



STATE BOARD of LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS

Tuesday, May 24th, 2011

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
Tania Rain

Board Members Absent: Martha Lopez (excused)

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

Staff Members Present: Martin Pittioni, *Executive Director*
Aaron Bales, *Investigator*
Mindy Tucker, *Temporary Investigator*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Rasmussen called the Board Meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

2. **REVIEW OF AGENDA:**

Chair Rasmussen asked for review of the draft agenda. Rasmussen asked if Board members would like to work on draft temporary rules more formally at this meeting, which would require adding that item to the New Business section of the agenda.

- *Zancanella moved to adopt and approve the agenda so amended.*
- *Oldham seconded.*
- *Motion passed unanimously.*

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chair Rasmussen asked for review of the draft minutes of March 4, March 5, April 9 and April 22, 2011. Board members reviewed the minutes.

- *Oldham moved to approve the Board planning meeting minutes of March 4, 2011, as presented.*
- *Price seconded.*
- *Motion passed unanimously.*

- *Oldham moved to approve the Board meeting minutes of March 5, 2011, as presented.*
- *Price seconded.*
- *Motion passed unanimously.*

- *Zancanella moved to approve the Board meeting minutes of April 9, 2011, as presented.*
- *Oldham seconded.*
- *Motion passed unanimously.*

- *Oldham moved to approve the Board meeting minutes of April 22, 2011, as presented.*
- *Price seconded.*
- *Motion passed unanimously.*

4. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Rasmussen announced that the Board would now enter into Executive Session to conduct Board business, pursuant to ORS 162.660(2)(b)(f)(h)(i)(k). The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:20 a.m.

- *Chair Rasmussen moved the Board out of Executive Session at 12:08 p.m.*

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Vice Chair Price presented the Consumer Protection Committee Report:

In the matter of case #2010-49:

- i. *Price moved to close the case.*
- ii. *Oldham seconded.*
- iii. *Motion passed unanimously.*

In the matter of case #2009-07:

- i. *Price moved to close the case.*
- ii. *Oldham seconded.*
- iii. *Motion passed unanimously.*

In the matter of case #2009-47:

- i. *Price moved to dismiss the case for no violation of rule or law.*
- ii. *Rain seconded.*
- iii. *Motion passed unanimously.*

In the matter of case #2010-39:

- i. *Price moved to dismiss the case for no violation of rule or law.*
- ii. *Rain seconded.*
- iii. *Motion passed unanimously.*

In the matter of case #2010-52:

- i. *Price moved to close the case.*
- ii. *Zancanella seconded.*
- iii. *Motion passed unanimously.*

In the matter of case #2010-54:

- i. *Price moved to close the case.*
- ii. *Rain seconded.*
- iii. *Motion passed unanimously.*

In the matter of case #2011-14:

- i. *Price moved to close the case.*

- ii. Zancanella seconded.*
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.*

2. Continuing Education Committee Report:

Oldham reported that four continuing education requests were approved, and the committee asked for additional information in two cases submitted.

Oldham requested Board consideration of the matter of Judy Jenson's request for a CE waiver pursuant to OAR 877-025-0011(2). **Oldham** reported that Jenson was required to complete 30 units of CE for her licensure renewal, had completed 18 CE units, and requested a partial waiver of 12 CE units due to a medical condition.

- i. Oldham moved to waive 12 hours of the CE requirement in the matter of the licensure renewal of Judy Jenson, pursuant to the provisions of OAR 877-020-0011(2)(c)(B).*
- ii. Price seconded.*
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.*

