



STATE OF NEVADA  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS  
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**STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION**

**NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS  
BY THE STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS**

**LCB File No. R018-16**

**And  
Board Videoconference Meeting**

**Friday, June 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services  
745 W. Moana Lane, Suite 100  
Reno, Nevada 89509**

**Some members of the Board may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony, through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the following location:**

**Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services  
4000 E. Charleston Blvd., Suite B-230  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104**

Please Note: The Board of Examiners for Social Workers may address agenda items out of sequence, combine the agenda items, pull or remove the agenda items, in order to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting or to accommodate persons appearing before the Board. The Board may continue agenda items to the next meeting as needed. (NRS 241.020)

Public comment is welcomed by the Board and will be heard at the beginning of the Board meeting following the Call to Order and Roll and at the end of the agenda prior to the adjournment of the Board meeting. Public comment will be limited to five minutes per person. The Board meeting Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and at his/her sole discretion. Once all items on the agenda are completed the meeting will adjourn.

Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Board may refuse to consider public comment. *See NRS 233B.126.*

\* Denotes items on which Board may take possible action. Action by the Board on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or pull or remove the item.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Roll.
2. Public Comment.

*Note: No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda contains matters of routine acceptance. The Board Members may approve the consent agenda items as written or, at their discretion, may address individual items for discussion or change.

3. \*Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, Approval of Consent Agenda
  - A. Licensure/Internship Applications
    1. \*Ratification of Approved License Applications (Attachment 1).
    2. \*Ratification of Denied License Applications (Attachment 1).
    3. \*Ratification of Approved Internship Applications (Attachment 1).
    4. \*Ratification of Denied Internship Applications (Attachment 1).
  - B. Continuing Education
    1. \*Ratification of Approved Continuing Education Programs.
    2. \*Ratification of Denied Continuing Education Programs.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

4. \*Legislative and Regulatory Issues
  - A. *\*(For Possible Action)* Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, Adoption of LCB File No. R018-16, Reviewing Documents Include:
    - i. *\*(For Possible Action)* Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, Approval of Minutes for the April 15, 2016 Public Workshops, Conducted in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada;
    - ii. Review and Discussion, Summary of Written Public Comment Submitted to the Board Pertaining to Assembly Bill (AB) 93, Mandating Suicide Prevention and Awareness Training, and the Board's Corresponding Regulation Change: [http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB93\\_EN.pdf](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB93_EN.pdf);
    - iii. Review and Discussion, Copy of LCB File No. R018-16;
    - iv. Review and Discussion, Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation; Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of LCB File No. R018-16 by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers; and
    - v. Review and Discussion, Board's Small Business Impact Statement.
  - B. *\*(For Possible Action)* Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, Proposed Temporary Regulation Changes, Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 233B.063(3) as it Pertains to:
    - i. *\*(For Possible Action)* Senate Bill (SB) 7, Section 4.7, Which Directs the Board to Establish via Regulations... "Reasonable Standards for the Psychiatric Training and Experience Necessary for a Clinical Social Worker to be Authorized to Make the Certifications Described in NRS 433A.170, 433A.195 and 433A.200", [http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB7\\_EN.pdf](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB7_EN.pdf);

- ii. *\*(For Possible Action)* Identification of Board Member(s) and/or Staff to Facilitate with the Training Referenced in SB 7 Which will be Brought Back to a Future Board Meeting for Final Review and Approval; and
  - iii. *\*(For Possible Action)* A New, One-Year Provisional License, Which Will Allow the Applicant a Provisional Social Worker License, Following Receipt of Initial, Specified Information, and One Year Following the Date of Provisional Licensure to Submit the Remaining, Required Documentation and Information.
- C. *\*(For Possible Action)* Request from the State of Nevada Legislative Committee on Health Care (LCHC) to Present June 29, 2016, on the Following:
- i. The Board's Efforts to Increase the State's Social Work Workforce, Especially in Regards to SB 515 and Recruitment Challenges Facing the Nevada Department of Education, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment of School Social Workers;
  - ii. Updates (Successes/Challenges) Since the Last Presentation to the LCHC;
  - iii. Presentation Prepared by Board Staff in Response to the LCHC'S Request; and
- D. Review and Discussion, Submission of BDR (Bill Draft Request) Number, 17ABDC1180, into NEBS (Nevada Executive Budget System) as Requested by the Office of the Governor (Governor's Office), Ratified by the Board During the April 15, 2016 Board Meeting, and Notification by the Governor's Office on May 5, 2016, that this BDR will not be Carried During the 79<sup>th</sup>/2017 Legislative Session.
5. Disciplinary Matters
- A. Review and Discussion, Redacted Disciplinary Report.
6. *\*Licensure, Intern and Application Issues*
- A. *\*(For Possible Action)* Follow Up to May 26, 2016 Scheduled Teleconference with William Bee Ririe Hospital and Rural Health Clinic, University of Utah, Tele-Crisis Center (University), the Board's Executive Director and Stakeholders Regarding:
    - i. The Provision of Tele-Crisis and In-Person Services by the University's Utah Licensed Clinical Social Workers to Residents Residing in Nevada;
    - ii. The Board's Requirement, Pursuant to NAC 641B.124, that the Provision of Social Work Services to Clients Within this State Electronically and In-Person, Requires Board Licensure;
    - iii. Review and Discussion on how to Facilitate Licensure Endorsement for the University's Utah Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Including Credentialing Specialist(s) from the University, and any Applicable Limitations, Pursuant to NRS 641B.170 (Confidentiality of certain records of Board; exceptions); and
    - iv. Any Additional Recommendations, as Noted on the University's June 9, 2016 Letter to the Board.
  - B. *\*(For Possible Action)* Update Pertaining to Senate Bill (SB) 515, [http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB515\\_EN.pdf](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB515_EN.pdf), Section 23, Which Allocated Specified Funding for Social Workers or Other Licensed Mental Health Workers, Passed During the 78<sup>th</sup>/2015 Legislative Session and Effective July 1, 2015, and:

