Open Session Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
December 2, 2013
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Rooms 517 & 518
Des Moines, Iowa

Call To Order:
The meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m., by Mark Hudson, Chair.

Roll Call/Introductions:
Members Present:
Valerie Huntley, LISW
Mark Hillenbrand, LISW
Amy Courneya, LISW
Neil Nelsen, Public Member
Jody Weigel, LMSW
Mark Hudson, Public Member
Dana McCarthy, LBSW

Staff Present:
Tony Alden, Board Executive
Barb Huey, Bureau Chief
Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant
Maggie LaMarche, ALJ
Laura Cathelyn, AAG
Sara Scott, AAG

Guests Present:
Kristen Rasplicka, Social Work Student

Review Agenda:

Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made by Huntley to approve the open session meeting minutes of August 12, 2013 with corrections. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Reports:
Board Chair - No report

Board Executive – Tony reported on his attendance at the ASWB meeting. The next meeting will be held in Idaho. Valerie Huntley expressed interest in attending next year.

Mental Health workforce workgroup draft recommendations were distributed to the members. Questions can be directed to Tony. These recommendations will be presented to the legislature during the upcoming session.

AAG: Laura explained the new process of approving the open and closed session meeting minutes to the members. This new process is being implemented to bring consistency and compliance to the law across all boards

Bureau Chief – Go live date for the new licensure system is January 2014. Financial reports will be presented at the next board meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee has not met to date. Representative Smith has reached out to individuals but Tony has not received any notification of meeting times from him.

New Business:
Susan Johnson – Request for supervision by a licensed Psychologist.
Board members discussed the request and agreed that this request be denied due to the fact that the supervision would not be provided by a social work professional.

Mark Hudson suggested that the board work with NASW to compile a listing of LISWs that are available for supervision.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to deny this request. A second was received from Huntley. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Rashel Nixon – Request for supervision by a licensed Psychologist. These would be additional hours to her supervision by an LISW.

A motion was made by Nelsen to deny this request. A second was received from Amy. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Deborah Anderson – petition for waiver-request for waiver of master's degree requirement for independent level licensure. Tony reported that the board cannot waive the law.

A motion was made by Huntley to deny this request. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Abby Frazee-Pazdernik – request for group supervision by a licensed Mental Health Counselor.

A motion was made by Nelsen to deny the request. A second was received by Courneya. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Closed Session:
A motion was made by Huntley to go into closed session at 9:40 a.m. to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)d. and to discuss records that are required to be kept confidential as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a). A second was received from Courneya. Roll call taken
Hudson – Aye
Hillenbrand – Aye
Nelsen – Aye
Courneya – Aye
Huntley – Aye
Weigel – Aye
McCarthy - Aye
motion carried

The Board returned to open session at 9:53 and took a short recess. Mark Hudson, Chair called the board back to order at 10:02a.m. Hudson turned the meeting over to Administrative Law Judge Margaret LaMarche to begin the hearing. ALJ LaMarche asked the members to give the respondent a few more minutes to arrive before starting the proceedings.

Hearing: Thomas Follet
ALJ LaMarche opened the record at 10:12 a.m. Respondent is not in attendance at this time. The hearing will be held open to the public.

Thomas Follet arrived at the hearing at 10:26a.m. ALJ La Marche gave Mr. Follet the option of holding the hearing in open or closed session. Mr. Follet decided to hold the meeting in closed session.

Closed Session:
A motion was made by Hudson to go into closed session at 12:35 p.m. to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1) f. A second was received from Nelsen. Roll call taken
Hudson – Aye
Hillenbrand – Aye
Nelsen – Aye
Courneya – Aye

Huntley – Aye
Weigel – Aye
McCarthy - Aye
motion carried

The board returned to open session at 2:15 p.m.

Open Session.
A motion was made by Hudson to instruct ALJ LaMarche to draft the decision consistent with the discussion in closed session. A second was received from Courneya. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

The Board took a short recess, Mark Hudson, Chair called the board back to order at 2:24 p.m.

Closed Session:
A motion was made by Hudson to go into closed session at 2:25 p.m. to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)d. and to discuss records that are required to be kept confidential as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a). A second was received from Huntley. Roll call taken
Hudson – Aye
Hillenbrand – Aye
Nelsen – Aye
Courneya – Aye
Huntley – Aye
Weigel – Aye
McCarthy - Aye
motion carried

The board returned to open session at 3:57 p.m. and took the following actions.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close cases #11-015, thru #11-020. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close case #12-013. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried. Hudson recused.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close case #12-021. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close case #13-003. A second was received from Nelsen. 6 ayes, Hudson recused, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close case #13-006. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close case #13-008. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close case #13-012. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to approve the combined statement of charges for case #13-015. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, Courneya recused, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to approve statement of charges for case #13-011. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close case #13-016. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close case #13-020. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close case #13-022. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close case #13-025. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close case #13-026 and #13-027. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to approve Statement of Charges for case #12-018. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hillenbrand to close case #12-037. A second was received from Nelsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelsen to approve the closed session meeting minutes as amended for August 12, 2013. A second was received from Weigel. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 4:05p.m. A second was received from Huntley. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.