3. Legislative Committee Report:

Chair Rasmussen requested that **Pittioni** provide a brief report. **Pittioni** reported that the Board's budget bill (HB 5008) and fee bill (HB 5009), as well as HB 2314 had all been given final approval by the Legislature and were on its way to the Governor. **Pittioni** added that in his meetings with legislators it had become clear that removing the late fee increase for LCSWs was not necessary to gain approval for HB 5009, and that therefore the only amendment included in the fee bill was to provide legislative approval for the lower LCSW late fee amount of \$200 adopted by the Board in December 2010. **Pittioni** reminded the Board that passage of HB 2314 would require temporary rules to be completed no later than the June Board meeting to implement the streamlining of the clinical licensure process contained in one provision of the bill. **Pittioni** reported that now only SB 423 was unfinished on the list of 2011 session bills in which the Board was actively involved with a position in favor. **Pittioni** reported that on the list of bills tracked by the Board but without a Board position, SB 96 was sitting in Ways and Means without action, and SB 97 had been defeated on the House floor. **Pittioni** added that the transparency bills introduced by the Attorney General had either not gotten a hearing or were referred to a Rules Committee to keep them alive. **Pittioni** said that on the issue of semi-independence, the Oregon Society of Clinical Social Workers had signaled support, and that the dialogue with NASW's Oregon Chapter was on-going and included a report that NASW-OR has been historically supportive of semi-independence. **Pittioni** reported that he had joined a executive director level work group on the issue that would provide research and data to the Governor's Office to help the Governor's Office determine if it would favor a move of a group of health Boards toward semi-independent status.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Chair Rasmussen requested review of the Consent Agenda as presented. **Pittioni** clarified that the Consent Agenda as presented already reflected the impact of the motions of the Board at today's meeting, and observed that the Consent Agenda reflected continued strong growth in new applications to the Board, even prior to the start of MSW graduation season.

- *Zancanella moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.*
- *Oldham seconded.*
- *Motion passed unanimously.*

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No member of the public was present to comment.

8. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT / BUDGET UPDATE / WORKING LUNCH:**

Chair Rasmussen requested that **Pittioni** provide the **Administrator** report.

1. **Pittioni** reported that the E-Commerce roll-out of electronic renewals was still in a soft roll-out stage of providing the option to renew electronically to licensees, while still sending out paper renewals. **Pittioni** added this had provided a low initial volume that allowed for working out any remaining problems with a manageable volume of renewals. **Pittioni** advised that the switch to a hard roll-out, where licensees would be requested directly to renew on-line with paper renewals as a back-up only, would likely commence with July renewals to be sent out early June. **Pittioni** reminded the Board that the expense of implementation of this e-commerce option had been specifically funded by the Legislative Emergency Board in December 2010.
2. **Pittioni discussed** current statistical data with regard to licensees, and reported continued growth across all license types. **Pittioni** advised that the budgetary projections of licensee growth this biennium, as adjusted for implementation of SB 177 (2009), had already been reached. **Pittioni** reminded the Board that the 2011-13 biennium growth was not expected to continue at the 2009-11 rate, and is expected to add about 550 more licensees above year-end FY 2011 levels. **Pittioni** added that mathematically this would translate to a net growth of 23 licensees a month on average during 2011-13, a rate significantly lower than the growth during FY 2011 which included many months of growth in the 50-60 range. **Pittioni** reported he had presented to Portland State University (PSU) daytime and nighttime BSW students, and to the daytime and night-time PSU MSW graduating classes including the Ashland distance learning cohort. **Pittioni** added that these outreach activities were both educational regarding new regulations and new licensing options, while also functioning as a marketing tool. **Pittioni** concluded he expects solid growth in the summer of 2011 from applications of MSW program graduates.
3. **Pittioni** reviewed the hard copies of 2009-11 Financial Data provided to the Board with actuals included through April 2011.

