

MINUTES

**UTAH
SOCIAL WORKER LICENSING BOARD
MEETING**

**June 7, 2012
Room 474, 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:14 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:19 P.M.

**Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:
Board Members Present:**

Richard J. Oborn
Lee Avery

Doran Williams, Chairperson
Nathan Strait
Dennis R. Frandsen
Donna Didas
Tanya Nagahiro
Susan Egbert

Board Members Excused

Kathy Searle

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes dated April 5, 2012. Mr. Frandsen motioned to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Ms. Nagahiro. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Mr. Oborn reviewed the compliance report with the Board.

Appointments:

#1 Kristi Robles is in compliance with her stipulation. Her therapist report on October 5, 2011 stated that therapy was no longer needed. Her last supervisor report from Mr. Curtis Watson was dated May 8, 2012. This report is positive.

#2. Barry Richards is in compliance with his stipulation. The Board suspended his peer supervising group requirement because he is not in private practice. He submitted a supervisor report and request for approval of CEs. His supervisor reports from Mr.

McCauley are positive.

Discussion:

The Board noted that the ethics course is August 1, 2012. He needs to write his essay immediately after the course. The Board would like to see Mr. McCauley be more specific in his supervisor reports.

#3. Julie Bylund is not in compliance with her stipulation. She has not submitted her supervisor reports. Her supervisor is out of the country and will e-mail the report when she returns. These have not been received yet for April and May.

#4. Carolyn Henry is in compliance with her stipulation. She submitted positive supervisor reports and her volunteer hours for January through May 9, 2012. Ms. Henry submitted an addendum to her essay.

Discussion:

The Board reviewed the addendum to her essay. The Board noted that she is taking more responsibility for her actions.

#5. Susan Thorn is in compliance with her stipulation. She submitted her probation plan. She is not working in the profession yet. The Board may want to consider not having her come to the next meeting since she is not working in the field.

Discussion:

Ms. Didas advised the Board that she has a prior professional relationship with Ms. Thorn. The Board reviewed an e-mail submitted by Ms. Thorn regarding her practice plan.

#4. Charles Andrews is in compliance with his stipulation. He submitted 3 supervisor reports. He is not working in the field. He submitted a request to be approved to volunteer at the Utah Food Bank.

Discussion:

The Board reviewed the stipulation requirement regarding his volunteer service.

Preliminary review of appointments and discussion items

APPOINTMENTS:

Ms. Kristi Robles, probation interview

Mr. Oborn reviewed the discussion items with the Board.

Ms. Robles met with the Board. Ms. Egbert conducted the interview. The Board noted that she is in compliance with her stipulation. Ms. Robles stated things are going well. There is no change in her supervisor. She continues to work for Pathways and expressed concern that she is expected to be accessible to the clients all the time. She is trying to set boundaries but feels this is leaving her out. The Board discussed the importance of all therapists setting boundaries. Often when therapists do not set boundaries, the line becomes blurred and the therapist becomes involved in a dual relationship. Also, the client becomes dependent on the therapist and the goal of therapy is to help the client become independent. The Board supported her in setting boundaries with her clients. Ms. Robles stated she is having a hard time getting her previous supervisor to sign off on the hours she supervised her. The Board asked to see Ms. Robles on October 4, 2012. **Ms. Robles is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Mr. Barry Richards, probation interview

Mr. Richards met with the Board. Mr. Williams conducted the interview. Mr. Richards stated things are going well. The Board asked Mr. Richards to have his supervisor include more details in his report. Mr. Richards stated he does family and child meetings and often they have an unrealistic understanding in how long the process takes. Mr. Richards stated that he is feeling good about where things are headed and where he is going. Mr. Richards submitted CEs for 12.5 hours on December 5 and 6. The Board asked to see Mr. Richards August 2, 2012. **Mr. Richards is in compliance with his stipulation.**

Ms. Julie Bylund, probation interview

Ms. Bylund met with the Board. Ms. Didas conducted the interview. Ms. Bylund stated things are going well. She talked with her therapist, who is out of the country and will refax these as soon as she returns. Currently she is out of compliance; however, once she gets back in the country and submits the reports on Monday she will be back in compliance. The Board noted that she has not been out of compliance in the past.

