this change would decrease the number of test sites in Oregon by one, down to only three. Board members instructed Pittioni and Rasmussen to

advocate with ASWB on adding more test centers with specific emphasis on better access for rural Oregon applicants.

Oldham discussed with Board members his long-standing advocacy at ASWB with respect to the high failure rates of ASWB test takers who are English as Second Language speakers (ESL). Oldham requested continued advocacy at ASWB to consider a requirement that ESL test takers be required to show proof of a passing score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) before being admitted to sit for an ASWB test. Rasmussen and Pittioni indicated that this advocacy by the Oregon Board at ASWB would continue.

Chair Rasmussen briefly reviewed the remaining informational items from ASWB related to conscience clause legislation in Idaho, and California's decision to return to ASWB membership and use of ASWB exams beginning in 2014.

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Rasmussen reviewed a draft 2011 Board Meeting Calendar with the Board. Board members reviewed the calendar and determined that a revised proposal should be considered at the December 2010 Board meeting. Chair Rasmussen agreed that a revised proposal would be brought to the December 2010 Board meeting.

Chair Rasmussen asked Board members to consider a time to schedule a special Board Conference Call to approve applications for clinical licensure at the end of December. Pittioni advised that he intended to work with staff up until the very end of December, including changing the holiday schedule for the Board at the end of December so that Board staff would be working on December 31, 2010, to ensure that any license or certification applications for clinical practice could be approved and issued before January 1, 2011, when mandatory licensure for clinical social work practice takes effect.

Board members tentatively agreed to a Board conference call to be scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 30, 2010, or 8:00 a.m. on December 31, 2010, with the final determination to be made at the December 7, 2010 meeting of the Board.

Chair Rasmussen asked if Board members were inclined to take any further action at this time on Senate Bill 177 implementation issues discussed at the planning meeting. Board members decided to continue the conversation about additional rule or implementation issues at the December 2010 meeting of the Board, instead of finalizing additional decision items at this time.

Chair Rasmussen asked Board members to review and consider a new draft mission statement of the Board amended to reflect the expanded regulatory scope of the Board and shorten its length. Specifically, Board members considered the following draft statement: "The mission of the Board of Licensed Social Workers is to protect the citizens of Oregon through the licensing and regulation of Social Workers." Oldham moved to adopt the draft mission statement as presented. Zancanella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Rasmussen asked Pittioni to discuss developments regarding the Board's Affirmative Action Plan (AAP) for 2011-13. Pittioni reported that the Governor's Office of Affirmative Action had advised him

that the draft 2011-13 AAP could not be approved, and required extensive modifications. Pittioni asked for authority from the Board to modify the plan as necessary to meet the requirements of the Governor's Office. Board members authorized Pittioni to submit any necessary amendments. Pittioni advised he would work closely with Rasmussen on any necessary edits.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Board members reviewed correspondence between the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Pittioni regarding the proposed rules of the Board, and thanked Pittioni for his work in clarifying the Board's intent with DHS, and obtaining clear DHS support for the proposed rules of the Board.

12. SPECIAL REVIEWS

Rasmussen requested consideration of special reviews.

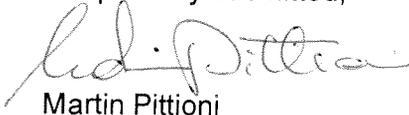
Oldham moved to approve the accommodation application of Patricia Blondo for up to 2 hours of additional time to take the ASWB exam. Price seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Oldham moved to approve the accommodation application of Jennifer Barrett for up to 2 hours of additional time to take the ASWB exam, and a private room. Price seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rasmussen adjourned the Board at 12:47 p.m., and thanked Board members for their hard work.

Respectfully submitted,



Martin Pittioni  
Executive Director