

**MINUTES - APPROVED**

**STATE BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS**

**Tuesday, May 11, 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  
                                    Simone Brooks  
                                    Sara Dehaan  
                                    Mark Troseth

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

Staff Members Present:     Martin Pittioni  
                                    Sancha Alley  
                                    Pam Johansen  
                                    Christopher Montenaro

1.     CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rasmussen called the Board Meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

2.     REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Oldham moved to remove April Board minutes from the agenda. Price seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dehaan moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Brooks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3.     APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brooks moved to approve the minutes for March 9, 2010, as presented. Zancanella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. 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 11:47 a.m.

The Board re-entered public session at 1:30 p.m. Chair Rasmussen recessed the Board meeting until 1:40 p.m.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Rasmussen reconvened the Board meeting at 1:45 p.m. and requested reports from the committees.

Consumer Protection Committee (CPC) Chair Price moved to dismiss case 2009-49. Troseth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Price moved to close case 2010-16. Troseth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Price moved to dismiss case 2008-16. Troseth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Price moved to close case 2010-05. Troseth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Impaired Professionals Committee Chair Oldham moved the Board close case 2010-13. Brooks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Oldham moved to close IMP case 2007-03 and release participant from the IMP contract. Troseth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Oldham moved to close IMP case 2008-43 and release participant from the IMP contract. Brooks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CE Committee Chair Oldham reported that the CE committee had approved multiple CE requests, and was bringing one request for denial of CE credit to the Board for consideration. Oldham moved that the Board disapprove continuing education units proposed by Sharon Richards, LCSW, for a conference attendance, due to failure to comply with OAR 877-025-0006(2)(a)(B). Dehaan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Brooks moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. Dehaan seconded. The motion passed

unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No member of the public was present to comment.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Pittioni updated the Board with current licensure statistics, and reviewed the financial status of the Board. Chair Rasmussen and Pittioni reported from their attendance of the April 30th meeting of representatives from Boards and Commissions with State Representative Val Hoyle and Claudia Black, Health Policy Advisor to the Governor. Pittioni reported that working groups would be convened to develop recommendations to the full group, which would ultimately formulate recommendations for consideration by the House Interim Committee on Health Care and the Governor's Reset Cabinet.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Rasmussen reviewed with the Board the status of compliance with the Records Custodian Rule. Pittioni reported that the mailing to all licensees had had the desired effect, with over 600 responses to date, and had also yielded some questions. Rasmussen asked Board members for their views regarding the questions raised as to what specific licensees the Board would consider acceptable as designated records custodians under OAR 877-030-0100. Board members generally agreed that CADC licensure would be acceptable, but that QMHA and QMHP status would not qualify. Troseth raised the question of what the policy rationale was for restricting the eligibility to serve as records custodian to mental health licensees only. Board members decided to table that policy discussion since the policy is already reflected in rule, and thanked staff for their efforts in increasing licensee compliance with this rule.

Chair Rasmussen asked Board members to make the final decision with respect to the Board's participation in the confidential DHS-HPP monitoring program, as required by House Bill 2345 (2009). Rasmussen reported that a written poll of the Board's licensee base had come back with split results. Pittioni added that as of the afternoon before the board meeting, 100 licensees had sent in votes in favor of not increasing fees and not participating in the confidential program, while 98 licensees had responded that maintaining a confidential monitoring option for impaired licensees was essential and were willing to support a fee increase in the estimated range of up to \$20 per year. Rasmussen observed that the Board thus did not appear to have clear feedback from the licensee base on this difficult issue. Pittioni reported that DHS had moved to reduce the costs to participant licensees in the program, but that the assessment to the Board was now likely going to be somewhat higher than discussed at the April 2010 Board. Pittioni explained the final numbers could not be known until contract negotiations had been finalized, and the issue of the cost of the Monitoring Entity required by HB 2345 was settled. Pittioni added that an RFP on the latter had come in substantially above budget

and that DHS was working to reduce costs. Pittioni also reported that as Boards are making decisions as to whether or not to participate, the overhead costs to each participant Board fluctuate based on the number of actual DHS program participants. Pittioni added that the Board of Licensed Counselors and Therapists had decided not to participate in the DHS program, reversing its earlier decision.

