



STATE OF NEVADA  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS  
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MINUTES OF THE NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS  
REVISED PROPOSED REGULATIONS

LCB FILE NO. R025-14

June 20, 2014

The Hearing pertaining to the Intent to Act Upon a Regulation and the Adoption of Regulations contained in LCB File No. R025-14 (Public Hearing) was called to order by Sandy Lowery, Board President at 9:00 a.m. The Public Hearing was conducted at Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services, 745 West Moana Lane, Suite 100, Reno, Nevada. There was a simultaneous videoconference conducted at Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services, 4000 E. Charleston Blvd., Suite B-230, Las Vegas, Nevada. President Lowery noted that the Public Hearing had been properly noticed. Roll call was initiated by President Lowery, with the following Board members, Board staff and participants present at the following location(s):

Members Present:

Rod Smith, Board Secretary/Treasurer, Reno  
Sandy Lowery, LCSW, Board President, Reno  
C. J. Yao, LCSW, Board member, Las Vegas  
Annie Wilson, LSW, Las Vegas

Staff Present

Kim Frakes, Executive Director  
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General

Public Attendees

Bianca Goldstein, Executive Assistant, Human Behavior Institute, Las Vegas

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bianca Goldstein indicated that she was representing the Human Behavior Institute (HBI) and was the Executive Assistant for Abi-Karam, Ph.D., HBI Clinical Director. Ms. Goldstein indicated that HBI had submitted an application packet several weeks ago in order to be considered by the Board to become a Board approved internship program. Ms. Goldstein indicated that HBI has several interested individuals who would like to complete their postgraduate supervised hours towards clinical social work licensure. She concluded that if the Board did not respond to HBI soon, the agency would have to recruit individuals from out-of-state in order to fill positions. Sandy Lowery thanked Ms. Goldstein for her public comment. Shortly following this agenda item, Ms. Goldstein left the Public Hearing.

**REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Rod Smith and seconded by C. J. Yao to approve the agenda as submitted. This motion was carried.

**Review and Discussion, Summary of Public Comments Received During the Board Public Workshops, Conducted in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, on May 16, 2014, Pertaining to Proposed Regulation Contained in LCB File No. R025-14.**

Kim Frakes summarized the public comments received during the Board's Public Workshop (Workshop) on May 16, 2014, in Las Vegas. Ms. Frakes indicated that a summary of the public comments received during the Workshop in Las Vegas is contained in the minutes (Agenda Item 5). Ms. Frakes noted that fifteen (15) individuals attended the Workshop and that most of the attendees provided comment. It appeared that most of the comments pertained to requests for clarification regarding the proposed regulations or the Board's overall regulations. Ms. Frakes indicated that the Workshop was mutually beneficial for the attendees, Board members and herself. Annie Wilson also indicated that the turnout and comments received by Workshop participants were great. C. J. Yao stated that it was nice to have a good turnout and to see participants from the State's rural areas attend the Workshop in Las Vegas as well.

President Lowery presented the summary of public comments received during the Workshop in Reno. She indicated that the turn out in Reno was not as robust as the attendance in Las Vegas. She noted that in spite of this, the few individuals attending the Reno Workshop appeared motivated to share their thoughts and ideas with the Board members. Ms. Lowery indicated that public comments received tended to stray off the agenda and she made efforts to bring the participants back to comments pertaining to the proposed regulation. She expressed surprise at the amount of misinformation public attendees had regarding the Board and general Board regulations. Rod Smith also indicated his surprise regarding the misperceptions about the Board expressed during the Workshop. An example was the fact that the participants were unaware about the Board not receiving general funds from the State and instead being funded by licensing fees. Both President Lowery and Mr. Smith indicated that the discussion between the Workshop attendees and themselves was helpful and mutually informative.

(The next agenda item was taken out of sequence in order to aid the efficacy of the meeting.)

