

Board Planning Meeting Minutes (Approved)

**STATE BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
Friday April 9, 2010, and Saturday, April 10, 2010
Blue Mountain Community College, Morrow Hall, Room 208
2411 NW Carden Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon**

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

Board Counsel Present: Kyle Martin, AAG, Oregon Dept. of Justice (April 9 only, by video conference)

Staff Members Present: Martin Pittioni
Pam Johansen
Chris Montenaro (April 9 only, by video conference)

Chair Rasmussen called the Board Planning Meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. on Friday, April 9, 2010, and welcomed Board and staff members to the Board's planning meeting. Rasmussen welcomed Board counsel Martin and Board Compliance Specialist Montenaro by video conference link from the Department of Justice.

Rasmussen reviewed the planning meeting agenda with Board members, and requested that committees to begin at 8:30 would conclude their work by 11:30 to allow for a timely start of the full Board meeting at 11:30. Rasmussen advised that the Planning activities on Saturday would begin at 9 a.m. Chair Rasmussen released Board members to do begin committee work at 8:28 a.m., and recessed the Planning Meeting until 9 a.m. on Saturday April 10, 2010.

Chair Rasmussen reconvened the Board's Planning Meeting on Saturday, April 10, at 9:30 a.m.

Rasmussen requested a report from the Board's first state-wide community forum on Senate Bill 177 implementation. Price reported that she had organized a Pendleton community forum for social workers on Senate Bill 177 at Blue Mountain College, for Thursday afternoon April 7. Price added that attendance was quite good, with about 21 people present, and a good cross-representation of different agencies and concerns. Rasmussen observed that questions were raised about what the definition of clinical social work was, and how it would be applied. Price observed that Pittioni had done a nice job in laying out the changes, reviewing first the current law and then the changes of Senate Bill 177.

Rasmussen asked what other outreach was still necessary. Board members and Pittioni discussed outreach to hospitals and nursing homes, and to approach DHS, including Erinn Kelley-Siels as Director of the Children Adults and Families Division of DHS.

Troseth reported briefly on plans for the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC). Troseth raised the question of whether or not interpretative rules would be a good approach for the Board to consider as part of this rulemaking project. Board members requested this be considered again with advice from counsel. Pittioni clarified that the rulemaking plans discussed would only affect Senate Bill 177 and related licensing program changes, and did not address the issue of House Bill 2345. Pittioni advised that temporary rules were unavoidable given that DHS had not yet developed its own temporary rules, and that the Board like most other Boards would not make a final decision on program participation until next month. Troseth concurred that the RAC for SB 177 should not also tackle House Bill 2345, given the large volume of rule-writing necessary to implement SB 177.

Chair Rasmussen requested that board members move on to review of the Ethics Code to assist in the rule writing project for Senate Bill 177. Board members reviewed OAR Chapter 877 Division 30 in detail, and provided guidance to Troseth on proposed edits to update the Code as needed for the new licensing types authorized by Senate Bill 177.

Chair Rasmussen then asked Board members to discuss over a working lunch the issue of what is clinical, and what is not. Board members discussed generally wanting to take a narrow approach to the definition of what is clinical social work. Pittioni provided a hand-out of an approach taken by the State of Michigan. Pittioni emphasized this was not a recommendation or endorsement of Michigan's work, but to provide one possible approach to begin looking at specific types of social work. Board members discussed various specific social work activities and whether they would consider them clinical social work or not. Rasmussen observed that the work needs to continue while ensuring that the Board stays within the framework provided by the clinical social work definition in ORS 675.510(2).

Chair Rasmussen adjourned the Board Planning Meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Martin Pittioni
Executive Director