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Minutes of 7/27/2023

Board Members Present: Dr. Alex Zamora - Chair
Jeri Perkins
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Brandi Warnke

Division Staff: Cesley Metcalfe, Executive Officer
John Price, Investigative Program Manager
Greg Loos, General Counsel
Emily Rough, Board Support Specialist
Debi Casto, Licensing Specialist

Board Members Absent: April Christenson

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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 200.03 – Practice for Social Workers: The title was changed to “Competency.” After discussion, the Board decided to add this back into the rules. This section gives the Board authority to discipline under clearer guidelines.

The Board reviewed a draft copy of the supervision report forms that Division staff created to replace the supervision plans. Should the proposed rules go into effect, the form will be submitted with clinical applications to verify compliance with supervised clinical experience requirements. The Board suggested amendments that will be made to the form and reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Rule 210.03.b – The Board added “must be completed over the course of no fewer than two years and no more than five years” to provide clarity to applicants that once 3000 hours of supervised experience has been obtained, supervision should only continue while applicants are working to pass the exam for clinical licensure. The Board also added a subsection that states any licensee who has reached the maximum of five years of experience who is awaiting passing test results may not continue to practice under supervision and may only practice at the level of licensure that they currently hold. This gives clear guidelines to alleviate confusion on supervision.

Rule 350.01 – Exam: The Board added “passed within the previous seven years.” The Board discussed that ASWB updates the exam every five to seven years to reflect changes in the practice of social work. The Board felt that requiring passage of the exam within seven years would ensure applicants are tested on the most current practice standards, which better protects the public.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended draft rules as Proposed Rules to be posted in the September Administrative Rules Bulletin. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM MT.

The next meeting is on 08/22/2023.