**Review and Discussion, Summary of Written Public Comments Submitted to the Board Pertaining to Proposed Regulation Contained in LCB File No. R025-14.**

Ms. Frakes reviewed the written comments submitted to the Board pertaining to the proposed regulation contained in LCB File R025-14. She noted that this information was also summarized in the proposed Workshop minutes (Agenda Item 5). Ms. Frakes indicated that in soliciting comments from the public pertaining to the Small Business Impact Statement, two (2) comments were received past the April 28, 2014 deadline. Accordingly, she included these comments as part of the submitted written comments as noted below:

Tanitsha Bridgers, LCSW, Owner, Mobile Mental Health Support Services, Inc.

*"The proposed increase will not pose a direct economic burden on my organization however I wonder where the extra funds will be going. This increase will be a burden on the professional who have to pay as fees were already high."*

Patrick R. Scott, LCSW, Owner, Clinical Director, Heads Up Guidance and Wellness Centers of Nevada

*"None at all."*

Aside from these two (2) written comments, Ms. Frakes indicated that the Board had not received any additional written comments regarding the proposed regulation change.

**Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, Approval of Minutes for the May 16, 2014 Public Workshops, Conducted in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada.**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. She indicated that the drafted minutes for the May 16, 2014 Workshop in Reno and Las Vegas were contained in their Board Public Hearing packet. Following review of these minutes, a motion was made by Annie Wilson and seconded by Rod Smith to approve the minutes as submitted. This motion was carried without objection.

**Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, Adoption of LCB File No. R025-14. Reviewing Documents Shall Include:**

- A. LCB File No. R025-14, Revised Proposed Regulation of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers;**
- B. Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation; Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of LCB File No. R025-14 of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers;**
- C. Minutes from the May 16, 2014 Public Workshops Conducted in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada;**
- D. Copies of transcripts from the May 16, 2014 Public Workshops Conducted in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada;**
- E. Solicitation of Input from Nevada Small Businesses Pertaining to Possible Economic Impact and Copies of Submitted Responses; and**
- F. Board's Small Business Impact Statement.**

The Board reviewed the information contained in the above documents.

- A. LCB File No. R025-14, Revised Proposed Regulation of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers:**

Following a review of the information contained in LCB File No. R025-14, a motion was made by Rod Smith and seconded by Annie Wilson to adopt the proposed revised regulation changes contained in LCB File No. R025-14. This motion carried without objection.

- B. Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation; Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of LCB File No. R025-14 of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers:**

Following a review of the information contained in the Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation; Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of LCB File No. R025-14 of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, a motion was made by Rod Smith and seconded by C. J. Yao to accept the Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation; Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of LCB File No. R025-14 of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers as submitted. This motion carried without objection.

- C. Minutes from the May 16, 2014 Public Workshops Conducted in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada:**

*(The minutes were already approved by the Board as noted in the previous section of this Board meeting minutes).*

**D. Copies of Transcripts from the May 16, 2014 Public Workshops Conducted in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada:**

Following a review of the information contained in the transcripts from the May 16, 2014 Public Workshop, conducted in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, a motion was made by C. J. Yao and seconded by Rod Smith to approve the transcripts from the May 16, 2014 Public Workshop as submitted. This motion carried without objection.

**E. Solicitation of Input from Nevada Small Businesses Pertaining to Possible Economic Impact and Copies of Submitted Responses:**

Following a review of the information contained in the Solicitation of Input from Nevada Small Businesses Pertaining to Possibly Economic Impact and Copies of Submitted Responses, a motion was made by Rod Smith and seconded by C. J. Yao to accept the Solicitation of Input from Nevada Small Business Pertaining to Possible Economic Impact and copies of the Submitted Responses as submitted. This motion carried without objection.

**F. Board's Small Business Impact Statement:**

Following a review of the information contained in the Board's Small Business Impact Statement, a motion was made by Rod Smith and seconded by Annie Wilson to accept the Board's Small Business Impact Statement as submitted. This motion carried without objection

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

It was noted that there was no one to offer public comment when this meeting concluded at either the Reno or Las Vegas Public Hearing locations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Rod Smith and seconded by Annie Wilson to adjourn the Board Public Hearing. This motion was carried without objection. This Board Public Hearing concluded at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Frakes  
Executive Director