- i. Overview of the Timeline Pertaining to the Initial Funding (November 2013 and September 2014), Eventual Contact with the Board Following Passage of SB 515 in July 2015 and Ongoing Efforts by Board Members and Staff to Assist with this Endeavor;
  - ii. Social Worker Recruitment Shortfalls Expressed by the Nevada Department of Education (Department), Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment (OSRLE) Director;
  - iii. Outsourcing of School Social Worker Recruitment to Various Agencies by the Department's OSRLE in Order to Fulfill SB 515 Recruitment Goals and Concerns Brought to the Board's Attention Pertaining to these Recruitment Agencies as well as Additional Recruitment Concerns;
  - iv. June 7, 2016 Board Letter to the Department's OSRLE Director, Inviting him to Attend the June 17, 2016 Board Meeting for the Purpose of Collaboratively Discussing these Concerns and Mutual Goals; and
  - v. Recommendations Following Review and Discussion of this Agenda Item.
- C. (*\*For Possible Action*) Follow-up to Agenda Item 6A, From the April 15, 2016 Board Meeting (Agenda Item 6A) Pertaining to:
- i. The State's Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Rural Community Health Services (Rural Community Health) that Licensed Social Workers (LSW'S), as a Condition of Employment for their Clinical Internship:
    1. Enter into a Contractual Agreement, Requiring a Nevada State Business License, Issued by the Nevada Secretary of State Office;
    2. How this Contractual Arrangement May Have Placed Interns into, "Independent Practice" Arrangements, a Possible Violation of NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) 641B.230, NRS 641B.240 and NRS 641B.505; and
    3. Board Action During the April 15, 2016 Board Meeting for an Official Attorney General Opinion.
7. Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB); National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- A. (*\*For Possible Action*) Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, May 10, 2016 Letter of Agreement (LOA), Renewal, Current LOA Expiring June 30, 2016, Between the Board and ASWB, Including a Copy of the Applicable Section of ASWB'S Policy.
  - B. (*\*For Possible Action*) Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, May 25, 2016 Letter from ASWB Pertaining to:
    - i. ASWB'S Updated "Use of Examinations Policy", Including Member Boards to Request Exceptions for Continuance to Use Certain ASWB Examinations Outside their Examination Use Policy; and
    - ii. The Board's Current Use of the ASWB Examination as it Compares with ASWB'S Updated Policy and a Proposed Written Response from the Board.
  - C. Review and Discussion, Follow-up Pertaining to the ASWB Spring Education Conference, Conducted April 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in Jersey City, N.J., as Reported by the Board's Executive Director.
  - D. (*\*For Possible Action*) NASW Request for a Presentation by the Board's Executive Director, During the 2016 NASW-NV Chapter Conference, Scheduled October 10<sup>th</sup>

through 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with Board Presentation Tentatively Scheduled on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, Including Board Recommendations for Presentation Topic and Board Presenter(s).

8. Senior Deputy Attorney General Report

9. Presiding Officer's Comments

10. Board Operations

- A. (*\*For Possible Action*) Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, Approval of Minutes for the April 15, 2016 Board Meeting;
- B. (*\*For Possible Action*) Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, Increase From Eleven (11.0) Hours per Pay Period, to Five (5.0) Additional Hours per Pay Period, Sixteen (16.0) Hours Total, for Sandra Lowery, LCSW, to Provide Board Website Assistance and Updated Tracking of Board Applications and Licensure Process; and
- C. Executive Director's Report.

