

MINUTES

UTAH SOCIAL WORKER LICENSING BOARD MEETING

June 2, 2011
Room 474, 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 10:27 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 1:56 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:
Board Members Present:

Richard J. Oborn
Lee Avery

Tammer M. Attallah, Chairperson
Dennis R. Frandsen
Kathy Searle
Susan Egbert
Tanya Nagahiro
Doran Williams, Acting Chairperson

Members Absent

Evan Coates

DOPL Staff Present:

Susan Higgs, Compliance Specialist

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes dated April 7, 2011. Mr. Williams motioned to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Ms. Searle. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Susan Higgs, Compliance Specialist

Appointments:

#1. Megan Heath is in compliance with her stipulation. She was cleared by her physician to return to work. She submitted a curriculum vitae for her proposed supervisor. She works for Logan Nursing and Rehab.

#2. Kristi Robles is in compliance with her stipulation. She submitted her probation plan, her proposed supervisor's vitae, and her psychological evaluation. The Division received a positive employer

report.

#3. Carolyn Henry is in compliance with her stipulation. The Division received 2 positive employer reports, and verification of her volunteer hours for April and May. Ms. Henry submitted 6 hours of additional CEs.

APPOINTMENTS:

Ms. Megan Heath, probation interview

Ms. Heath met with the Board. Mr. Attallah conducted the interview. Ms. Heath advised the Board that she is doing well. She accepted an offer for employment from a previous employer. She is now working part time, 2 days a month, for Logan Nursing and Rehabilitation. The Board received an evaluation from Ms. Heath's physician who supports her to return to work. The Board reviewed the curriculum vitae for Ms. Heath's supervisor, Marilyn Teuscher, LCSW. Ms. Heath stated that her employer will pay for her supervisor. Ms. Heath stated that Ms. Teuscher has experience in drug addiction/abuse. The Board advised Mr. Heath that her supervisor will need to acknowledge that she reviewed Ms. Heath's stipulation. Mr. Frandsen motioned to approve Ms. Marilyn Teuscher, LCSW as Ms. Heath's supervisor, seconded by Ms. Egbert. The motion carried unanimously. The Board advised Ms. Heath that she may meet with her supervisor monthly for 30 minutes because she is working part-time. This may be changed at a later time. Mr. Frandsen motioned for Ms. Heath to meet with her supervisor 30 minutes on a monthly basis and her supervisor reports are due quarterly, seconded by Mr. Williams. The motion carried unanimously. The Board reviewed Ms. Heath's stipulation with her noting that she will need to have her employer acknowledge her stipulation with the Board, submit supervision reports, random drug testing, and therapy reports. Ms. Heath stated she would like to see a therapist outside the Logan area. The Board suggested Ms. Heath contact Davis Behavioral Health. Mr. Oborn stated he would send her a list. The Board advised Ms. Heath that her therapist should establish how often they will need to meet. The therapy reports are due every other month. The Board advised Ms. Heath that her therapy meetings could be group meetings if this works better

for her. She still needs to attend 12 step meetings, and is required to have one pharmacy and one physician. Ms. Heath stated her physician is Dr. Carlson and she still goes to Larry's Pharmacy. Ms. Heath advised the Board that she started working April 28, 2011. The Board asked to see Ms. Heath on October 6, 2011.
Ms. Health is in compliance with her stipulation.

Ms. Kristi Robles, probation interview

Ms. Robles met with the Board. Ms. Egbert conducted the interview. The Board noted that her employer reports are positive. Ms. Robles submitted a resume for her proposed supervisor, Curtis Watson, LCSW. Ms. Robles stated that the more she works in the field, the more comfortable she is and she continues working with just women. Ms. Egbert motioned to close the meeting at 11:08 A.M. to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, seconded by Ms. Nagahiro. There were no written notes or recording made. The meeting opened at 11:18 A.M. Ms. Robles stated she works at Pathways Real Life Recovery. She sees her therapist as needed. The last time was in April 2011. The Board requested Ms. Robles have her therapist submit a report regarding how her progress is going and include areas that are being addressed, the frequency of the therapy meetings, and therapy goals. The Board will determine how often the reports need to be submitted at her next meeting with the Board. Mr. Williams motioned to close the meeting at 11:23 A.M., to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, seconded by Mr. Frandsen. There was no written notes or recording made. The motion carried unanimously. The Board meeting opened at 11:32 A.M. The Board advised Ms. Robles that her proposed supervisor was at one time on probation with the Board and the Board is not prepared to make a decision regarding her proposed supervisor at this time. Mr. Oborn will research the reasons for Mr. Watson's probation and advise the Board. The Board advised Ms. Robles that her time will count and she may want to seek someone else to supervise her. Ms. Robles stated that if possible, she would like to have Mr. Watson as her supervisor. The Board asked to see Ms. Robles, in person, August 18, 2011. **Ms. Robles is in**

compliance with her stipulation.

Ms. Carolyn Henry, probation interview

Ms. Henry met with the Board. Mr. Williams conducted the interview. Ms. Henry advised the Board that things are going well. She attended an ethics course and learned a lot. She felt her record keeping was fine, but has since decided to revise all of her forms including her informed consent forms. She continues to meet with her supervisor, Derrick Tollefson, LCSW. Her supervision is going well. The Board noted that her paperwork has been received on time. The Board advised Ms. Henry that as long as she stays in compliance with her stipulation, the Board will continue with telephone interviews, wanting to see her only once or twice during the year. Ms. Henry stated she prefers physically meeting with the Board, however, she stated that she would like to do a telephone interview in December. The Board asked to see Ms. Henry October 6, 2011. **Ms. Henry is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Mr. Chuck Lambert, applicant for LCSW reinstatement

The Board reviewed Mr. Lambert's application for reinstatement. The Board noted that Mr. Lambert passed the ASWB clinical exam and submitted documentation showing that he completed an ethics course that the Board requested that he complete. He was issued a CSW license to practice under a pre-approved supervisor. His supervisor was Mr. Ron Jensen, LCSW. The Board noted that Mr. Jensen gave his highest recommendation for Mr. Lambert's LCSW license reinstatement. Mr. Williams motioned to reinstate Mr. Lambert's LCSW license, seconded by Mr. Frandsen. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Julie Bylund, CSW application for relicensure

Discussion:

The Board reviewed Dr. Pompa's letter clarifying what was said in her initial evaluation of Ms. Bylund. The Board also reviewed Ms. Bylund's therapist letter.

