

ND Board of Social Work Examiners
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2023

Present: Lacey Corneliusen, Jennifer Boeckel, Melissa Waind, Rhonda Allery

Absent: Holly Hammarsten, Rebecca Stutz, Cory Pedersen

Other: Lisa Feldner, Kristen Rubbelke, Alicia Rixen

- I. Lacey Corneliusen called the meeting to order at 8:32 am
- II. Meeting minutes - minutes for January 30 and February 7, 2023 were approved as submitted.
- III. Ratification of Licensees - approved.
- IV. Financial Report - tabled until next meeting.
- V. Executive session
- VI. Policy Discussion
 - A. Board Member reimbursement
 1. Board meetings will be at legislative rate regardless if they travel
 2. Legislative rate for every 4 hours of background checks, supervision plans and complaints/disciplinary. Log work will be approved at board meetings for hours spent. Administrative duties need to be identified. Rescinded motion.
 3. Pay legislative rate outside of administrative duties for every 2 hours board members to complete activity log that will be approved at every board meeting. Rhonda Allery moved to approve the board reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Boeckel. The motion passed 4-0-3.
 - B. Telehealth
 1. Add to our website language: You must be licensed in the state that you are practicing. You have to be licensed where you are seeing clients.

Break at 10:30 am

Guests: Amy Phillips, JB, and Kristin Rubbelke

- C. Inquiry
 1. Weigh in after going over with legal counsel. Create a template to send out responses. Add ethics issues of "X, Y, Z"
- D. Other
 1. ASWB Training
 - a) New board member training. Expenses were paid. There is a virtual option in June that we should check into.
- E. Complaint forms
 1. Creating a template for the reviewer
 - a) What is the ethic that is in question
 - b) The part of code of ethics that is been violated- supporting evidence
- F. Out of state licensing suspension
 1. This is going to be sent to legal counsel
- G. Legislation

1. SB 2203 - waives test (failed)
 - a) Working group- special attorney to draft new rules
 - b) We should have a plan as this issue is going to come back to us
 - c) MN is looking at alternative routes for LCSW
 - d) There is a 7 state compact that we can explore joining
 - (1) The language if adopted, will bring a lot of work to the board
 - (2) 1 person per state is elected to decide on rules of compact
 - (3) Need to have qualifying national test (ASWB) to be on the commission
 - e) Discussion on bias testing
 - f) Members would like to create a committee to put the pieces together and explore options
 - (1) Lacey Corneliusen, Jennifer Boeckel, Melissa Waind
 - (2) Will invite others once they have created the working committee and will post on website
2. HB 1332 - conversion therapy (failed)
3. SB 2340 - school counselors can be social workers
 - a) Passed senate side, heard in house committee
4. SB 2184 - study of licensing boards
5. SB 2249 - study of boards' CEUs, reciprocity, & functions
6. SB 2296- Judges will be able to weigh in on board actions. Hearing on Thursday. The Attorney General's Office has not updated.

VII. Discipline

- A. Toni Mcaty
 1. Signed copy of CE
 2. Fulfilled and off probation
- B. Helen Keplin
 1. Let the license lapse- have to reapply and take the test again. Did not complete the settlement agreement.
- C. Julie Rivenes
 1. Settlement in August 2008 and did not complete the settlement agreement. Had to submit a drug evaluation. Question on whether we can ask for adjustments
 - a) Consulting counsel

VIII. Next meeting

- A. Absentees
- B. Special Meeting April 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm
- C. April 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm
- D. May 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm
- E. June 13, 2023 (4 hour quarterly meeting)

IX. Adjournment

- A. Rhonda Allery moved to adjourn at 1:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Melissa Waind. Motion passed 4-0-3.