11. Public Comment

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12. \*Adjournment (for possible action).

Anyone desiring additional information regarding the meeting is invited to call the Board office at (775) 688-2555. All information pertaining to the proposed regulations contained in the Revised Proposed Regulations of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, LCB File No. R025-14, may be located on the Board's website as noted: <http://socwork.nv.gov/board/R025-14>.

We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, 4600 Kietzke Lane, C121, Reno, Nevada 89502, or call (775) 688-2555, as soon as possible.

This notice has been posted at the office of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers; the Board's Web Site [www.socwork.nv.gov](http://www.socwork.nv.gov); the State's Public Notice Website <http://notice.nv.gov>; Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services, Reno; and Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services, Las Vegas and the following locations:

Washoe County Social Services, 350 S. Center Street, Reno, Nevada  
Clark County Social Services, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Social Work, Las Vegas, Nevada  
University of Nevada, Reno, School of Social Work, Anasari Business Building, Reno, Nevada

## LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Attachment 1

### Approvals

Davis, Rochelle	7183-C	Zidow, Christina	7210-C
Arambula, Guillermina	7184-C	Cacciatore, Jennifer	7211-C
Batres, Liz	7185-S	Roman, Carlos	7212-S
Fralick, Jordan	7186-S	Jones, Jodi	7213-C
Israel, Kaycee	7187-C	Bird, Jessica	7214-S
Martinez, Alyson	7188-S	Freitas, Jennifer	7215-S
Montes, Maria	7189-S	Furman, Mary	7216-c
Merlo-Bartone, Suzanne	7190-C	Hull, Lauren	7217-S
Pelusio, Ashlee	7191-S	Karr, Kelsey	7218-S
Russo, Ann Marie	7192-C	Khong, Randy	7219-S
White, Stephanie	7193-C	Martinez, Rachel	7220-S
Dela Fuente Ochoa, Margarita	7194-S	Moore, Brionna	7221-S
Pippen, Christina	7195-C	Moore, Jessica	7222-S
Slaton, Siobhan	7196-S	Moore, Kristin	7223-S
Simpson, Shelby	7197-S	Nunnemaker, Shannon	7224-S
Arevalo, Deborah	7198-S	Rubin, Caryn	7225-C
Campos, Suzanne	7199-C	Sabori, Janel	7226-S
Perez, Mariana	7200-S	Shelley, Edward	7227-S
Feeney, Stephanie	7201-C	Stott, Krista	7228-S
Blackburn, Wendy	7202-S	Troop, Echo	7229-S
Cooperman, Stacy	7203-S	Coker, Emily	7230-S
Ruiz, Stephani	7204-S	Jiles, Quentin	7231-S
O'Connor, Kristin	7205-S	Love, Tayler	7232-S
Ayala, Maria	7206-S	Pyne, Danielle	7233-S
Burwell, Alyssa	7207-C	Tacadina, Kristie	7234-S
Osiek, Jeffrey	7208-S	Wosik, Bradley	7235-S
Roberson-Strange, Jer	7209-C		

Total Number of Licenses Issued = 53, Including 10 Endorsed, Out-of-State Licenses = (9 LCSW'S & 1 LSW).

Denied Licenses: None.

Denied Renewals: None.

### License Restorations:

Smyth, Lora	2429-S	Martinez, Eduardo	6085-S
Soskin, Lauren	5087-S	Espinoza, Ivan	5816-S
Reese, Cory	5089-C		

### Provisional Approvals:

Little, Stephanie	1003P-S (A)	Bernache, Kathleen	1005P-S (A)
Meints, Maya	1004P-S (A)	Layne, Carmela	1006P-S (A)

No Provisional License Denials This Period

## **INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS**

### Approvals

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Site</u>
Berry, Emily	IC-997	Dori Orlich, LCSW	Mojave Mental Health, Reno
Hinton, Jennifer	IC-998	Rangel Yorks, LCSW	Mojave Mental Health, Reno
Benas, Brenna	IC-999	Michael Adams, LCSW	Solutions Recovery
Powell, Dawnesha	IC-1000	Lo'Rece Mebane, LCSW	Mbrace Counseling and Behavioral
Moore, Wendy	IC-1001	Erica Hunter, LCSW	H.O.P.E. Counseling
Gonzalez, Francisco	IC-1002	Norma Platt, LCSW	Bilingual Center for Behavioral Health
Wolff, Annie	IC-1003	Charles Ellis, LCSW	Trailways, Inc.
Goldstein, Brock	IC-1004	Ingrid Sanchez, LCSW	Behavioral Bilingual Services
Rebiejo, Shannon	IC-1005	Austin Sorensen, LCSW	Ely Counseling & Supportive Services

Total Approved Internships = 9

No Internship Applications Denied This Period