9. **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Board member recruitment update. **Chair Rasmussen** reported that the two LCSW applicants the Board is aware of, Donna Henderson and Sue Newell, had met with her and **Pittioni**. Both continue to be interested to join the Board, however not until spring / summer 2012. **Vice Chair Price** commented that she would start to look into potential recruits from Eastern Oregon. **Chair Rasmussen** reported that Zancanella had provided names of potential Bend area applicants. **Pittioni** reported that the Governor's Office had advised that a third June 2011 cycle of Senate approvals of appointments was now no longer anticipated to occur, and that therefore the earliest the next set of appointments by the Governor that would be considered by the Senate Rules Committee in September 2011.
2. **Chair Rasmussen** discussed the proposed temporary rules and the related timing. Board members discussed the matter and determined that the temporary rules would be finished at the June 2011 Board meeting. Board members discussed possible further edits to the proposed language, including a proposal to specify more clearly the authority of the Board Chair in the interim between Board meetings, with special view toward a faster licensing process.. **Chair Rasmussen** requested that issue of CE rules for LMSW and RBSW level licensure be delayed until the related correspondence item on the agenda of the Board.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. DHS HPSP Program Participation. **Chair Rasmussen** asked the Board to take up the annual issue of reconsideration of whether or not to participate in the confidential DHS HPSP program for impaired professionals. **Pittioni** provided a handout of January 2011 materials from DHS distributed by DHS to Boards not currently participating in the DHS HPSP program, including program information from the contractor (Reliant Behavioral Health) and financial cost data for participant costs and Board costs. Board members reviewed the materials. **Pittioni** reported that progress had been made on the cost for participants, and that DHS had made some progress in developing a slightly lower cost option for Boards. **Pittioni** added that nevertheless the latest cost estimate would still amount to a \$70,000 annual cost to the Board, and that was still optimistic as that cost level was dependent on the entire mass of Oregon Health Licensing Agency Boards (OHLA Boards) licensees participating - which OHLA had already advised DHS would not happen. **Pittioni** added that indications from the partial first year of operations of the DHS HPSP are that with the exception of the Medical Board, the assumed level of self-referrals of licensees to the HPSP was nowhere near anticipated levels built into the HPSP cost formula. **Pittioni** concluded that DHS had not engaged in further outreach to non-participating Boards and that therefore this was the latest information available. **Pittioni** reminded the Board that current anticipated biennial cost of \$140,000 could not be financed without a fee increase and without obtaining additional expenditure limitation authority.

- *Oldham moved that the Board not participate in the DHS HPSP program during fiscal year 2012.*
- *Vice Chair Price seconded.*
- *Motion passed unanimously.*

2. Policy Discussion - Out of State Applicants for LCSW licensure. **Chair Rasmussen** requested that the Board discuss current practice with respect to out-of-state applicants for LCSW licensure given the new practice act statutes and rules. **Pittioni** reported that applicants who are already in-state are required to obtain CSWA certification if they wish to practice in Oregon before their LCSW license can be issued - which in some cases can be months if an applicant has not passed the required national exam. **Rasmussen** added that issue is the level of supervision required of CSWAs who are in essence out-of state applicants for LCSW. Board members discussed the matter and determined that the same supervision requirements as for CSWAs who had finished their program and are waiting for their national exam should apply. **Pittioni** advised he would ensure the temporary rules to be taken up in June 2011 would reflect that policy.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Tess Brown ~ **Chair Rasmussen** said Ms. Brown's e-mail of May 15 2011 requested clarification of the CE requirements for LMSW and RBSW levels of licensure. Board members discussed the matter and determined that at the LMSW and RBSW level half of the CE requirements can be in-house training with documented attendance and content related to social work. **Chair Rasmussen** added that CE rules should allow for credit from programs that are certified providers that have programs in place for credit for review of social work related articles, journals or books. **Rasmussen** clarified that such CE activity should be acceptable at all levels of licensure, except that it would have to be clinical in content for LCSW-level CE. Board members agreed that language to that effect be added into the temporary rules for Board consideration in June 2011. Board members discussed

the matter and agreed that language to that effect should be drafted and incorporated into the temporary rules to be finalized at the June 2011 Board meeting.

12. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF APPLICANT FILES (Special reviews):

1. **Chair Rasmussen** requested review of the ESL application for ASWB examination of **Jose A. Del Hoyo** for two hours of extra time.

- *Oldham moved to approve the application of Jose A. Del Hoyo for two hours of extra time.*
- *Zancanella seconded.*
- *Motion passed unanimously.*

2. **Chair Rasmussen** requested review of the application of **Julie H. Smith** to return to active LCSW licensure status. **Pittioni** added that **Smith** had been active as an LCSW for over 11 years before going inactive on January 2001. ioning the Board for special accommodations for the ASWB Clinical exam. **Pittioni** advised that applicant **Smith** had not submitted CE hours at this time to support her request, as applicant was waiting for a determination by the Board as to what the Board's requirement would be. Board members discussed the matter.

