

Open Session Teleconference Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

November 22, 2021

Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room, #526
Des Moines, Iowa

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Begley.

Roll Call/Introductions

Members Present

Lane Plugge, Public Member

Jillyn Kaufman, LISW

Megan Begley, Public Member

Teresa Daubitz, LBSW

Tony Raymer, LISW

Amy Courneya, LISW

Members Absent

Jody Weigel, LMSW

Staff Present

Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General

Tony Alden, Board Executive

Guests Present

Sandra Conlin

Approval of Open Session Minutes

August 9, 2021

Raymer moved approval of the August 9, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. A second was received by Begley. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Reports

Board Executive Report

Alden stated there are currently 2313 active licensed independent level social workers, 1694 active masters level licensees and 636 bachelor level licensees.

Council State Government Compact committee update, work is being done on a draft compact, 1st or 2nd quarter of 2022 we should see something for public comment.

ASWB national meeting was held recently, Alden attended as the voting delegate. Normal votes for different committee and association board positions. There was one proclamation up for vote. The proclamation directed the association to support efforts to assist member boards submitting proclamations to the association.

AAG Report

Steffensmeier updated the Board on a recent Supreme Court decision. The Board will have to change the way we post Statement of Charges documents. The board will have to redact the factual circumstances section when posting charging documents for public access.

Requests

Request to waive rule 645-280.4(1) regarding ASWB exam scores—Mary Albright
Alden noted the applicant has been licensed in Missouri since 1991. She passed the ACSW exam for her Missouri license.

Board consensus is approval of the waiver request.

Plugge moved the Board approve the request to waive rule 645-280.4(1) regarding ASWB exam scores. A second was received by Raymer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Administrative Rules

ARC5794C – Adoption and Filing to amend rules 280.6 regarding supervision requirements. One comment was received in support of these rules. Consensus of the Board to adopt with no changes.

Raymer moved the board adopt rule changes as noticed in ARC5794C. Daubitz seconded. All ayes, opposed none. Motion carried.

Proposed Notice of Intended Action to promulgate joint supervision rule changes between the Board of Social Work and the Board of Behavioral Science. (Implementing HF891) The Board reviewed public comment and proposed changes by the rule committee based on public comment. Public comment primarily dealt with concerns over the proposed 4,000 hours of practice, comments wanted 3,000, the proposed direct supervision requirement, comments believed it would be a burden, and limits on supervisee/supervisor ratios, comments did not want a limit. For the practice hours, the committee recommended the noticed rules reflect 3,000 hours instead of 4,000. The Board agreed. On the issue of direct observation, the committee did not have a consensus on keeping or removing. The Board decided to keep the 24 hour requirement but add wording to make it clear that the observation did not have to be in person it could be done electronically. For supervisee/supervisor ratios the Board raised the limit on how many supervisors a supervisee could have from two to four, and removed the limit on supervisors a supervisor could have and replaced the limit with wording that the supervisor was responsible for assuring they were not supervising more than they could safely and competently accommodate.

Raymer moved to notice the proposed supervision rule changes as discussed. Begley seconded. Kaufman opposed, all other ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Complaints against non licensees

21-0151 – Complaint of unlicensed practice – Individual is a pastor and is exempt from licensure when providing counseling consistent with that profession. A referral to local law enforcement can be made in case the practice is outside the exempt practice.

Raymer moved to close with a referral. Begley seconded. All ayes, opposed none. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Raymer moved the Board go into closed session at 10:08 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a), to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings, and pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f), to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of 17A. A second was received by Courneya. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Courneya – Aye

Begley – Aye

Kaufmann – Aye

Raymer – Aye

Daubitz- Aye

Plugge - Aye

Return to Open Session

Vote on any items discussed in closed session requiring final action

The Board returned to open session at 11:43 a.m.

Raymer moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes of August 9, 2021 as presented. A second was received by Begley. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Daubitz moved the Board close cases 21-0217 and 21-0218. Second from Begley. Raymer recused. All other ayes. Motion carried.

Raymer moved the Board close the following: 20-0224, 21-0068, 21-0127, 21-0131, 21-0154, 21-0157, 21-0158, 21-0184, 21-0185, 21-0190, 21-0199, 21-0233, 21-0234, and 21-0267. A second was received by Plugge. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Raymer moved the Board approve Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order in case 20-0261. A second was received by Begley. All ayes, motion carried.

Plugge moved the Board approve Settlement Agreement and Final Order in case 20-0060. A second was received by Raymer. All ayes, motion carried.

Future Board Meetings:

February 14, 2022

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Begley. A second was received by Raymer. The Board unanimously adjourned at 11:48 a.m.