

Approved May 21, 2021



STATE of OREGON
BOARD of LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
Board Meeting
Friday, March 19, 2021
Via Microsoft Teams
3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, OR 97302

Board Members Present: Brenda Dennis, *Public Member, Chair**
Mollie Janssen, *LCSW, Vice Chair**
Kathy Outland, *LCSW**
Rachel Jensen, *LMSW**
John Fant, *Public Member**
Stephanie Manriquez, *Public Member**

Board Counsel Present: Kyle Martin, *AAG, Oregon Dept. of Justice**

Staff Members Present: Randy Harnisch, *Executive Director*
Kim Coleman, *Licensing Manager**
Mindy Tucker, *Senior Compliance Specialist*
Troy Clinton, *Investigator*
Abe Dedek, *Investigator**

Pubic Present: Patrick Milam*

* = Participation by Microsoft Teams, all others present at the Board Office

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dennis called the Board Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and provided brief opening remarks.

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

Chair Dennis asked for review of the draft agenda.

- i. **Manriquez moved to approve and adopt the agenda as presented.**
- ii. **Jensen seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. MINUTES:

Chair Dennis asked if Board members had an opportunity to review the minutes for the following meetings:

3a. September 18, 2020:

- i. **Outland moved to approve the minutes for September 18, 2020 as presented.**

- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3b. October 16, 2020:

- i. **Fant moved to approve the minutes for October 16, 2020 as presented.**
- ii. **Manriquez seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Harnisch provided an OpenRegulate database and licensing system implementation update. Board staff have become more comfortable with how the system operates and familiar with the architecture of it. Thentia has brought on new staff and is addressing concerns and issues in a timelier manner. Board members discussed the cost effectiveness of having Thentia build the Oregon Statutes and Administrative Rules Exam into the licensing system.

Harnisch provided a 2019-21 budget update. There will be a decent carryover. All Board staff received updated laptops, which will ultimately replace their current desktop PCs.

Harnisch provided a 2021-23 budget update. The Board's budget hearing was on February 24th. The questions Harnisch received were supportive and they seemed to understand the need to keep the Limited Duration Investigator position on. The next step will be a work session, which has not been scheduled yet.

Harnisch provided a legislative update. Harnisch wanted to bring the following bills to the Board's attention. Senate Bill 3552 which is the Board's budget bill. Senate Bill 576 which makes it illegal for a healthcare provider to deny service for discriminatory reasons. House Bill 3057 would allow OHA to disclose confidential COVID information to healthcare providers. House Bill 2897 would require agency directors to complete basic FEMA training. House Bill 2896 would require agencies to participate in emergency exercises. House Bill 2585 would prohibit the denial of culturally and linguistically appropriate services to deaf, blind and hard of hearing persons. House Bill 2560 requires us to provide public access to video meetings. House Bill 2949 increases the number of black, indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) mental health providers in the state. This bill could also reduce supervision requirements. Harnisch would like the Board to think about what they can do to ensure they are not inadvertently creating obstacles for BIPOC individuals who are trying to obtain licensure. Harnisch and **Jensen** will be setting up a focus group with students and recent graduates from Pacific University to see how the Board's system worked for them.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Harnisch discussed options for Plan of Supervision reporting. Currently supervision reports are submitted to the Board every six months, and the reporting times vary depending on CSWA approval dates and plan change dates. Most CSWAs have multiple plans of supervision with different reporting dates, which creates confusion. Many CSWAs also have trouble differentiating renewals from supervision reports. Harnisch is proposing aligning supervision reporting dates with renewal dates. CSWAs would submit a supervision report when they renew their annual CSWA certificate. **Outland** thinks aligning timelines makes a lot more sense and streamlines the process. **Harnisch** discussed having a six month check in between the annual report where concerns could be listed. **Outland** wants to ensure the supervisor is verifying supervision hours. **Harnisch** will work with

staff to see what system changes Thentia will need to make. **Outland** suggested that the Licensing & Exam Committee take on the task of revising the supervision evaluation form.

Harnisch discussed revising the declaration questions on the initial application and renewal application. The example language Harnisch provided for declaration question number 18 would require that the disclosed inpatient treatment for a psychological condition, addiction or chemical dependency impaired or impairs the individual's ability to practice social work safely and competently. The example language provided for declaration question number 19 would require that the connection between the medical condition disclosed impaired or impairs the individual's ability to practice social work safely and competently. **Jensen** inquired upon the necessity and benefit of asking for inpatient treatment records for the last 10 years as opposed to a shorter length of time.

Harnisch revisited COVID 19 impact on licensees after one year. Now that things have changed further, Harnisch would like think of things the Board can be doing differently. Board members discussed the possibility of a CE waiver and determined that it would not be necessary.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Dennis announced that the Board would now enter into Executive Session to conduct Board business, pursuant to ORS 162.660(2)(b)(f)(h)(i)(l). The Board entered into Executive Session at 12:09 p.m.

Chair Dennis moved the Board out of Executive Session at 1:26 p.m.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jensen presented the Consumer Protection Committee report.

In the matter of case 2020-43:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Outland seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed with unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2018-02:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Manriquez seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2018-12:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2018-13:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2017-13:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Outland seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2018-06:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Manriquez seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- i. **Jensen moved to approve and adopt the application form changes as presented with the amendment to number 19 to state, "including but not limited to."**
- ii. **Outland seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Fant provided the Licensing and Examination Committee report, announcing that committee had reviewed and approved four exam extension requests for CSWAs **Michael Braxton, Nyeesha Boland-Ali, Ryan Cooper** and **Sharmin Rahman**, six previous hours requests for CSWAs **Brianna Yadon** and **Lynn Roberts** and LCSW applicants **Julia Leonardi-Holzappel, Dacia Fusaro, Heather Oster, Stephanie Morfitt** and **Keina Ritenburgh**, and one 5-year extension request for CSWA **Jeanie Petersen**.

Manriquez provided the Continuing Education Committee report and advised that committee had approved six CE request from LCSWs **Li Lin Hally, Anjanette Tuckman, Shilo Smith, Fiona Chen, Molly Gage** and **Sarah Power**. A request from LCSW **Lauren Legnitto** did not meet rule requirements and was unable to be approved.

8. SPECIAL REVIEWS

[No special reviews]

9. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- i. **Outland moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

[No public comment]

11. NEW BUSINESS:

[No new business]

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

[No correspondence]

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dennis announced ASWB would be holding its Education Meeting online April 30th through May 1st.

Chair Dennis adjourned the Board meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Coleman
Licensing Manager