

GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

Department of Public Health and Social Services
Health Professional Licensing/EMS

Thursday, May 6, 2021, 11:00 A.M.

VIRTUAL – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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Access Code: 843-243-261

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Angelina Marie C. Lape, Chair
- Pete Meno, Treasurer
- Jesse Baleta, Member
- Diana Calvo, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Robert Weinberg, Legal Counsel
- Zennia Pecina, Administrator
- Ciana Galindo, HPLO Board Secretary
- Deborah Borja, HPLO
- Eddy Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.
- Chantay Benitez, FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

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| I. CALL TO ORDER | Called to order at 11:18 a.m. See list of Attendees above. | Chair | 11:18 | Noted |
| CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE | A. Confirmation of Public Notice posted in PDN. 5-day Advertisement 48 hours Advertisement | GBSW | 11:18 | Confirmed |
| II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA | Adoption of Agenda. | GBSW | 11:20 | Adopted |
| III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES | Approved the Minutes, dated April 08, 2021. - Motion: P. Meno 2 nd ; D. Calvo | GBSW | 11:21 | Approved |
| IV. TREASURER REPORT | - Noted, P. Meno reported that he was unable to attend the latest Treasurer's meeting held by HPLO. He can provide an update at the next Board meeting. HPLO | Pete Meno | 11:25 | Noted |

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| V. | <p>Administrator also recommended he set an appointment with Ciana in the meantime to get caught up with the information regarding funding for the Board.</p> <p>NPDB 101</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, this is the National Practitioner Data Bank which will be tabled for the GBSW until the Board gets the Rules and Regulations. <p>Other Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, there will be a new addition to the Board. One person will be joining as an official Board Member after her formal confirmation. - Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, a contract to work on all the nine Board websites has been awarded to Guam Webz. HPLO has been meeting with them and giving information on each Board so that will continue to happen. Guam Webz has done OPA and Port Authority websites. The Board has not been completely compliant without a website to post the meeting minutes and other important information, so with the website, this will be covered. - New Members Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, for new members, virtual training will be held on June 10-11 and on-ground training will be held August 19-21 in Virginia. - Noted, there is also a leadership training coming up November 18 in Louisiana. - ASWB Educational Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, HPLO Administrator was able to attend the ASW Educational Seminar and it was really helpful. One thing that stood out was the topic of how hard it is for GBSW to change its processes because of the COVID pandemic. Now, it's more difficult to meet clients because they cannot meet face to face. The seminar brought up informed consent which is important to see whether it covers the client patient relationship which is really key. There was so much good information. | HPLO | 11:34 | Noted |
| VI. | <p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Update on Rules and Regulations. Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, this is still being worked on. With the addition of the two new Board members, the Board is hoping to have more eyes focused on it. B. Licensure by Exception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Raymond M. Shinohara -LMSW | GBSW | 11:38 | Noted |
| | | GBSW | 11:39 | Tabled |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, he no longer works for the company he was with at the time of submission of his application in February 2021. - Noted, Chair recommends to Table until the Board receives more information from his most current employer who he recently "left to pursue an opportunity" in February 2021. - Noted, the Law says the Board "needs the recommendation from the current employer to attest the person is in good standing". - Tabled, the Board will request for a letter of recommendation from his previous employer or access to employer records in the event the letter of recommendation cannot be provided. <p>2. Jesse U. Baletto – LCSW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, at the last Board meeting this applicant was pending Verification of Hours and since then, has submitted those hours. Additionally, he filled out the old application and still needs to submit the updated application with the new attestation section. - Noted, the Board will Table this application until the updated application is submitted. | | | Tabled |
| VII. NEW BUSINESS | <p>A. Interim Guidance for Renewal of Licensure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, several applicants who are now up for renewal contacted HPLO on clarification for what they needed to do and submit for renewal. - Noted, although it's understood that its the applicant's responsibility to find this information, the Chair believes that not all applicants read the law and since the Rules and Regulations are still being drafted, the Chair consulted with Asst AG Weinberg to come up with the Interim Guidance for Renewal of Licensure. - Noted, the Guidance primarily lists the kind of CEUs required, how they obtain the CEUs, what kind of documentation is required should they be audited, and what does not qualify as a CEU. - Noted, some of the numbers as to how many credits are given for certain things have been pulled from the draft rules of Allied Health. A lot of the social workers that are licensed have a dual license with Allied Health and since the GBSW require similar CEUs, the Board should make it as uniform as possible. - Noted, current licensees will be given 60 days from the time of approval to meet the requirements. <p>- Motion: D. Calvo 2nd, P. Meno</p> | GBSW | 11:46 | Approved |

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| <p>B. Renewal Interim Applications:</p> <p>1. Rosemarie B. Camacho</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, this applicant is employed with the military and continued employment is dependent on the renewal granted by the GBSW. - Noted, she submitted the current application for renewal. She is currently licensed as a Mental Health Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist, Substance Abuse Counselor, and IMFT was converted to the LPC. - Noted, she's currently employed at 36 Medical Group, Anderson Airforce Base as a Behavioral Health Consultant. All her attestations have no red flags. - Noted, overall met the 30 hours and specific components required by law. Chair moves to approve her application. - Motion: A. Lape; 2nd: P. Meno <p>2. William B. Hazel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, this applicant is employed with the military and continued employment is dependent on the renewal granted by the GBSW. - Noted, he is currently working as a social worker at the Department of Defense and is a licensed ADC LCS and IMFT. He continues to hold a license and maintains it with the state of Connecticut. - Noted, for the Cultural Competency CEUs requirement, the applicant provides the agenda for an NASW event that includes break-out sessions for cultural topics, but he does not specify if he attended those breakout rooms. He also provides that he attended an event with a title that includes "A Cultural Shift", but it was sponsored by the Air National Guard and the provider's address was in Maryland. It is unclear what the session was about and how he met the Cultural Competency CEUs in regards to Guam's diverse population. - So, the Chair suggests to Table Mr. Hazel's application pending more clarifications on the specific Cultural Competency CEUs. His license doesn't expire until July so he has time to submit more information for the June Board meeting and be approved then. | <p>GBSW</p> <p>GBSW</p> <p>GBSW</p> | <p>11:50</p> <p>11:56</p> <p>11:59</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Tabled</p> | |
| <p>VIII OPEN FORUM</p> | <p>Other Open Forum Items</p> | <p>GBSW</p> | <p>12:15</p> | <p>Noted</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Asst AG Weinberg supported the need to provide clarity on GBSW's expectations to meet CEU requirements. This would be very helpful to take into consideration during the drafting of the Rules and Regulations. Although it would look great to have Cultural Diversity requirements in the law, bt they are practically impossible to do unless you know about where to access this information and how it could be available to some people. GBSW Chair suggests taking the Interim Guidance and giving them to the applicants along with notifications of opportunities that NASW offers that are available to fulfill the requirements. | | | |
| IX ADJOURNMENT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Next regular schedule meeting – Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 11:00 am in the HIPL0 Board, Suite 213, Terlaje Professional Bldg. Hagatna. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, the Board discusses having the meeting face to face, but still plans to allow some Board Members to attend virtually if they are uncomfortable meeting face to face. It will be great to have a wide angle lens on the meeting in the conference room and possibly live stream from the website in the future. | GBSW | 12:16 | Noted |
| | Adjourned meeting. Motion: P. Meno; 2 nd A. Cruz | GBSW | 12:17 | Adjourned |

Reviewed by: _____ Approved by: *Arnelina - Marie C. Lopez* 6/3/2021
 Secretary / Date Chairperson / Date

Minutes By: Chantay Benitez, FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.