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Minutes of 2/28/2023

Board Members Present: Dr. Alex Zamora - Chair
Jeri Perkins
April Christenson
Lynnet R Keeley
Dr. Donna Lynn Schmid

Division Staff: Cesley Metcalfe, Executive Officer
Greg Loos, Legal Counsel
Skip Liddle, Investigative Supervisor
Emily Rough, Board Support Specialist

Board Members Absent: Virginia K Dickman

Others Present: Tyler Williams, Board Prosecutor

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Dr. Alex Zamora.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 11/22/2022 and 1/24/2023 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Legislative Session Overview: Ms. Metcalfe presented a legislative update on House Bill 61, House Bill 63, House Bill 27, and Senate Bill 1109.

DOPL Strategic Plan: Ms. Metcalfe explained the three main goals of DOPL's strategic plan: lead through transparency and exceptional customer service, public protection through consistent enforcement, and make recognizable and measurable reform through permissionless innovation.

Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest, and Honorarium Policies: Mr. Loos reviewed the confidentiality, the conflict of interest, and the honorarium policies with the Board.

Financial Update: Ms. Metcalfe presented the financial report which showed a balance of (\$65,608.05) as of December 31, 2022.

Board Meeting Survey: The Division will begin providing an anonymous survey to each Board member seeking feedback on how to better serve the Board.

BOARD BUSINESS

Regulatory Discussion with ASWB: Cara Sanner, Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), presented suggestions for the Board to consider while it works through zero-based regulation.

Social Work Compact Update: Ms. Sanner provided a status update regarding the Social Work Compact. She stated that the model legislature was finalized and published on the ASWB website on February 27, 2023.

ASWB Education Meeting Information: Dr. Zamora provided information on the upcoming ASWB 2023 Education Meeting.

Licensing Report: The Board reviewed a report on applications received and licenses issued and renewed by staff since the last meeting.

Applications

A motion was made and seconded to approve application SWOA-43183 pending retaking and submitting a passing score on the appropriate ASWB exam. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Schmid was recused.

Zero-Based Regulation: The Board reviewed staff recommendations for the rules below:

Rule 210.b. – Generally Applicable Supervision Requirements: The Board added language to clarify that supervision must continue until a clinical license has been issued.

Rule 210.b.i. – Generally Applicable Supervision Requirements: The last sentence was deleted as unnecessary.

Rule 210.b.ii. – Generally Applicable Supervision Requirements: The Board changed group supervision to not exceed one supervisor to five supervisees. The formula for allowable group supervision hours was deleted as unnecessary and overly confusing to licensees.

Rule 210.02 – Pursuing Licensure as Independent Practitioners: The Board deleted this rule at its 1/24/23 meeting. The Board stated that independent practice is already included in the scope of practice, so a separate license for this is no longer necessary. These licenses may be transitioned to the standard corresponding license.

Rule 210.03 – Pursuing Licensure as Clinical Social Worker: The Board reviewed subsections b.i and b.ii and discussed the importance of direct client contact and assessment and diagnosis. Division staff will provide updated verbiage for review at the next meeting.

Public Comment: Delmar Stone, Idaho Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), commented that NASW Idaho is in support of the Social Work Compact.

Executive Session

A motion was made and seconded to enter executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to retain a license or registration. The vote was: Dr. Zamora, aye; Ms. Keeley, aye; Dr. Schmid, aye; Ms. Perkins, aye; and Ms. Christenson, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session. The motion carried unanimously. No decisions were made in executive session.

Discipline

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the prosecuting attorney to negotiate a Stipulation for case numbers SWO-2022-23, SWO-2022-17/2021-19, SWO-2020-15, and SWO-2022-24 and to authorize the Board chair to sign on behalf of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to negotiate a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for case numbers I-SWO-2023-16, and I-SWO-2022-26 and to authorize the Executive Officer to approve on behalf of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to close case numbers; I-SWO-2023-15, I-SWO-2022-32, I-SWO-2023-3, I-SWO-2023-5, I-SWO-2023-13, and I-SWO-2023-23 with an advisory letter. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Stipulation and Consent Orders and to allow the Board chair to sign on behalf of the Board for case numbers SWO-2021-10 and SWO-2022-27. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 PM MT.

The next meeting is on 03/21/2023.