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**Minutes of 7/11/2023**

<b>Board</b>	Dr. Alex Zamora - Chair	<b>Division</b>	Cesley Metcalfe, Executive Officer
<b>Members</b>	Jeri Perkins	<b>Staff:</b>	Yvonne Dunbar, Lead Counsel
<b>Present:</b>	April Christenson		Greg Loos, General Counsel
	Lynnet R Keeley		Emily Rough, Board Support Specialist
	Brandi Warnke		

**Board** Virginia K Dickman  
**Members**  
**Absent:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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 450.01.a – The Social Worker's Ethical Responsibility to Clients:** The current language was replaced with new language regarding standard of care to cover the scenarios of many individual rules listed in the Code of Professional Conduct. The rule now reads: “A social worker must operate within his/her education, training and experience and meet the applicable standard of care provided by other qualified social workers in the same or similar community and under the same or similar circumstances. A standard of care violation may exist where a social worker engages in professional conduct which a reasonable social worker would not under the same or similar circumstances and in the same or similar community or where the social worker knew or should have known the professional conduct would cause unreasonable harm to the client.”

**Rule 450.01.b – The Social Worker's Ethical Responsibility to Clients:** This was deleted as duplicative of Idaho Code §54-3211(3).

**Rule 450.01.c – The Social Worker's Ethical Responsibility to Clients:** To protect client rights, this was updated to state: When a social worker leaves an agency or practice, clients must be provided prompt notice and the opportunity to remain with the agency or practice or to continue care with the social worker.”

**Rule 450.01.f – The Social Worker's Ethical Responsibility to Clients:** This was reworded to focus more on the client’s needs. It now states: “While a social worker may terminate, transfer, or refer a client when the services are no longer needed or in the client’s best interests, prompt notification should be provided to the client. The social worker must attempt to make appropriate referrals as indicated by the client’s need or request for services.

**Rule 450.01.g – The Social Worker's Ethical Responsibility to Clients:** This was deleted because it is covered by the new language in Rule 450.01.f.

**Rule 450.01.h – The Social Worker's Ethical Responsibility to Clients:** The definition of sexual harassment was deleted as unnecessary, and the remainder was reworded for clarity.

**Rule 450.01.i – The Social Worker's Ethical Responsibility to Clients:** The Board discussed the importance of clear boundaries. This section was reworded for clarity.

**Rule 450.02.b.-f. – The Social Worker's Conduct and Compartment as a Social Worker:** These were all deleted because they are covered by the new language regarding standard of care in Rule 450.01.a.

**Rule 450.03 – Competent Practice for Social Workers. Social workers must:** This was deleted because it is covered by the new language regarding standard of care in Rule 450.01.a.

**Rule 450.04 – The Advertising Rules for Social Workers:** The rule was reworded for conciseness to read: “A social worker may not disseminate or cause the dissemination of any fraudulent or deceptive advertisement.” The subsections were deleted as unnecessary with the updated language.

**Rule 450.05 – Dual Relationships:** The Board added language that close personal relationships must be known to the social worker to make allowance for the possibility that social workers may be unaware of a close personal relationship that the client has with others.

**Rule 450.07 – Bartering:** The Board discussed the potential for bartering to create situations in which the client may be taken advantage of and deleted the rule.

**Rule 351 – Continuing Education:** The Board discussed the research on continuing education (CE) efficacy and better outcomes. The Board felt that CE is important but that it could decrease the required number of hours and still maintain public protection. The new CE requirement will be 30 hours of continuing education every two years to align with an eventual move to biennial renewals. The language regarding self-directed professional study and growth experiences was also revised for clarity and better direction to refer to preparing and providing germane CE or training to other professionals and for individual research projects.

**Rule 210.03. – A Licensed Clinical Professional:** The Board discussed providing applicants with a form that outlines clear guidelines for supervision expectations. The Board also removed the language regarding preapproval as unsupported by statutory authority. Division staff will work with the Board to come up with language that is clear and concise.

**Public Comment:** Delmar Stone, National Association of Social Workers – Idaho Chapter, expressed his concern regarding the removal of continuing education providers from the rules and how it may impact Idaho joining the compact.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM.

The next meeting is on 07/27/2023.