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Minutes of 6/27/2023

Board	Dr. Alex Zamora - Chair	Division	Cesley Metcalfe, Executive Officer
Members	Lynnet R Keeley	Staff:	Yvonne Dunbar, Legal Counsel
Present:	Virginia K Dickman		Greg Loos, Legal Counsel
	Brandi Warnke		Debi Casto, Licensing Specialist
			Emily Rough, Board Support Specialist

Board Jeri Perkins
Members April Christenson
Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by Dr. Alex Zamora.

Zero-Based Regulation: The Board reviewed a document from general counsel with suggested changes to the rules. The changes approved are as follows:

Rule 201 – Practice of Social Work: This title was changed to “Practice Standards” for clarity.

Rule 201.01 – Baccalaureate Social Work: The Board deleted the last sentence regarding independent and private practice because the statute does not authorize the limitation.

Rule 201.02 – Masters of Social Work: The Board removed the last sentence regarding independent and private practice because the statute does not authorize the limitation.

Rule 201.03 – Clinical Social Work: The Board removed the last sentence regarding independent and private practice because the statute does not authorize the limitation. Psychotherapy and couples were added to the previous sentence.

Rule 210.01– Supervision: All supervision requirements were moved to a subsection under licensure requirements.

Rule 210.01.b.i. and ii. – Supervision: The Board does not have statutory authority to create ratios, so these were deleted.

Rule 210.02 – Pursuing Licensure as Clinical Social Worker: This title was changed to, “Approved Postgraduate Supervised Clinical Experience for Clinical Social Worker License.”

Rule 210.02.a. – Pursuing Licensure as Clinical Social Worker: This was deleted because the Board was advised by legal counsel that it does not have the statutory authority to approve a supervision plan. It was also stated that reviewing individual supervision plans without clearly defined supervised experience requirements leads to too much subjectivity for approval for a requirement that should be objective. The

Board members voiced their concern for applicants who obtain 3000 hours of supervised experience that may not be appropriate because they didn't receive pre-approval for their intended supervised experience. Division staff suggested that the Board define what approved supervised experience is and post it on the website. It was also suggested that a document be created that outlines the requirements so that the supervisors and applicants can attest to the fact that they've met the requirements when they submit their application for licensure. Division staff will draft a document for review at the next meeting.

Rule 210.02.b. – Pursuing Licensure as Clinical Social Worker: The minimum number of years to accrue clinical experience in Idaho Code § 54-3206(1) so this was deleted.

Rule 210.02.d. and 210.02.e. – Pursuing Licensure as Clinical Social Worker: These were deleted because the Board was advised by legal counsel that it does not have the statutory authority to approve a supervisor or to limit the number of supervisors that an applicant can have.

Rule 210.04 – Out of State Supervised Experience: Division staff recommended deleting this section and adding to the licensure requirements that supervisors must be licensed in the state in which supervised experience was obtained. The Board discussed its concerns that applicants may not be educated on the most current methodologies if the requirement is deleted that all experience must have been obtained within five years of the application. Division staff suggested creating a standard that applies to all applicants regarding determining competency rather than regulating specific time requirements. The initial staff recommendation was implemented, but the intent of this requirement may be incorporated in another manner.

Rule 225 – Inactive Status: This was simplified by moving the continuing education requirements to the continuing education rule and rewording the remainder for clarity.

Rule 350.01 – Exam: The title was changed to “Approved Examination”. The language regarding another board-approved examination was deleted as unnecessary because the Board has the option to grant a waiver to applicants under Idaho Code § 67-5230 if a different exam was passed. Any other examination approved in the future can be listed on the Board's website.

Rule 350.02 – Graduation Date to Qualify for Exam: The Board does not have the statutory authority to determine when an applicant can sit for the exam, so this was deleted. Applications will instead be approved for licensure upon submission of a complete application with all required supporting documentation, including passing exam scores.

Rule 350.03 – Endorsement: Subsections a through c were deleted as duplicative of Idaho Codes § 54-3208 and 54-3211. Subsections d and e were retained and combined into one paragraph, with the exception of the requirement that endorsement applicants must have actively practiced social work for five of the last seven years. That requirement was deleted as an unnecessary burden on out-of-state applicants that is out of compliance with Idaho Code § 67-9409(8).

Rule 351 – Continuing Education Requirements: This rule was updated to: “To renew or return to active status, licensees must complete, during the preceding twenty-four (24) months, and retain proof of completion of forty (40) hours of continuing education, two (2) hours of which must be in professional ethics and the remainder germane to the practice of social work. No more than twenty (20) CE hours may be obtained from self-directed professional study activities and growth experiences.” Subsection g was retained to provide direction on how many CE hours are awarded for college courses.

Rule 351.04 – Documentation: This was deleted as unnecessary with the addition of “retain proof of completion” to Rule 351.

Public Comment: Delmar Stone, Executive Director of the Idaho Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, expressed his concern about eliminating the approval of continuing education sources. He stated that allowing continuing education from any provider may decrease the quality of CEs obtained by Idaho licensees.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM MT.

The next meeting is on 07/11/2023.