

# CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

## LCSW Supervision and Training Subcommittee

### Meeting Minutes

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University of Southern California  
School of Social Work  
Hamovitch Research Center, 1st Floor  
Los Angeles, CA

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Selma Fields, MFT Member  
Marsena Buck, LCSW Member

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

#### STAFF PRESENT

Sherry Mehl, Executive Officer  
Kari Frank, Licensing Analyst

#### GUEST LIST ON FILE

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Ms. Fields had everyone in attendance introduce themselves.

#### 1. UPDATE ON THE DEANS AND DIRECTORS MEETING

Dean Marilyn Flynn reported that the Deans and Directors of the Schools of Social Work would like to maintain contact with the board and they feel that a lot of progress has been made in working together. They are interested in a collaborative research project with the board. The deans and directors met and reviewed four main possible research areas: 1) A study of test outcomes and validity. *While this is an important area of study, this should be one of the last areas of study not the first.* 2) A study of supervisory practices, settings, and characteristics. *The deans and directors want to determine if students are de-educated after they get their masters degree. This would require external funding.* 3) A study of the test takers- GPA, ethnic background, experiences in test taking, etc. *This also would require external funding.* 4) A study that would review in house methods and models of post masters training and learning. Their decision was to focus on the review of in house methods and models of post masters training and learning. They have hired someone to review what models for post master's education should look like.

Ms. Mehl reported on the new requirement for ASW experience and the required 10:1 ratio. Audience members reported difficulty in following and understanding the new requirements. Diana Simon stated her support for this new requirement. Ms. Simon stated that we need to look at 1) the accountability factor to see how many associates and supervisors are being disciplined for legal & ethical issues. 2) the poor performance of associates on the oral examination. 3) the feasibility to demonstrate in a one hour session that the supervisor can actually psycho-dynamically review 10 treatment hours in less than one hour.

## **2. DISCUSSION OF JOINT RESEARCH PROJECT**

Discussion included in the first agenda item.

## **3. UPDATE OF THE OCTOBER REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**

Ms. Mehl reported that the sunset review committee accepted the report to the legislature regarding the board and the schools of social work. The board will be reviewed again in 2006.

## **4. DISCUSSION OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PRACTICE COMPETENCIES OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK**

Discussion included in the first agenda item. Ms. Mehl explained the occupational analysis to the audience.

## **5. ISSUES RELATING TO DISTANCE LEARNING AND SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK**

The board is going to be taking a close look at this issue. The board would like information on different models and guidelines currently being used within the schools of social work. This information would be used by the board in determining what will be acceptable for both in and out of state MFT schools.

Dean Flynn stated that the commission just drafted a set of guidelines for Web based courses and would give the board a copy. Christine Hagen, project coordinator for MSW distance learning program for CSU, Long Beach, explained the program and answered questions. Ms. Mehl explained that we require out of state schools to be accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) or approved by the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE) in order to offer MS degrees to California residents. There are schools currently applying for approval and the board will need to develop guidelines for accepting or denying these degrees.

## **6. FUTURE DIRECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE**

Ms. Buck questioned whether there is a need for this committee in the future. Ms. Mehl suggested that we could request a report from the deans and directors and present that at the boards meetings. Dean Flynn stated that she does not want to loose the connection with the board and would prefer to meet at least annually. She would like to raise this issue at the next deans and directors meeting. Ms. Fields would like to appoint a board liaison to interface with the deans and directors. There was a general agreement that it is time to change the title of this committee. No substitute name was submitted.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.