

**OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR January 5, 2012
TELECONFERENCE**

Members Present: Mel Harrington, President
Steven Lindquist, Secretary/Treasurer
Todd Herrboldt, Member
Ginger Johnson, Member
Rebecca Grandpre, Vice President
Cindy Steele, Lay Member

Members Absent: David Nielsen, Lay Member

Others Present: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Secretary
Paula Spargur, Executive Assistant
Kirsten Jasper, Assistant Attorney General
Christine Knapp, NASW

President Harrington called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM MT. Harrington called for corrections or additions to the agenda.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda: There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes from November 8, 2011: Herrboldt moved and Johnson seconded to approve minutes from November 8, 2011. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FY Financial Update: Spargur reported fiscal year to date figures as of November 30, 2011: revenue of \$45,803.05, expenses of \$41,378.98 and cash balance of \$99,670.85.

Criminal Background check: Tellinghuisen informed the board that we were notified that the administration will not move forward with legislation for social workers, psychologists and counselors/LMFTs during this legislative session.

Prohibited Employee Proposed Rule: Lindquist explained the Prohibited Employee Proposed Rule. Steele joined the meeting at 11:10 AM MT. The Board discussed how background checks would possibly deny those with these crimes from licensure, however without they may become licensed. Tellinghuisen added that our application asks the appropriate questions to determine if someone has committed a crime and if they do lie on their application we may revoke licensure.

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Equivalency Review Officer Position: Grandpre moved and Johnson seconded to enter executive session at 11:20 AM MT to discuss Equivalency Review Officer Position, Complaint/Investigations and CSW-PIP Contract and Applicant Approvals. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Knapp exited the meeting. Lindquist moved and Johnson seconded to exit executive session at 11:39 AM MT. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Knapp joined the meeting. Harrington exited the meeting at 11:40 AM MT.

The Board discussed the Equivalency Review Office Position. Grandpre explained that various entities and people had brought to the board concerns with the appearance and how it could be potentially perceived if the current selection for the Equivalency Review Office Position handled the evaluation of the transcripts of those applying for the Social Work Equivalency level of licensure when holding a position with NASW. In addition, NASW has expressed an opinion of wanting to eliminate the Social Work by Equivalency level of licensure. The board discussed these concerns and agreed not to offer the candidate the position to eliminate any perceived conflict of interest, even though the candidate would be an excellent choice if not for that. The Board will have Wintemute continue in this position until a replacement can be found.

Complaints/Investigations Update:

#245- complaint is pending.

#246- Harrington recommended to dismiss complaint #246 based on lack of follow through on the part of the complainant. Johnson moved and Herrboldt seconded to accept Harrington's recommendation. Motion carried by roll call vote; Lindquist, yes; Johnson, yes; Grandpre, yes; Herrboldt, yes; Steele, yes.

CSW-PIP Contract and Applicant Approvals:

Beckham, B.: Lindquist moved and Herrboldt seconded to approve supervision beginning November 14, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote; Lindquist, yes; Johnson, yes; Grandpre, yes, Herrboldt, yes; Steele, yes.

Beyenhof, S.: Lindquist moved and Herrboldt seconded to approve supervision beginning December 2, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote; Lindquist, yes; Johnson, yes; Grandpre, yes, Herrboldt, yes; Steele, yes.

Grogan, H.: Lindquist moved and Herrboldt seconded to approve supervision beginning December 12, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote; Lindquist, yes; Johnson, yes; Grandpre, yes, Herrboldt, yes; Steele, yes.

Lafler-Ratigan, A.: Lindquist moved and Herrboldt seconded to approve supervision beginning December 21, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote; Lindquist, yes; Johnson, yes; Grandpre, yes, Herrboldt, yes; Steele, yes.

Nielsen Ogdahl, E.: Johnson moved and Lindquist seconded to send a letter informing Nielsen that four years of supervision will be required based on the number of hours employed doing clinical work. Supervision beginning February 1, 2012 is approved. Motion carried by roll call vote;

Lindquist, yes; Johnson, yes; Grandpre, yes, Herrboldt, yes; Steele, yes.

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Ling, L.: Lindquist moved and Johnson seconded to approve for CSW-PIP licensure. Motion carried by roll call vote; Lindquist, yes; Johnson, yes; Grandpre, yes, Herrboldt, yes; Steele, yes.

Schedule Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 6, 2012 at 12:00 PM CT / 11:00 AM MT. Herrboldt moved and Lindquist seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 AM MT. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Lindquist, CSW-PIP
Secretary/Treasurer