

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 6, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Social Work was called to order on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Maureen Egan

Diane Giarrusso

Daniel Wheelan

Mary Montminy-Danna

Sheila Perkins

Marie-Anne Murphy Leinhaas

Board members not in attendance:

Sandra Munroe Wunshcel

Staff members in attendance:

Charles Alexandre

Maureen Slowik

Others in attendance:

None

The minutes of the Open Meeting held on September 11,2006 were presented. The following corrections were noted: Mr. Wheelan is employed by the Association of Social Worker Boards (ASWB) and the same organization will holds is annual meeting in Providence in the Fall of 2008. On motion of Ms. Montminy-Danna, seconded by Mr. Wheelan, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes with corrections noted.

Business

The Board reviewed the applications for licensure as a Clinical Social Worker for Penni Mitchell pending completion of the masters level examination.

The Board reviewed and approved applications for licensure as independent clinical social workers, pending successful completion of the clinical level examination:

Erin Butler Jessica Byron Erin Doak

Rachel Gitelson Muriel Glode Kimberly Jackson

Susan Olson Mary Previte

The Board reviewed and approved applications for licensure as

independent clinical social workers by endorsement:

Mark Ferreira Cynthia Holshoe Pamela Kanopkin

Mr. Alexandre proposed that the Board delegate the responsibility for application review and licensure to Department staff. Applications will be reviewed by the Board Administrator and when deemed complete will be approved for licensure. Applicants with discipline/criminal histories or questionable credentials will be referred to the Board at their next scheduled meeting for review. On motion of Ms. Giarrusso, seconded by Ms. Egan it was unanimously voted to approve this new procedure.

Mr. Alexandre requested clarification of the Board regarding approval of ESL accommodations for applicants. After discussion and deliberation the Board came to consensus wherein any and all applicants who request ESL accommodations in writing will have the request granted.

Information describing the Social Work Registry of the ASWB was distributed. This will be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting for discussion.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is January 8, 2006 at 9:00 am.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Wheelan, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 10:00 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 10:20 am.

On motion of Mr. Wheelan, seconded by Ms. Montminy-Danna, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed. No final actions were taken.

Adjournment

On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Wheelan, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Alexandre

Chief, Health Professions Regulation