She still working 40 hrs a week and is enjoying her employment. Ms. Bylund stated that she is studying to take the exam. The Board asked to see Ms. Bylund on August 2, 2012. **Ms. Bylund is not in compliance with her stipulation; however, this will change as soon as her therapist submits the April and May therapy reports.**

Ms. Carolyn Henry, probation interview

Ms. Henry met with the Board. Mr. Strait conducted the interview. Things are going well. She continues to meet with her therapist. She stated that she received a CE audit letter and has it almost completed. Ms. Henry stated her support group is still going well. There are about 7 regular attendees. The Board discussed her supervision taking place 2 times a month. Mr. Frandsen motioned to move her supervision to monthly, seconded by Ms. Nagahiaro. The motion carried unanimously. The Board noted that her supervisor reports are submitted quarterly. The Board advised Ms. Henry that the amendment to her essay was received. Ms. Henry stated this has been a very difficult and humbling experience for her. The Board asked to see Ms. Henry October 4, 2012. **Ms. Henry is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Susan Thorn, probation interview

Ms. Thorn met with the Board. Mr. Frandsen conducted the interview. Ms. Didas advised the Board that she has a prior professional relationship with Ms. Thorn. Ms. Didas stated she feels she can participate with Ms. Thorn's probation without conflict. Ms. Thorn stated she is okay with Ms. Didas' participating in her probation. Ms. Thorn stated that she has interviewed for employment; however, has not received call backs. Ms. Thorn stated that she is not working in the field; however, she does have more interviews and is hopeful one of them will hire her. The Board reviewed the following continuing education courses:

1. NASW Social Work Ethics and Risk Management, Model I for 3 CEs, and
2. Boundaries in the Helping Relationships, for 1.5 CE's. for a total of 4.5 hours.

Mr. Frandsen motioned to accept the 2 courses, seconded by Ms. Egbert. The motion carried unanimously. The Board noted that Ms. Thorn's stipulation and order is unique and the only report

needed is confirmation from her employer that they are aware of her stipulation. Ms. Thorn stated that she started an online Ph.D. program in educational leadership program development. The Board asked to see Ms. Thorn August 2, 2012. **Ms. Thorn is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Mr. Charles Andrews, probation interview

Mr. Andrews met with the Board. Ms. Nagahiro conducted the interview. Mr. Andrews stated he continues volunteering at the Utah Food Bank. His duties vary from week to week. They have 4 or 5 different programs and he hopes to branch out and become involved in them. They have programs for children that could relate to his LCSW license. He continues looking for full time employment in the field. The Board asked Mr. Andrews to have a representative at the Food Bank submit a letter stating he is volunteering his services. Mr. Strait motioned to accept his proposal to do volunteer service at the Food Bank, seconded by Ms. Didas. The motion carried unanimously. The Board asked to see Mr. Andrews August 2, 2012. **Mr. Andrews is in compliance with his stipulation.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Identification of Board member to attend 2012 ASWB Annual Meeting, November 1-3, Springfield, IL.

Mr. Oborn noted that the Division pays ASWB \$1,500 membership fees. He will request approval for 2 Board members to attend the 2012 ASWB Annual Meeting, November 1-3 in Springfield, Illinois. Ms. Didas will be the official Utah representative. If he receives approval for 2 to attend, Ms. Egbert stated she was interested in attending.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There is no correspondence at this time.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

August 2, 2012

2012 Board meetings tentatively scheduled:
August 2, October 4, December 6.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 12:19 P. M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

August 8, 2012
Date Approved

(ss) Dorin Williams
Chairperson, Utah Social Worker Licensing Board

August 8, 2012
Date Approved

(ss) Richard J. Oborn
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing