

1/23/2023 NDBSWE Special Meeting  
6:30 PM via Zoom

Present: Lacey Corneliusen, Melissa Waind, Rhonda Allery, Cory Pedersen, Holly Hammarsten, Jennifer Boeckel

Staff: David Schaibley, Lisa Feldner

Others: Liz Loos (NASW), Steph Little, Kristen Rubbelke (NASW), Mandi Carroll, Amy Phillips (NASW), 302-544-2722,

Agenda: HB 1332 and SB 2203

Chair Hammarsten called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

The first bill to be discussed is HB 1332. The board adopted a rule change last year that says conversion therapy is a violation of the NDBSWE Code of Ethics. This bill says it is **not** a violation of your ethics to do conversion therapy. The hearing is tomorrow, 1/24/2023, at 10:15 am. By consensus, the board agreed to submit testimony in opposition to HB 1332. Rhonda Allery will work with Kristen Rubbelke to draft language for Holly Hammarsten to submit tomorrow at the hearing.

SB 2203 is a bill that will allow the board to waive the testing requirements if necessary rather than having to wait two years for the next legislative session or administrative rule changes. Amy Phillips (NASW-ND) talked about the existing law that says the Board must administer the test with no waiver requirements. A group of ND social workers had the language in this bill drafted to allow the board the flexibility to waive the test for licensure. Jennifer Boeckel has agreed to work up testimony for approval at the next meeting (Monday, January 30).

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.