

Approved June 21, 2019



STATE of OREGON
BOARD of LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
Board Meeting
Friday, February 15, 2019
3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, OR 97302

- Board Members Present:** Ebony Sloan Clarke, *LCSW, Chair*
Rachel Jensen, *LMSW, Vice Chair*
Kathy Outland, *LCSW*
Brenda Dennis, *Public Member*
Donna Hirt, *LCSW*
John Fant, *Public Member*
Stephanie Manriquez, *Public Member**
- Board Counsel Present:** Kyle Martin, *AAG, Oregon Dept. of Justice*
- Staff Members Present:** Randy Harnisch, *Executive Director*
Kim Coleman, *Licensing Manager*
Mindy Tucker, *Senior Compliance Specialist**
Troy Clinton, *Investigator*
Wende Thatcher, *Licensing Specialist*
- Public Present:** Matthew Schobert, *Social Work Chief Executive, VA Portland Health Care System*
Charity McSperitt, *Acting Chief of Social Work Services, VA Roseburg Health Care System*
Laura Bridges, *Chief of Social Work Services, VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center & Clinics**

* = Participation by phone, all others present at the Board Office

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Clarke called the Board Meeting to order at 11:17 a.m., and provided brief opening remarks.

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

Chair Clarke asked for review of the draft agenda.

- i. **Dennis moved to adopt and approve the agenda as amended.**
- ii. **Jensen seconded.**

iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. MINUTES:

Chair Clarke asked if the Board members had an opportunity to review the minutes for the October 19, 2018 Board meeting:

- i. **Outland moved to approve the minutes for October 19, 2018 as presented.**
- ii. **Hirt seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Schobert discussed social work in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), the ASWB practice act and examination information, Oregon social work licensing, how the VHA assesses and determines State licensure practice levels, and the LMSW in Oregon and agency practice. Schobert noted that this discussion did not reflect the views of the VHA, US Government, or NASW. The VHA is the largest employer of professionally prepared MSWs and licensed social workers in the US, employing over 14,000 MSWs and licensed social workers. Nationally, 44% of ASWB exam candidates take the Masters exam, and 42% take the Clinical exam. In Oregon, 6% take the Masters exam, and 94% take the Clinical exam. Board members discussed the possibility of broadening the LMSW's scope of practice to allow for independent practice within an agency setting.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Clarke announced that the Board would now enter into Executive Session to conduct Board business, pursuant to ORS 162.660(2)(b)(f)(h)(i)(l). The Board entered into Executive Session at 1:13 p.m.

Chair Clarke moved the Board out of Executive Session at 2:16 p.m.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fant provided the Licensing and Examination Committee report, announcing that committee had reviewed and approved a Semi-Retired request for LCSW **Sharon Stahly**, a previous hours request for LCSW applicant **Caitlin Wrycza**, and five exam extension requests for CSWAs **Amber Mulvey**, **Michael Braxton**, **Michelle Lewis**, **Sharmin Rahman**, and **Steven Kelley**.

Dennis provided the Continuing Education Committee report and advised that committee had approved seven CE requests from LCSWs **Catherine Hennessy**, **Karl LaRowe**, **Lianne Dyche**, **Kari Stevens**, **Margaret Manning**, **Matthew Sutton**, and **Natalie Berkman**. LCSW **Laurel Johnson's** request was unable to be approved due to the training not being related to the field of social work. The CE Committee forwarded their recommendation to the Joint Legislative and Rules Committee to evaluate the rules regarding presenters counting their trainings toward their own continuing education requirement. The committee will revisit CE requirements for cultural competency at the next planning meeting.

Outland provided the Joint Legislative and Rules Committee report. The Committee reviewed division 20 of the Board's rules, which pertains to the procedure for certification of Clinical Social Work Associates and licensing of Licensed Clinical Social Workers.

Jensen presented the Consumer Protection Committee report.

In the matter of case 2017-22:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- i. **Fant seconded.**
- ii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2017-41:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Clarke seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2018-43:

- i. **Jensen moved to close the case.**
- ii. **Dennis seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2019-01:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Outland seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2018-11:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Hirt seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2014-10:

- i. **Jensen moved to approve and adopt the Stipulated Final Order as presented.**
- ii. **Outland seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

7. SPECIAL REVIEWS

Hirt discussed an item that the Licensing and Examination Committee wanted to bring forward for full Board discussion. LCSW supervisor Anne Emmett submitted concerns regarding their CSWA supervisee Dylan Thompson. Board members suggested requesting specific information regarding the CSWA's progress being made toward goals and what they are working on specifically for the next six months.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Harnisch provided a technology update. InLumon, Big Picture, and Thentia have submitted proposals for a new database and licensing system to the Board. Harnisch will be meeting with each vender to narrow down which one would be the best fit for the Board.

Harnisch provided a 2017-19 budget update. The Board is almost \$84,000.00 over on revenue. Expenditures are about \$30,000.00 under budget. There is about a \$500,000.00 ending cash balance that will roll over into the Board's 2019-2021 budget.

Harnisch provided a 2019-21 budget update. The Board had its budget hearing on February 5th. He anticipates the budget going to the full ways and means committee within 2 weeks.

Harnisch reviewed licensing statistics. The Board currently has just under 6,200 licensees.

9. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- i. **Dennis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**
- ii. **Jensen seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

10. OLD BUSINESS:

[No old business]

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Harnisch discussed holding the June Board meeting in Central or Southern Oregon. **Manriquez** offered to assist in scheduling a meeting at Central Oregon Community College. **Harnisch** suggested holding a presentation before the Board meeting and offering continuing education for it.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

[No correspondence]

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Clarke announced that the ASWB Education Conference will be held April 11-13, 2019 in Arlington, Virginia. **Fant** will be checking his availability for that conference.

Outland announced that she will continue to be the Chair for the ASWB Bylaws Committee.

Chair Clarke adjourned the Board meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Coleman
Licensing Manager