



STATE BOARD of LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
Board Meeting
Friday, March 15th, 2013
3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, OR 97302

Board Members Present: Mark Oldham, *Chair*
Carol Copley Zancanella, *Vice Chair*
Donna Henderson*
Kathy Outland
Kittee Custer*
Rachel Jensen
Martha Lopez

Board Counsel Present: Kyle Martin, *AIC, Oregon Dept. of Justice*

Staff Members Present: Martin Pittioni, *Interim Executive Director*
Mindy Tucker, *Senior Compliance Specialist*
Jesse Milich, *Investigator*
Kimberly Sommer, *Licensing Specialist*

* = participation by phone, all others present at the Board Office

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Oldham called the Board Meeting to order at 12:15 p.m., and determined that in addition to five Board members present in person, **Henderson** and **Custer** were present by phone.

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

Chair Oldham asked for review of the draft agenda. **Pittioni** requested that consideration of minutes be deferred to the mid-afternoon of the board meeting.

- i. Outland moved to adopt and approve the agenda.*
- ii. Henderson seconded.*
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.*

3. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Oldham announced that the Board would now enter into Executive Session to conduct Board business, pursuant to ORS 162.660(2)(b)(f)(h)(i)(k). The Board entered into Executive Session at 12:18 p.m.

- Chair Oldham moved the Board out of Executive Session at 1:31 p.m.*

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zancanella presented the Consumer Protection Committee report.

In Board case 2012-58:

- i. Zancanella moved to approve and adopt the Stipulated Final Order.*
- ii. Outland seconded.*
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.*

Chair Oldham reported that the Board's Continuing Education Committee three approved CE requests, from LCSWs **Pearce, Weable and Freeman**.

Chair Oldham reported that the Legislative Committee of the Board had met, and discussed House Bill 2737 by Rep. Buckley related to mental health licensure, and a bill related to cultural competency continuing education requirements. **Pittioni** reported that the Board's House Bill 2082 revising social work scope of practice definitions had passed the House with a single no vote, and had been referred to the Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- i. Zancanella moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*
- ii. Lopez seconded.*
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.*

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No member of the public was present to comment.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Oldham asked for review of the draft minutes of the Board's Planning Meeting on October 27, 2012.

- i. Zancanella moved to approve the Board's Planning Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2012, as presented.*
- ii. Outland seconded.*
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.*

Chair Oldham asked for review of the draft minutes of the Board's Meeting on December 14, 2012.

- i. Zancanella moved to approve the Board Meeting minutes of December 14, 2012, as presented.*
- ii. Lopez seconded.*
- iii. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention (Custer).*

Chair Oldham asked for review of the draft minutes of the Board's Meeting on February 15, 2013.

- i. Custer moved to approve the Board meeting minutes of February 15, 2013, as presented.*
- ii. Jensen seconded.*
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.*

Pittioni advised the minutes for the January 2013 Board meeting would be presented at the next Board meeting.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Pittioni reported that with data available for 20 of 24 months of the 2011-13 biennium, specifically July 1, 2011 through February 28, 2013, the Board experienced a net growth of 669 licensees in its licensee base, to 4,942 total, with an additional 168 applicants in the pipeline. **Pittioni** advised that based on those actual numbers, the Board was on track to grow by about 18% by the end of the 2011-13 biennium (June 30, 2013), on top of the 21% growth experienced the previous biennium.

Pittioni advised the Board he would defer a detailed update of the Board's financial position to the April Planning Meeting of the Board, since expenditure data through February 2013 would not be available for several more days.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Oldham asked for an update on the Board Task Force on Child Custody Guidelines. **Outland** advised that she had been in touch with Bob Loveland who is a psychologist with extensive experience in child custody evaluations. **Outland** added that she and **Custer** and **Oldham** would serve on the committee, and that she would first focus on compiling various existing guidelines and would bring that work to the 2013 Fall Planning Meeting. as the screening and initial interview panel. **Zancanella** asked if having a Board investigator assist with this committee would be a good idea. **Tucker** agreed this would be good idea given the volume of child custody cases. **Custer** suggested to first focus on the NASW and APA guidelines on Child Custody evaluations.

