

GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

Thursday, November 03, 2022, 11:00 A.M.

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Meeting ID: 882 0095 0425; Passcode: 692599

MINUTES

Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status	
I	Call to Order	Chair	11/3/2022 1106	Confirmed	
	Confirmation of Public Notice: Pacific Daily News 10/26/2022; 10/31/2022			Quorum Established	
	GBSW: <i>Present at HPLO Conference Room: None</i> <i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i> Angelina-Marie C. Lape, LMSW, Chair Diana Calvo, Vice-Chair Jesse Baletto, Treasurer			Others Present: <i>Present at HPLO Conference Room: None</i> <i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i> Baltazar Hattori III, HPLO Rose Arceo, HPLO Amy Jackson Jenine Cabrera Eddy Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center	
Call to Order Reconvene	GBSW: <i>Present at HPLO Conference Room:</i> Angelina-Marie C. Lape, LMSW, Chair <i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i> Diana Calvo, Vice-Chair Jesse Baletto, Treasurer	Others Present: <i>Present at HPLO Conference Room: None</i> <i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i> Baltazar Hattori III, HPLO Rose Arceo, HPLO Amy Jackson Jenine Cabrera Eddy Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center	11/9/2022 1106	Quorum Established	
II	Determination of Quorum				
III	Adoption of Agenda	GBSW	11/3/2022 1107	Adopted	
IV	Approval of Minutes	GBSW	11/3/2022 1108	Approved	
V	HPLO Administrator's Report	HPLO	11/3/2022 1109	No Report	

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VI	Chairperson's Report	A. The Chair reported on the ASWB Delegate Assembly: J. Baletto is scheduled for 11/17-19/2022 in Scottsdale AZ, which he will attend. J. Baletto will have voting privileges. Special attention will be given to the Reciprocity Agreement. The Chair stated that she has registered to attend virtually.	A. Lape	11/3/2022 1109	
VII	Committee Reports	A. Finance & Budget. No update	J. Baletto	11/3/2022 1110	No Update
		B. Statutes, Rules, and Forms 1. Update on Rules and Regulations.	A. Lape	11/3/2022 1111	No Update
VIII	Old Business	A. Consideration of Applications for Renewal of Licensure	GBSW	11/3/2022 1111	
		1) Barbara Michelle Gaza Bernardo – LBSWE.			Pending Receipt of required documents
		2) Josielynn Nauta San Nicolas – LBSWE.			
		3) Tiara Mendiola Babauta – LBSW			
		B. Consideration for Applications for Licensure	GBSW		
1) Kristina Michele Dodson Dupree – LCSWE. All pending documents received. <i>Motion to approve: A. Lape; 2nd J. Baletto.</i>		11/3/2022 1112	Approved		
2) Keith George Helmken – LCSWE. B. Hattori reported that the application was reviewed by D. Calvo and the notarized document was stamped, but did not have an embossed seal. The applicant informed HPLO that this was the process used by the notary that notarized the document. In addition, he stated that the applicant was applying for licensure since his patient was relocating to Guam; however, he would remain in GA, where he is currently licensed to practice. D. Calvo stated that the aforementioned information was not made known at the time of her review. Based on the following guidance from Asst AG Weinberg on a similar matter before the board, the GBSW entertained a motion to approve the application: "The Social Work Practice Act does not specifically address telehealth. However, it does state that "It is the intent of this Act to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by and through the effective control and regulation of the practice of social work; the licensure of social workers; the licensure, control, and regulation of persons, in or out of this territory that practice social work within the territory." This means that if the client is residing in Guam, then the provider must also be licensed in Guam regardless of whether she is physically here or not. <i>Motion to approve: D. Calvo; 2nd: J. Baletto.</i>			Approved		
IX	New Business	A. Consideration of Applications for Licensure. The Chair stated that the applications for the applicants listed below had not been reviewed by any of the GBSW board members; therefore, she recommended to table a decision; D. Calvo agreed with the Chair's recommendation. Ms. Jackson and Ms. Cabrera inquired if their application could be decided at this meeting for various reasons; however, the Chair did not want to establish a precedent by entertaining a recommendation based on a review by HPLO staff only. Since the Board is obligated to ensure the public's safety with respect	GBSW	11/3/2022 1115	Adjourned to Reconvene on 11/9/2022 @1100

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	to social work services in the community, at least one board member is required to review applications for licensure. D. Calvo also stated that, aside from ensuring the application is complete, they look at the applicant's responses as well as their qualitative remarks. At the suggestion of B. Hattori, the GBSW agreed to adjourn the meeting with the aim of reconvening on 11/9/2022, 1100hours. This approach would give the GBSW members time to review the applications below, with the aim to decide on licensure when they reconvene. <i>Motion to adjourn at 1134 and to reconvene on 11/9/2022: J. Baleta; 2nd: A. Lape.</i>			
	1) Genevieve A. Pantorilla – LBSWE. Reviewed by A. Lape. Currently at GBHWC. Met all requirements. <i>Motion to approve: A. Lape; 2nd: D. Calvo</i>		11/9/2022 1108	Approved
	1) Ryessa Abuan San Nicolas – LBSWE. Reviewed by A. Lape. Currently at WestCare. Met all requirements. <i>Motion to approve: A. Lape; 2nd: D. Calvo</i>			Approved
	2) Amy Elizabeth Jackson – LBSWE. Reviewed by J. Baleta. Met all the requirements. <i>Motion to approve: J. Baleta; 2nd: A. Lape.</i>			Approved
	3) Nina Gayle Baluran – LMSWE. Reviewed by A. Lape; currently working with Guam Visiting Nurses. Met all requirements. <i>Motion to approve: A. Lape; 2nd: J. Baleta</i>			Approved
	4) Arthur William Jackson M. Paulino – LMSWE. Reviewed by A. Lape. Pending letter of recommendation from his Master of Social Work Field Instructor and/or current employer.			Tabled
	5) Jenine Lynn Cabrera – LMSWE. Reviewed by J. Baleta. Met all requirements. <i>Motion to approve: J. Baleta; 2nd: D. Calvo</i>			Approved
	6) Lakretia M. Castro-Santos – LMSWE. Reviewed by A. Lape; currently working at GBHWC. Met all requirements. <i>Motion to approve: A. Lape; 2nd: J. Baleta</i>			Approved
	7) Ovita R. Perez – LCSWE. Reviewed by A. Lape; currently working at GBHWC. Met all requirements. <i>Motion to approve: A. Lape; 2nd: J. Baleta.</i>			Approved
X	Announcements Next Meeting: The Guam Board of Social Work next regularly scheduled board meeting, December 01, 2022, at 11:00AM. Since the Governor announced that the public health emergency is anticipated to end in January 2023, the Chair requested HPLO to notify the GBSW as to whether they would be required to eventually meet in-person for future meetings.	GBSW	11/9/2022 1121	Set Meeting date.
XI	Adjournment <i>Motion to Adjourn: A. Lape; 2nd: D. Calvo.</i>	GBSW	11/9/2022 1123	Adjourned

Reviewed by Angelina - Marie C. Lape 11/9/2022
Secretary / Date

Approved by: Angelina - Marie C. Lape 12/2/2022
Chairperson / Date

* Note: Position of Secretary is currently vacant
GBSW Meeting Minutes 11/3/2022 & 11/9/2022

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Minutes Drafted By: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.