- *Oldham moved to approve the application of Julie H. Smith to return to active LCSW licensure subject to one year of non-disciplinary supervision once per month and completion of 40 hours of CE prior to issuance of an active LCSW license.*
- *Price seconded.*
- *Motion passed unanimously.*

13. ANNOUNCEMENT AND ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Rasmussen adjourned the Board meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Martin Pittioni
Executive Director

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Consent Agenda –MAY 24, 2011**

**NEW LCSW
APPLICATIONS (14)**

CRAIG ANDERSON
COLIN BARNICLE
CARLA CANFIELD
ANNE DOLAN
KERMIT DUHON
ELIZABETH DUNCOMBE
KRISTEN HANSEN
DONNA REY HUNTER
ALLISON LIPNICK
CANDACE SEBASTIAN
LERA SHEPPEARD
RODERICK THEIS II
KATHLEEN UNTERREINER
TINA WERMERSKIRCHEN

**NEW CSWA
APPLICATIONS (25)**

LINDA BAKER
LISA BATES
STACEY BENSON
JULIANE CHAPMAN
ARIANA CLARK
REBECCA DAVIS
LEE DEL PRIORE
AIMEE GOGLIA
BETHANY HALL
DEBORAH HUNT
JENNIFER KING
JULIE KEANAANA
ELAINE KNAPP
PALOMA KOGAN
ELLEN LEY
SARAH MARTIN
CHELSEA MEUDT
SUNNY OLSEN
DEVON PRIEM
VALERIE PROVIDENZA
THOMAS SCHWARTZ
LUKE THOMAS
NINA WAGNER
NESSA WILSON
ROSCOE WORKMAN-PURVINE

**NEW LMSW
APPLICATIONS (28)**

LINDA BROWN
THOA THI KIM BUI
JOHN BURKE JR
LORI CHAFFIN-BRITT
SARA DOIG
SHARON FAKO
BIANCA GIURGI
DEAN HALE
STEVE KALB
SHARIE KELLEY
SANG LEE
MARRISA LEUALLEN
CHRISTINA LEWIS
KATHERINE MANELIS
PATRICIA MCCONNELL
MERIBETH MILLER
JULIE MUNSON
NEARY MUONG
CARRIE MURRAY-AARON
EILEEN NITTLER
JESSICA PALMER
LYNETTE RAJI
CYNTHIA RAPP
DANA REBER
PERLA SLOANE-ESTRADA
JASON SMITH
LISA HAYES VERTULFO
LUA WEATHERDON

**NEW RBSW
APPLICATIONS (4)**

NICOLE CORK
ANTONIA DAY
JASMINE HOLLIDAY
JULIE SALWASSER

**LICENSE
REACTIVATION (3)**

EMILY BENSON
JULIE H SMITH
SARAH MACNEIL MARCUS

**CSWA
PLAN CHANGES (12)**

JENNIFER BLOOMFIELD
VERDA DEW
ALLISON HAJDU-PAULEN
SHERELLE HARMON
APRIL HASLAM
SLAVICA KOJADINOVIC
CHRISTINA KUCERA
CHARITY MC SPERITT
CAROLINE NAZARETH
JENNIFER WALLIS
NICOLE WARD
SHANNON WILHELM

**CSWA PLAN
COMPLETIONS (20)**

MIYA ABBOTT
RUSTIE ANDERSON
SHARON CARTER
ANTHONY CHRISTY
SIMON FARO AUSTIN
LINDA GOOD
JANA JOHNSON
ELIZABETH KIRKALDIE
ANDREA MITTLEIDER
MELISSA MONTBLANC
LAURA NEIMARK-GIZARA
KATIE NIEMEYER
JACQUELINE NOVET
MALIA PARECKI
JORDAN ROBINSON
LESLIE RODGERS
LAURA TAUBER
JENNIFER WASSERMILLER
AMY WHITE
CARLYNN WHITE

**CONSUMER PROTECTION
CASES: (11)**

ORS 676.165(4)

Extension

approval for the following

2009-34 2009-51 2010-42
2010-46 2010-50 2010-51
2010-53 2010-55 2011-01
2011-03 2011-04

**APPROVED
CONTINUING ED (4)**

REQUESTED BY HOURS

Jonathan Ayers	3
Karl Larowe	10
Lynn Launer	6
Robert Ross	10

All individuals listed in the above categories have met the necessary requirements to be approved by the Board of Licensed Social Workers - May 24, 2011 Consent Agenda.



Board Executive Director

5/24/2011

Date