

IDAHO BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 10/25/2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Virginia K Dickman - Chair
Kristopher L Walton
Dr Eleanor P Downey
Dr Joan M Cloonan
Lynnet R Kase
Robert Payne

BUREAU STAFF: Tana Cory, Bureau Chief
Dawn Hall, Administrative Support Manager
Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager
Maurie Ellsworth, General Counsel
Mitchell Toryanski, Legal Counsel
Jean R. Uranga, Board Prosecutor
Jennifer Keyes, Technical Records Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Sara Bartles, Optum Idaho, Client Relations
Compliance Director
David Wilson, Program Manager Medicaid
Delmar Stone, NASW

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM MDT by Virginia K Dickman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Payne made a motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2016. It was seconded by Dr. Cloonan. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Hall gave the legislative report. She said that the Board does not have any legislation this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Hall gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$69,120.27 as of September 30, 2016.

DISCIPLINE

Ms. Uranga presented a memorandum regarding case numbers SWO-2017-1, and SWO-2017-2. After discussion, the Board gave recommendations for appropriate discipline.

Ms. Uranga presented a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Order in case SWO-2016-11. Mr. Payne made a motion to approve the Final Order. It was seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Ms. Peel gave the investigative report, which is linked above.

FOR BOARD DETERMINATION

Mr. Payne made a motion to approve the Bureau's recommendation and authorize closure in cases I-SWO-2016-15, I-SWO-2016-19, I-SWO-2016-28, I-SWO-2016-32 and I-SWO-2016-42. It was seconded by Dr. Downey. Motion carried.

Mr. Payne made a motion to approve the Bureau's recommendation and authorize closure in cases I-SWO-2016-12 and I-SWO-2016-13. It was seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried.

RULE 201/OPTUM DISCUSSION

David Wilson the program manager at Medicaid and Sara Bartles, Client Relations Compliance Director from Optum Idaho participated in a discussion regarding Social Worker's with Master's degrees practicing clinical work while in school and participating in an internship program and if that was in violation of any laws or rules. Ms. Cory pointed to Idaho Code §54-2315 which has an exemption for students. Mr. Wilson indicated that he wasn't aware of that law and that it answered his questions. As long as there is supervision then students can practice clinical work. Dr. Downey offered to be available if there were any concerns or questions in the future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Cloonan made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law. The purpose of the Executive Session was to consider license application materials. It was seconded by Ms. Kase. The vote was: Ms. Dickman, aye; Mr. Walton, aye; Dr. Downey, aye; Dr. Cloonan, aye; Ms. Kase, aye; and Mr. Payne, aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Cloonan made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Mr. Walton. The vote was: Ms. Dickman, aye; Mr. Walton, aye; Dr. Downey, aye; Dr. Cloonan, aye; Ms. Kase, aye; and Mr. Payne, aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Dr. Downey made a motion to approve Jennifer Jones's application by endorsement. It was seconded by Mr. Payne. Motion carried.

REGULATORY BOARD TRAINING

Mr. Toryanski gave a presentation regarding the "Public Records Law".

OLD BUSINESS

To Do List – The Board reviewed the to-do list and no action was taken.

DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS GUIDELINES SUBCOMMITTEE

Dr. Downey gave a report regarding the Disciplinary Sanctions Guidelines Subcommittee. She said that the committee is working with the Boards of Psychology and Counseling and they are looking at similar guidelines from Virginia, Oregon and California. The goal is to create consistency regarding disciplinary actions. She said she will give a presentation to the Board at its April meeting.

FOLLOW-UP REGARDING DISCUSSION WITH ST. LUKE'S

Mr. Payne gave a report regarding the meeting with St. Luke's about clinical supervision applications.

CLINICAL ADVISORY WORKGROUP

Mr. Payne gave an update regarding his work with the Clinical Advisory Workgroup. Mr. Payne is working to ensure the recommendations of the workgroup are in line with the Board of Social Work's laws and rules.

NEW BUSINESS

ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORK BOARDS

The new bylaws regarding terms of service on the ASWB Board were discussed. People who are elected are now limited to a term of 8 years, except the President who can only serve 4 years.

The current ASWB candidates up for election were also discussed. Mr. Payne made a motion to allow the Chair to vote on behalf of the Board. It was seconded by Dr. Cloonan. Motion carried.

Dr. Cloonan gave an update on the ASWB Mobility Task Force. Currently they are working on trying to determine what trends show a fiscal impact on Boards and licensees. She will give the Board an update at the next meeting in April.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board discussed correspondence from applicants who requested extensions of time to complete their supervision and to take the ASWB exam. The Board granted the requests. The Board also discussed requests to retroactively approve supervision hours; however, those requests were denied in accordance with Rule 210.03.a. A licensee requested legal advice from the Board and it directed him/her to Rule 201. The Board also wanted him/her to be informed that the Board cannot provide legal advice. The Board received a question regarding the possibility of an applicant being licensed without taking the exam. The Board stated it will only consider complete applications. Mr. Payne made a motion to direct the Bureau to respond to the correspondence as instructed by the Board. It was seconded by Dr. Cloonan. Motion carried.

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NNU WORKSHOP

The Board discussed the workshop "Taking the Drama out of Supervision". The Board re-affirmed that it does not pre-approve any courses or CEs. The Board did decide that due to a misunderstanding with Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) that the course had been approved by them, that they would accept the application being discussed. However, going forward the course will not be accepted.

Dr. Cloonan made a motion to authorize the Chair to send a letter to NNU explaining that the Board does not approve the course. It was seconded by Dr. Downey. Motion carried.

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APPLICATIONS

Mr. Payne made a motion to approve Sarah Cowan for licensure. It was seconded by Ms. Kase. Motion carried.

Dr. Cloonan made a motion that 901146954 is required to take the Master's level ASWB exam. It was seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETINGS were scheduled for November 7, 2016 at 10:00 am, January 24, 2017 at 9:00 am, April 25, 2017 at 9:00 am, July 25, 2017 at 9:00 am and October 24, 2017 at 9:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kase made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 pm. It was seconded by Dr. Cloonan. Motion carried.

Virginia K Dickman, Chair

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