Chair Rasmussen observed that no Board had the luxury of getting completely settled financial information on DHS HPP program cost before needing to make final DHS HPP participation decisions.

Oldham moved to reconsider the Board's previous decision to participate in the DHS HPP confidential monitoring program. Dehaan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Oldham moved that the Board not participate in the DHS HPP confidential monitoring program, subject to annual review. Zancanella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Rasmussen reported that Board member Zancanella had been re-appointed by the Governor to the serve another term, and was pending confirmation by the Senate. Dehaan indicated she may be willing to serve as a holdover appointment for a few more months while the search for a replacement appointment continues.

#### 10. CORRESPONDENCE

Rasmussen advised that licensee Jackie Downie had inquired regarding designating a CADC as records custodian. Board members authorized staff to advise Downie that the Board would allow CADCs as records custodians, per the Board's earlier discussion.

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Rasmussen requested an update on the Statewide Community Forums on the new 2011 social work regulations. Oldham reported a healthy attendance of about 25 at the Eugene Forum on May 5, with a good mix of licensed and unlicensed social workers, and a representative from DHS. Oldham reported that NASW's Tom Hogan also was in attendance. Pittioni reported that everything was in place for what was expected to be the largest forum, to occur the day after the Board meeting, on the evening of May 12 at Providence Hospital in Portland. Pittioni added that NASW's President, Larry Betcher, had been most helpful in arranging accommodations at Providence. Zancanella advised that everything was in place for the May 21 community forum in Bend. Pittioni reported that he was in contact with the NASW Chapter in Medford to arrange a possible fifth forum there. Board members discussed with Pittioni sending a thank you letter to those providing free accommodations for the community forums.

Chair Rasmussen then requested that Board members discuss some specific Senate Bill 177 (2009) implementation issues. Pittioni reviewed the status of contacts with DHS and DHS involvement in the Rules Advisory Group. Rasmussen reviewed possible proposed fees for the RBSW and LMSW

program with the Board, and advised that no fee increases for existing licensing programs, with the possible exception of late fees, are under consideration at this time.

Rasmussen raised the issue of national tests for the RBSW and LMSW licensure requirements. Board members discussed waiving the exam requirement for BSWs and LMSWs for 2 years, or possibly entirely at the BSW level. Rasmussen advised that the Board would get further input on this issue from the Rules Advisory Committee meetings scheduled for June 2010.

## 12. SPECIAL REVIEWS

Oldham moved to approve Douglas L. George's request to return to active status, subject to submission of 20 hours of CE and passage of the Oregon exam. Dehaan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Oldham moved to reconsider the Board's previous disapproval of the proposed CSWA supervision plan submitted by Brad Waters, naming Brandt Rigby as supervisor. Troseth seconded. Board members Dehaan, Oldham, Price, Troseth, Zancanella and Chair Rasmussen voted yes. Brooks voted no. The motion passed.

Oldham moved to approve the proposed CSWA supervision plan submitted by Brad Waters, naming Brandt Rigby as supervisor. Troseth seconded. Board members Oldham, Price, Troseth, and Chair Rasmussen voted yes. Brooks, Dehaan, and Zancanella voted no. The motion passed.

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Oldham moved to reconsider the Board's previous disapproval of the proposed CSWA plan change request submitted by Lisa Loewenthal, naming Brandt Rigby as supervisor. Troseth seconded. Board members Dehaan, Oldham, Price, Troseth, Zancanella and Chair Rasmussen voted yes. Brooks voted no. The motion passed.

Oldham moved to approve the proposed CSWA plan change request submitted by Lisa Loewenthal, naming Brandt Rigby as supervisor. Troseth seconded. Board members Oldham, Price, Troseth, and Chair Rasmussen voted yes. Brooks, Dehaan, and Zancanella voted no. The motion passed.

Oldham moved to approve an alternative CSWA plan change submitted by Lisa Loewenthal, naming

Susie Snyder as supervisor. Troseth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rasmussen adjourned the Board at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Martin Pittioni  
Executive Director