Chair Oldham asked for an update on the Board Task Force on Electronic Supervision. **Henderson** provided a brief report, advising that **Zancanella** and **Jensen** are supporting her committee, and that **Johansen** had provided administrative support.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Pittioni reported that after the health board consolidation bill Senate Bill 302 was declared at a hearing to have received a courtesy hearing only and was thus publicly declared dead, his colleague **Eklund** had e-mailed the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for clarification for plans for allowing a Director recruitment for the Board of Psychologist Examiners. **Pittioni** added that he had then added his own inquiry regarding permission to recruit for the Board of Licensed Social Workers, and that Deputy COO **Sarah Miller** had committed to a response on both recruitments after checking with the Governor's Office. **Pittioni** advised that he would be unable to sustain the pace of running two state agencies side by side for an indefinite period, and that if no permission to recruit is given he would likely advise executive branch leadership and the Board that a new Interim Director would be needed after the legislative session ends. **Pittioni** reported that his goal is to obtain a response back from DAS in time for the Board's planning meeting in April.

Chair Oldham advised he would be resigning from his Chair position at the April Planning meeting, and that he expected that sometime in April a replacement gubernatorial appointment for him, Portland LCSW Ebony Sloan Clarke, would be confirmed by the Senate, for service likely to begin in May. **Chair Oldham** added that his hope would be that the Board would choose current **Vice Chair Zancanella** as his successor. **Zancanella** added that in the event she is chosen Chair she would like to have Board members contact her before the Board April Planning Meeting with any preferences for Board committee leadership positions.

Chair Oldham reported he had spoken with Delmar Stone of NASW and the next NASW Board meeting will not be until July because of a NASW training in May. **Oldham** added he would like to see the Planning Meeting of the Board in April provide meeting time for the Board task forces, discuss how new MSW programs in Oregon could impact the Board, provide clarity on the Executive Director recruitment, evaluate whether to open Board meetings to the public by phone, and provide time especially for Consumer Protection Committee planning.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Pittioni reported that the Attorney General had determined that the Board had acted appropriately with release of records in the matter of **Donja Bunnell's** request for records.

Pittioni reported on an e-mail from the federal Department of Veterans Affairs headquarters regarding an e-mail exchange involving the VA in Ohio regarding Oregon applicants for licensure at the new LMSW level. **Pittioni** advised he had a significant concern that a portion of that e-mail correspondence trail appeared to include a purported e-mail from **Pittioni** which appears to present as an original, undedited Oregon Board communication a falsified, heavily edited version of a Board of Licensed Social Workers e-mail **Pittioni** had sent to a Ohio VA staff member who is not licensed in Oregon. **Pittioni** reported he had brought this conduct by a Ohio VA staff member to the attention of VA leadership primarily for purposes of ensuring that VA national leadership for social work services in the VA system clearly understands the Board's position on Oregon LMSW licensure, specifically including that an Oregon LMSW is not licensed to practice clinical social work. **Pittioni** advised he would follow up with appropriate oversight authorities with respect to the Ohio VA staff members conduct.

12. APPLICATION FILES (Special Reviews)

Pittioni reviewed with the Board the matter of **Nikki Alkire's** request to return back to active status, and added that the applicant had already submitted 20 hours of CE, and passed the Oregon laws and rules exam.

- i. Zancanella moved to approve Alkire's application to return to active status.*
- ii. Custer seconded.*
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.*

Pittioni reviewed with the Board the matter of **Judith Patt-Smoker's** request to return back to active status, for purposes of taking the California exam.

- i. Custer moved to approve Patt-Smoker's application to return to active status, without completion of continuing education requirements.*
- ii. Henderson seconded.*
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.*

Pittioni reviewed the matter of **Jeanne May's** request to return back to active status, and advised that the applicant had provided evidence of completion of 6 hours of CE in ethics.

- i. Custer moved to approve May's application to return to active status.*
- ii. Henderson seconded.*
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.*

Pittioni reviewed the matter of **Parizad Karnik's** request to return back to active status, and advised that the applicant had not provided evidence of completion of CE in ethics, and had not completed 30 hours of CE requested by the Board in 2011 as part of an application to return to active status then, which was later withdrawn. **Pittioni** advised applicable Board rule would automatically require the applicant to pass the Oregon laws and rules exam before an active license could be issued.

- i. Jensen moved to approve Karnik's application to return to active status, conditional upon receipt of 40 hours of continuing dedication credits, including a minimum of six in ethics.*
- ii. Henderson seconded.*
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.*

13. **ANNOUNCEMENT AND ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Oldham adjourned the Board meeting at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Martin Pittioni
Interim Executive Director