

North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners  
Special Board Meeting  
September 28, 2022

Present: Lacey Corneliusen, Jennifer Boeckel, Melissa Waind, Cory Pedersen  
Absent: Holly Hammarsten, Rhonda Allery, Rebecca Stutz  
Other: David Schaibley, Kayla Effertz Kleven, Lisa Feldner, Marnie Walth, Kristen Rubbelke

Lacey Corneliusen called the meeting to order to 7:12 pm

Meeting minutes Cory Pedersen moved to approve, Melissa Waind seconded. Waind - yes, Boeckel - yes, Pedersen - yes, Corneliusen - yes. Motion passed.

Lisa Feldner gave a current licensing update. At the previous meeting, there were over 400 pending applications. As of this meeting, there are 282 of which 154 are reciprocity and 128 and ND applicants.

Operations update:

- A. Cashier Check policy: Kayla Effertz Kleven asked the board for permission to cash checks written out to the board for background checks, and then writing a check to BCI for the background check on behalf of the applicant. The risk would be the applicant's check could be bad and the board would then incur the resulting fees. Lacey Corneliusen moved to allow OE to cash the check on behalf of the board and reissue a check to BCI. Cory Pedersen seconded the motion. Waind - yes, Boeckel - yes, Pedersen - yes, Corneliusen - yes. Motion carried.
- B. Combined Reciprocity Document: Kayla Effertz Kleven outlined an efficiency document that collects the information for all 50 states and their licensing laws along with the timeframe of those laws. David Schaibley - 1b says, "do they have a license in another state, and do they have the skills and qualifications that we need?" 1a - asks for their license and the state laws of the year they were licensed. The OE team will begin creating a document that will aid in the licensing process internally. Lacey Corneliusen will send an outline of the process she envisions to staff.
- C. Big Picture programming: Kayla Effertz Kleven gave an update on some updates to the software that were approved by the board but never put forward to the software company. One was to fix a glitch where duplicate records are created. Another was to add a field for CEUs in program approval applications.

Reciprocity Compact Discussion:

Kayla Effertz Kleven gave an overview of the interstate licensure compact that is being proposed by other states. Marnie Walth from Sanford Health talked about this licensure compact from their perspective. She said the hours required in licensure are similar to ND's but slightly less than MN. David Schaibley was unsure of the number of states required for passage - it is usually seven. He also reminded the board that if a compact were to ever go to the ND

Supreme Court, it would likely be struck down because no other entity can make laws for ND except the legislature. The board will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

#### Acute Psychiatric Treatment Meeting - October 4

Kayla Effertz Kleven gave an overview of the agenda of the meeting and that the board will have to voice an opinion on the interstate compact. The board decided that Cory Pedersen will give the testimony because no other board members can be present. In the meantime, Lacey Corneliusen will have a conversation with Chairman Nelson explaining the board's position.

Program approvals: Lisa Feldner included three program approvals that were requesting approval. The first was a John Maxwell program that did not receive board approval. The second was a gender theory seminar which did not receive approval. The third program did not provide adequate learning objectives, and how they apply to social workers. The board directed staff to get more information.

#### License approvals:

Lacey Corneliusen moved to approve the list of licensee applications - initial, upgrades, and reciprocity. Cory Pedersen seconded. Waind - yes, Boeckel - yes, Pedersen - yes, Corneliusen - yes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.