



STATE BOARD of LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
Planning Meeting
Friday, October 28th, 2011
Second Floor Conference Room
3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, OR 97302

Board Members Present: Cheryl Price, *Chair*
Mark Oldham, *Vice Chair*
Carol Copley Zancanella
Martha Lopez
Tania Rain

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

Staff Members Present: Martin Pittioni, *Executive Director*
Aaron Bales, *Investigator*
Mindy Tucker, *Senior Compliance Specialist*
Pam Johansen, *Licensing Manager*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Price called the Board Planning Meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

Chair Price briefly reviewed the Planning Meeting agenda with the Board.

3. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Price announced that the Board would now enter into Executive Session to conduct Board business, pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(b)(f)(h)(i)(k). The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:25 a.m.

- **Chair Price moved the Board out of Executive Session at 12:20 p.m.**
- **Chair Price recessed the Board meeting for lunch until 1:00 p.m.**

4. Planning Meeting Topic 1 - Efficient Use of Board Resources

- 1. Chair Price** reconvened the Board at 1:15 p.m. with the same Board members present. **Zancanella** requested consideration of the Consumer Protection Committee (CPC) returning to a subcommittee of the full Board structure, and outlined the history behind the Board's shift from a committee structure to having the full Board act as the Board's Consumer Protection Committee. Board members and staff discussed the pros and cons of each approach, with a consensus emerging in favor of returning to a committee structure as of January 2012. **Pittioni** advised that the Board was due to review and approve an updated roster of committee members anyway at the December Board meeting, that the issue of CPC membership and could be most easily dealt with then by the Board.

2. Frequency of Board Meetings:

Chair Price requested that the discussion now move to frequency of Board meetings. **Pittioni** provided a handout to the Board with results of a survey of health regulatory board meeting frequency by Board. **Pittioni** added that he was not making any specific recommendation to the Board, as in his view it would be preferable to discuss the data provided and discuss the associated issues. **Oldham** advised he remained skeptical about reducing the frequency of the Board meeting schedule, which currently calls for near monthly Board meetings, recently relaxed to about 10 meetings a year. Board members and staff discussed the issue further and a consensus emerged in favor of moving toward 6 in-person Board meetings every two months, on the second Friday of every month, plus a brief Board meeting in the intervening months, also on the second Friday of the month, in the form of a short lunch-hour conference call. **Zancanella** proposed this structure be tried for a year and then be re-evaluated, and added that her understanding was that committees, especially the CPC, may need to pre-meet prior to the conference call Board dates, and not just in in-person meeting days.

3. 2012 Board Meeting Calendar:

Chair Price requested that the discussion now move to specific date review of the draft proposal for Board meeting frequency. Board and staff reviewed the proposed schedule against personal calendars, the statewide mandatory furlough schedule, and proposed holidays. **Pittioni** provided the following set of draft dates, based on the Board's discussion, beginning with in-person Board meeting days for 2012: February 10th, April 13th and 14th, June 8th, August 10th, October 12th and 13th, and December 14th. In addition, noon conference calls would be scheduled for January 13th, March 9th, May 11th, July 13th, September 14th, and November 9th. **Chair Price** agreed that the Board would take this issue up formally during the Board meeting the next day.

5. Board Planning Topic 2 – Future Strategic Objectives

Chair Price asked **Pittioni** to initiate the discussion. **Pittioni** provided a handout of possible goals for discussion. Board members reviewed the document with **Pittioni**. **Oldham** reported that the Rules Committee had met in the morning and worked on future goals, and only belatedly realized it had incorporated legislative issues into its review. **Oldham** suggested this happened because of the overlap between rules and legislative work, and proposed that the rules and legislative committee be joined together and operate as one. Board members agreed that at the next day's Board meeting **Oldham, Lopez and Zancanella** be proposed for appointment to the Board's legislative committee.

Oldham reviewed and discussed with Board members and staff the future strategic objectives as discussed by the Rules Committee. First, the Rules and Legislative Committees should have the same membership for now, with an immediate timeline. Second, explore developing rules or policies regarding the process of conducting child custody evaluations, including gather information as to how other jurisdictions are handling this problem, with a timeline of June 30, 2012. Third, explore whether the Board composition needs to be changed in statute given the new license types on offer as of January 2011, with a timeline of by the spring 2012 planning meeting. Fourth, explore need for more specific rules and laws around the issue of what "cooperating with the Board" during an investigation entails, with a timeline of by the spring meeting. Fifth, explore defining the scope of practice for the three levels of licensure, with LCSW, LMSW, and RBSW, with a timeline for by the spring planning meeting. At the conclusion of the discussion, **Pittioni** reminded the Board that it was possible based on past history that the Board would be faced with an executive branch deadline for legislative

concept proposals prior to the April 2012 planning meeting, and that thus it was critical that outreach to stakeholders begin early in the year with any draft proposals for the 2013 legislative session. Board members generally agreed to move forward with working on the topics as proposed by **Oldham's** committee.

Chair Price adjourned the Board Planning meeting at 4:05 p.m., and reminded Board members that the Examination and Continuing Education Committees would meet next to do their work and planning, and report at the Board meeting tomorrow on their work.

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" and "P".

Martin Pittioni
Executive Director