



STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS
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MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP – LAS VEGAS
November 3, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers was called to order by Kim Frakes, Director of Social Work Practice at 10:34am. The meeting was held at Mojave Mental Health, 4000 East Charleston Boulevard, #B230, Las Vegas, NV 89104. This meeting was not videoconferenced to Las Vegas. Ms. Frakes noted that the meeting had been properly posted and that a quorum was not needed as this was a Public Workshop. Roll call was initiated by Ms. Frakes, with the following individuals present:

Members Present:

Stefanie Maplethorpe, LCSW, Member (**Maplethorpe**)

Staff Present

Kim Frakes, LCSW, Director of Social Work Practice (**Frakes**)

Public Attendees

Michelle Keiserman, LCSW

Shane Taylor, LSW

Brandy Planet

Leo Magrdichian, LSW

*Board members and Board staff will be identified by the above **bolded** means throughout the minutes.*

PUBLIC COMMENT (*Agenda Item 2*)

No public comment was offered at this time.

AGENDA ITEM

Introduction of Open Workshop (*Agenda Item 3*)

- A. Solicitation of Public Comment Pertaining to Proposed Additions, Amendments and /or Repeal of Regulations Pertaining to Chapter 641B of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The Purpose of the Workshop is to Solicit Comments From Interested Persons on the Following General Topics that May be Addressed in the Proposed Regulations by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, LCB File No. R110-17:
- i. Reducing the amount of time an application is considered open.
 - ii. Removal of "Provisional C" licensure based on legislative changes in endorsement.
 - iii. Expanding clinical hours allowed per quarter for clinical internships.
 - iv. Telecommunication options for supervision of clinical / independent internships.
 - v. Expanding content areas for ethics CEUs and increasing ethics CEUs to 4 per renewal period for all licensees.
 - vi. Removal of the 1-year grace period for CEUs post-graduation.
 - vii. Removal of limitation of the number of CEUs that can be earned online.
 - viii. Changes for Board approved CEU vendors.
 - ix. Development of a professional will for social workers in independent practice.

Frakes reviewed the process of the workshop, indicated that this meeting was an arena in which interested parties were able to provide feedback regarding regulation changes proposed by the Board. She indicated

that that this meeting was being recorded via a court reporter and that the information from this meeting would be reviewed at the December 15, 2017 meeting.

Frakes reviewed each area of change then opened the meeting up for comments regarding the proposed regulation changes.

Mr. Magrdichian asked about whether there would be any "do's and don'ts" regarding the use to telecommunication technologies and commented that the language of 641B.067 was vague.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Magrdichian discussed language around endorsing licenses from other states and the possibility of a jurisprudence exam. **Frakes** addressed the legislative expectation that licensing Boards will reduce barriers to endorsing licenses. **Frakes** discussed cleaning up language in 641B.105.

641B.187 through 641B.189 - Ms. Keiserman sought to clarify the change in CEU requirements with this proposed legislation. Discussed the changes coming in July 2018 regarding suicide prevention CEUs and the increase to 4 CEUs for ethics per collection cycle. Mr. Taylor clarified that the changes with suicide prevention CEUs moved the requirement from annually to per collection cycle. **Maplethorpe** addressed the fact that the suicide prevention requirements are controlled by the legislature, not the Board. This topic can be addressed again in the 2019 legislative session. Group discussed the origins of the suicide prevention legislation and the perceived intent of the legislature. Mr. Taylor discussed the increase in CEUs for ethics from 2 per collection cycle to 4 per collection cycle. Mr. Taylor questioned the need for LSWs to go from 2 to 4 CEUs in ethics. **Frakes** discussed the fact that the topics that are now allowable for "ethics" as having been expanded significantly beyond the previous three topics that were listed. **Maplethorpe** indicated that most people are taking workshops that cover the new topic areas for ethics so this way they can get credit for these contact areas. Clarified for Mr. Magrdichian that any course that is approved by NASW or ASWB will now automatically be accepted for CEUs. This change went into effect early in 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT *(Agenda Item 4)*

No public comment was offered at this time.

ADJOURNMENT *(Agenda Item 5)*

Frakes adjourned the meeting at 11:51.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Lowery, LCSW, LADC, Interim Executive Director