IOWA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
5th Floor Board Room
Lucas State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa
Conference Call
MINUTES
November 8, 2010

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by David Stout, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Beth Harms	LaMark Combs
Katinka Keith	Mary Tasler
Krista Mattson	
David Stone	
David Stout	

Staff present:	Public in Attendance:
Barb Huey, Bureau Chief	Kelli Soyer
Marvin Firch, Interim Board Executive	
Pierce Wilson, Board Executive	
Sara Scott, AAG	
Paulette Lappe, Clerk Specialist	

Review Agenda

In reviewing the agenda, Chairperson David Stout, asked for volunteers to serve on a Rules Committee. Marvin Firch will be drafting new rules regarding supervision and a few other items therefore, a rules committee will need to be established for additional suggestions and review. David Stone, David Stout and Beth Harms volunteered to serve on the committee.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the September 13, 2010 meeting were approved as presented (MSC: Stone/ Harms)

Minutes from the October 15, 2010 meeting were approved as presented (MSC: Stone/Harms)

Public Comment: Kelli Soyer mentioned the NASW is planning to offer a "Training the Trainers" event to train social work supervisors. She said it is a good program with excellent training. NASW hopes to offer this program in March 2011.

Kelli inquired whether the LMSW Consultants are practicing outside their scope of practice and perhaps information could be posted on the FAQ option of the website. Marvin said two individuals requested permission from the Board to enter into this type of employment agreement however, the additional information requested from the individuals has not been provided so no further response from the Board has occurred. Marvin expressed at this point, these particular employment contracts need to be considered on a case by case basis.

Kelli also asked how the applications for licensure are being processed and if they were being approved between board meetings. Marvin Firch assured Kelli the LISW applications are sent to a Board Member for approval of the supervision plans and licenses are issued when all requirements had been fulfilled.

Reports:

Bureau Chief – Barb Huey reported our bureau would eventually have five Board Executives again. Also, some new revisions will be done to the board room to utilize space and organization of the room.

Administrator – Marvin Firch reported there would be Administrative Rules changes requiring pre-approval of supervision plans for LISW applications therefore, the Board is currently requesting this information from each LISW applicant.

Marvin also mentioned several waivers are being filed requesting the Board consider electronic face-to-face supervision since the applicants are in a rural area and locating a supervisor in the local area is difficult. Marvin would like the Board to consider this issue in the new rule changes.

AAG – Sara Scott reported on the Staples Appeal to District Court and the Petition for Review in the Donovan case.

New Business:

Kelli Soyer – Social Work Reinvestment – Plan to recruit, train and retain social workers in the state of Iowa. The organization is currently looking into loan forgiveness and title protection. Title protection means individuals must possess a social work degree in order

to call themselves a social worker. Kelli discussed a possible letter writing campaign to educate employers asking them to stop creating positions or classifications within their agencies and organizations titled 'social worker' unless the individual has a social work degree. They have met with state department representatives regarding this matter. Kelli asked for Board support in the campaign for title protection. The Reinvestment Committee would like notice by the end of the month regarding Board support. Bureau Chief, Barb Huey, stated the Board should remain neutral on this issue. Currently, all state departments are exempt from the title act.

Brenda Steenhard – Petition for Waiver – LISW face to face supervision via skype. The Board approved the waiver under the specific conditions set forth: The first two sessions must be face-to-face to establish a working relationship and one face-to-face meeting each subsequent month. Keith made the motion and Mattson seconded. Motion carried.

Tamara Stickler – Petition for Waiver-ASWB exam for reactivation of license. The Board requested more information. Katinka Keith made the motion and David Stone seconded. Motion carried.

Complaints:
The Board will go into closed session to discuss complaints in accordance with Iowa Code 21.5(1) d and by unanimous roll call vote, the Board went into closed session to discuss complaints and hearings at approximately 9:52 a.m. (MSC: Stone/Harms)
The Board returned to open session at approximately 11:55 a.m.(MSC: Keith/Stout) and took the following actions:

09-010	Accept Settlement Agreement	(MSC: Stone/Keith)
05-015	Closed	(MSC: Keith/Mattson)
05-014	Closed	(MSC: Keith/Mattson)
08-035	Closed	(MSC: Keith/Mattson)
09-001	Closed	(MSC: Keith/Mattson)
09-021	Closed	(MSC: Keith/Mattson)
10-008	Closed	(MSC: Keith/Mattson)
10-010	Closed	(MSC: Keith/Mattson)
10-014	Closed	(MSC: Keith/Mattson)
05-015	Closed	(MSC: Keith/Mattson)
10-016	Closed	(MSC: Keith/Mattson)
09-019	Closed	(MSC: Keith/Mattson)
09-020	Closed	(MSC: Keith/Mattson)

Applications:

Kevin Strunk - Application was approved for LISW exam.

Future Board Meetings:

February 14, 2011
May 9, 2011
August 8, 2011
November 14, 2011

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.(MSC: Harms/Stone)

Respectfully Reported
Paulette Lappe, Recorder

These minutes were approved by the Board on February 14, 2011.