

**BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
February 18, 2014**

The Board of Licensed Social Workers met on February 18, 2014 at the office of the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers, 4545 N. Lincoln Blvd. The meeting was held in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and Open Meeting Act of Oklahoma.

Members Present:

Larry Cassil
Robert Lee, Chair
Joy Leuthard, LSWA
Connie Schlittler, LCSW

Also Present:

Karl Kramer, AAG
James Marks, Executive Director
Courtney Hunter, Administrative Assistant

Discussion and possible action: Public hearing for comments by members of the public regarding proposed permanent amendments to the Oklahoma Administrative Code, Chapter 675. Proposed permanent rules will be considered for adoption by the Board for submission to the Governor and Legislature of Oklahoma for consideration during the 54th Oklahoma Legislature.

Amendments are proposed for the following rules:

Chapter 10 – Licensure Requirements

- **675:10-1-3. Requirements for the Licensed Social Work Associate**
- **675:10-1-5. Title of Licenses**
- **675:10-1-6. Continuing Education**

Chapter 12 – Guidelines for Supervision

- **675:12-1-2. Supervision**

Chapter 15 – Guidelines for Continuing Education

- **675: 15-1-2. Introduction**
- **675: 15-1-5. Information to providers of continuing education**

Chapter 20 – Code of Professional Conduct

- **675: 20-1-1. Purpose**

Chapter 25 - Post-Military Service Occupation, Education and Credentialing Rules

- **675: 25-1-1 Education, training and experience as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States pursuant to 59 O.S. § 4100.4(A)**

- **675:25-1-2. Automatic extension of license, payment of fees and continuing education for active-duty military service members**
- **675:25-1-3. Reciprocal licensing of spouses of active-duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States**

Mr. Marks stated one comment was received from staff with the Governor's office regarding the proposed permanent rules. Marks informed the Board that the expressed concern noted by staff at the Governor's office included amending rules in a way that would make the rule language different from current, controlling law. Because there is no assurance that the Legislature will enact proposed statutory changes, they recommended that the Board should wait until the Legislature has amended 59 O.S. § 1261.1(C)(1) before it amends its rules accordingly. They offered assurances that they were not advocating for or against the proposed statutory change; rather, they felt that agencies should not, as a matter of best practice, alter their rules in anticipation of proposed legislation that may actually never come to fruition. Marks noted that should the Board accept the recommendations from staff with the Governor's office, there will be no modifications to 675:10-1-3 and 675:12-1-2.

Ms. Schlittler made the motion to adopt the rules as submitted with the changes as recommended by staff with the Governor's Office. Ms. Leuthard seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

New Business:

Mr. Larry Cassil provided a letter of resignation to the Board, announcing his resignation. His resignation will commence at close of business, February 18, 2014.

Mr. Cassil made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Leuthard. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.