Ms. Bylund met with the Board. The Board advised Ms. Bylund that the additional information submitted by Dr. Pompa was very helpful. The Board noted that Ms. Bylund is applying for a CSW license. This requires her to have a LCSW supervisor. Mr. Williams motioned to recommend to the Division that Ms. Bylund be issued a CSW license with restrictions

and conditions for a 2 year term of probation. It was recommended that the probation include the following conditions:

1. Obtain a Board approved LCSW supervisor;
2. Therapy if recommended by the Board; Division, or her supervisor,
3. Her employer needs to know about probation and submit a form to the Division confirming that they know about the probation; and
4. Meeting with the Board bi-monthly or as directed by the Board or Division.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Egbert. The motion carried unanimously. The Board advised Ms. Bylund that if she stays in compliance with her stipulation, she could petition the Board for early release from her probation after she completes at least one year of the probation term.

Ms. Amy Merz, SSW application for relicensure

Ms. Merz met with the Board. Mr. Oborn noted that Ms. Merz met with the Board in February. Ms. Nagahiro motioned to close the meeting at 12:44 P.M. to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, seconded by Ms. Searle. There was no written notes or recording made. The Board meeting opened at 12:53 P.M. The Board advised Ms. Merz that more information is needed from her psychiatrist, Dr. Noel Gardner, before a final decision regarding her SSW license application is made. The Board encouraged Ms. Merz to submit this to Mr. Oborn within the next 2 weeks.

Mr. Melvin J. Wooden, CSWI application

The Board met with Mr. Wooden and reviewed his application for CSW license. Ms. Egbert motioned to approve the CSWI license pending the following:

1. Official approval of his supervisor by DOPL;
2. Confirmation that his supervisor has expertise in DSM;
3. The Board requested that he meet with his supervisor 2 times a month while working part time;
4. Pass the ASWB clinical exam;
5. Once passed, he needs to establish a learning agreement with specific goals;
6. He needs to submit a very specific practice plan, one that parallels a practicum; and

7. Once this is received the Board will change his CSWI license to a CSW license and he will be able to complete his hours for his LCSW license.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Frandsen. The motion carried unanimously. The Board noted that a CSWI license will give Mr. Wooden time to pass the ASWB clinical exam. The CSWI license is good for a maximum of 6 months.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Courses administered by DCFS and DAAS that satisfy CE requirement

Mr. Oborn reviewed courses administered by DCFS and DAAS that satisfy CE requirements. The Board tabled this discussion until the August Board meeting.

2. DOPL position that providing mental health therapy via remote methods to patients physically located in Utah requires Utah license

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that the Division will be drafting a position regarding how providing mental health therapy via remote methods to patients physically located in Utah requires Utah license. Mr. Oborn will consult with other mental health Boards.

3. Review of BYU Independent Study Course as a course that satisfies the social work practice methods course requirement

The Board reviewed information about the BYU Independent Study SW 200 course to determine whether it satisfies the social work practice methods course requirement. Based on a review of the course syllabus the Board noted the following deficiencies:

1. Missing coverage of topics relating to the NASW code of ethics; and
2. Missing coverage of topics relating to cultural competency.

Mr. Oborn asked the Board to let him know if there are any other deficiencies.

4. Supervision requirement during practicum experience under Utah Code 58-1-307 (1)(b)

The Board tabled this discussion until the next meeting

5. ASWB Spring Education Meeting report, May 12-15, Susan Egbert

Ms. Egbert reviewed the ASWB Spring Education meeting she attended. Ms. Egbert noted that the meeting focused on the internet, not just online counseling, but how professionals represent themselves online.

6. Upcoming Board vacancy

Mr. Oborn noted that Mr. Attallah has completed his term on the Board. Mr. Oborn thanked Mr. Attallah for his dedication to the social work field and his service to the Board and Division. Mr. Oborn noted

that due to recent statute changes during the last legislative session, Mr. Attallah will be invited back to the Board until his replacement is appointed.

7. Options regarding Hugh Bates, LCSW probationer

Mr. Oborn reminded the Board that Mr. Bates was supposed to meet with the Board in February 2011, but he failed to keep his appointment. Ms. Higgs has been unable to reach him. He recently contacted Mr. Oborn to see what he needs to do to get his license back. The Board reviewed a letter Mr. Bates submitted addressing his violations of his Order. He submitted an assessment of his competency and a letter from his therapist. Ms. Egbert motioned to have him surrender his license. If he chooses not to do so the Board recommends that the Division do an order to show cause to revoke Mr. Bates' license, seconded by Mr. Williams. No further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There is no correspondence at this time.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

August 4, 2011

2011 Board meetings tentatively scheduled:
August 18, October 6, December 1.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 1:56 P.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

August 18, 2011
Date Approved

(ss) Doran Williams
Chairperson, Utah Social Worker Licensing Board

July 6, 2011
Date Approved

(ss) Richard J. Oborn
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing