

**JOINT EXAMINING BOARD MEETING
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING
AND SOCIAL WORK JOINT EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17, 2012**

PRESENT: Arlie Albrecht, Eric Alvin, Nancy Clark, Alice Hanson-Drew, Charles Lindsey, Leslie Mirkin, Nicholas Smiar, Barbara Viste-Johnson

EXCUSED: Peter Fabian

STAFF: Dan Williams, Executive Director; Colleen Baird, Legal Counsel; Sharon Henes, Paralegal; Kimberly Wood, Bureau Assistant; and other Department Staff

GUESTS: Marc Herstand, NASW – WI Chapter; Sarah Coyle, Dan Zimmerman, and Mark Hale, Department of Health Services (DHS)

CALL TO ORDER

Arlie Albrecht, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum of eight (8) members was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Charles Lindsey moved, seconded by Alice Hanson-Drew, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MPSW JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2012

MOTION: Barbara Viste-Johnson moved, seconded by Eric Alvin, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2012 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Dan Williams reported that Allison Gordon has been appointed to the Professional Counselor Section as a professional member, and that she hopes to attend the October 2012 meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING MPSW JOINT BOARD BRINGING DHS AUTHORIZED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS – A.K.A.”DAN CROSSMAN/MARK HALE LETTER HOLDERS” (PURSUANT TO S. 457.02 (6)(B)2, WIS. STATS., AND CHAP. HFS 35, WIS. ADMIN. CODE) UNDER THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD

Dan Crossman and Mark Hale, Department of Health Services (DHS), were present at the meeting and were invited to join the discussion related to DHS individual provider status letter holders coming under the purview of the Joint Board. Arlie Albrecht informed the Board that he has sent a letter to Secretary Ross seeking the Department’s support of a legislative effort in pursuit of this initiative.

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, that the MPSW Joint Board create a committee consisting of one member from each Section, to review applications that have been denied by a Section where it appears that the individual provider status letter holder appears to have been used by the applicant to practice prior to licensure. Additionally, this committee will review data collected by each of the Section’s, on applicants who have been approved that previously practiced under the individual provider status letter. Motion carried unanimously.

Arlie Albrecht appointed one member of each Section to the committee outlined in the motion above:

- Peter Fabian – Marriage and Family Therapy Section
- Charles Lindsey – Professional Counselor Section
- Barbara Viste-Johnson – Social Work Section

Mark Hale, DHS, offered to provide an Adobe Acrobat file of DHS individual provider status letter holders. This information could be compared against the Department’s database in an effort to identify the number of individuals that may be affected by bringing DHS letter holders under the purview of the Joint Board.

STATUS OF REIMBURSEMENT FROM MEDICAID OF QUALIFIED TREATMENT TRAINEES

The Board was advised that there is no new progress to report relating to reimbursement by Medicaid to qualified treatment trainees.

STATUS REPORT OF SUPERVISORY GUIDELINES AND DISPARITY OF SUPERVISOR REGULATIONS ACROSS THE 3 PROFESSIONS OF THE MPSW JOINT BOARD

The Board reviewed its progress in terms of pursuit of its goal to address disparities in supervisory regulations across the Sections of the Joint Board. The status of revisions and/or approvals of each Section’s supervisory application forms were communicated. The Board considered other potential areas of disparity in terms of supervisory regulations.

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Leslie Mirkin, that the Department post the approved supervisory forms to the Department website by no later than September 1, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AS TO THE REVIEW OF STATISTICAL DATA

The Board reviewed statistical data from various areas of the Department and discussed the information therein. The Board expressed appreciation to Department staff for creation, compilation, and presentation of the statistical data reviewed at today's meeting.

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to authorize the Chair of the MPSW Joint Board to send a letter to the Secretary requesting continued resources in terms of an additional audit, for all three Sections, of continuing education in the next biennium. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF MPSW JOINT BOARD GOALS FOR 2012 AND CONSIDERATION OF 2013 GOALS

The Board approved its goals and noted that these goals could be adjusted as need be.

MOTION: Nicholas Smiar moved, seconded by Eric Alvin, to approve the statement of goals for 2013 and 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1) Department of Health Services (DHS) Mental Health Provider Status Letter holders – Discussion of What Action Should be Taken by the MPSW Joint Board in Terms of Recognizing Unlicensed DHS-Recognized Mental Health Providers
- 2) Create Supervisory Guidelines and Address Disparity of the Supervisor Regulations Across the 3 Professions of the MPSW Joint Board
- 3) Amendment of Wis. Stat. 457.02, Regarding Repeal of Provisions Which Restrict Board License Holders from Providing Treatment of Substance Abuse and Substance Use Disorders
- 4) Equalization of the Joint Board Professional Licensing Fees

MOTION: Barbara Viste-Johnson moved, seconded by Alice Hanson-Drew, to request a status report on fee equalization at the October 2012 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER DRAFTING JOINT BOARD LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR DARYL WOOD, FORMER PUBLIC MEMBER

MOTION: Nicholas Smiar moved, seconded by Eric Alvin, to authorize Arlie Albrecht to draft a letter of appreciation for the years of service provided by Daryl Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION/ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MATTERS

Colleen Baird and Sharon Henes updated the Joint Board as to the status of pending rules.

REPORT OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY SECTION

Arlie Albrecht reported regarding the recent activity of the Marriage and Family Therapist Section that Peter Fabian drafted an article relating to the Section's continuing education requirements for publication in a recent Wisconsin Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (WAMFT) newsletter. He noted that the Section is currently considering its goals for pursuit in 2013. Finally, he indicated that the Section currently has a professional member vacancy and has received information that an interested party may be applying for gubernatorial appointment.

REPORT OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SECTION

Charles Lindsey reported regarding the recent activity of the Professional Counselor Section noting that Allison Gordon, was recently appointed to the Section as a professional member, is currently on maternity leave, and hopes to attend her first meeting in October 2012. He reported about the progress of the Section's Task Force on changes to the educational requirements for licensure.

REPORT OF SOCIAL WORKER SECTION

Eric Alvin reported regarding the recent activity of the Social Worker Section. He indicated that the Section will meet on July 18, 2012, has a full agenda, and will be reviewing requests for approval of Social Worker Training Certificate (SWTC) courses and/or programs. Eric Alvin stated that the Section is currently down by one professional member (Advance Practice Social Worker) and one public member.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE OR INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

Eric Alvin asked Colleen Baird to report to the Board regarding a recent question relating to name changes and the ability to practice with an old name. Colleen Baird indicated that the name change issue could impact all of the Boards under the purview of the Department, that the Department will likely create a FAQ on this topic with General Counsel to review, and noted that review of this FAQ by the Governor's Office of Regulatory Compliance (GORC) may be necessary. Sharon Henes provided information regarding Executive Order 50 and about GORC.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Arlie Albrecht informed the Joint Board that Kimberly Wood has transferred to a position as a Program Assistant Supervisor.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Nicholas Smiar moved, seconded by Nancy Clark, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.