

Open Session Conference Call Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
February 10, 2014
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m., by Chairman, Mark Hudson.

Roll Call/Introductions:

Members Present:

Mark Hudson, Public Member

Amy Courneya, LISW

Valerie Huntley, LISW

Neil Nelsen, Public Member

Jody Weigel, LMSW

Mark Hillenbrand, LISW

Dana McCarthy, LBSW

Staff Present:

Tony Alden, Board Executive

Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant

Laura Cathelyn, AAG

Guests Present: None

Review Agenda:

Approval of Open Session Minutes:

A motion was made by Nelsen to approve the following open session meeting minutes: January 16, 2014, December 2, 2013, and December 3, 2013. A second was received from Weigel. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Chair: None

Board Executive: Tony reported that the new licensure software (AMANDA) is now live.

ASWB has a national meeting coming up in March that Valerie will be attending. Tony stated that ASWB will pay for one board representative to attend these national meetings. It was encouraged for other board members to consider attending in the future.

Legislative update: Senate Study Bill 3098 and House Study Bill 616 were introduced this session. These bills would require the Board to look at its rules and procedures to make the licensure process easier for veterans and their spouses. House File 2016 was introduced. This would create a commission to look at the licensing boards and their requirements, rules and laws. Recommendations regarding licensure will be made by the commission.

There are a few professions trying to attain licensure. Polysomnographic Technologists, Music Therapists, and Midwives are seeking licensure within the Bureau of Professional Licensure.

AAG: Laura commented on the minutes. There may be multiple times that the board will need to enter into closed session to be more specific on why closed session was necessary. Legislation is pending regarding the Ombudsman Office being able to have access to meeting minutes so the board needs to be clear on reasons for going into closed session.

Bureau Chief – no report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Closed Session – Complaints:

Huntley moved the board go into closed session to review and discuss material related to applications that are require or authorized by law to be kept confidential as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1) a and to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.4(1)d. Nelsen seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The Board entered closed session at 9:20 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 10:06 a.m. and took the following actions.

Motion to close case 13-029: (Nelsen/Hillenbrand) MSC. Hudson recused.

Motion to close case 12-016: (Nelsen/Weigel) MSC.

Motion to accept settlement agreement for case 12-018: (Nelsen/McCarthy) MSC.

Motion to accept settlement agreement for case 13-011: (Nelsen/McCarthy) MSC.

Motion to close cases 11-039 and 042: (Nelsen/Weigel) MSC.

Motion to close cases 11-047, 13-023, 13-031 and 14-021: (Nelsen/McCarthy) MSC.

A motion was made by Nelsen to approve the closed session meeting minutes from January 16, 2014 and December 2, 2013. A second was received from Weigel. A question was raised regarding whether or not it was appropriate for Board members to vote to approve closed session minutes when they were recused from cases that were part of those minutes. After discussion Mark Hudson and Amy Courneya abstained from the roll call vote. Valerie Huntley dropped off the call before the vote.

Mark Hillenbrand - Aye

Jody Weigel - Aye

Neil Nelsen, Aye

Dana McCarthy - Aye

Amy Courneya – Abstain

Mark Hudson - Abstain

Valerie Huntley – dropped off call

Future Meetings:

May 12, August 11, November 10, 2014 and February 9, 2015.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Weigel to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. A second was received from Nelsen. Motion carried unanimously.