

BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 18, 2015

Department of Consumer Affairs
Stanislaus Room
1625 North Market Blvd., #S-203
Sacramento, CA 95834

The Board of Behavioral Sciences met via teleconference at the following locations:

8740 Washington Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90232

1213 Newell Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303

5060 Castile Way
Riverside, CA 92507

11740 Henley Lane
Los Angeles, CA 90077

47323 Road 620
Oakhurst, CA 93644

5506 Ranchito Avenue
Sherman Oaks, CA 91401

6767 Green Valley Road
Placerville, CA 95667

4801 Airport Plaza Drive
8th Floor G.R. Conference Room
Long Beach, CA 90815

Members Present

Christina Wong, Chair, LCSW Member
Deborah Brown, Vice Chair, Public Member
Dr. Peter Chiu, Public Member
Betty Connolly, LEP Member
Renee Lonner, LCSW Member
Karen Pines, LMFT Member
Dr. Scott Bowling, Public Member
Samara Ashley, Public Member
Patricia Lock-Dawson, Public Member

Members Absent

Dr. Leah Brew, LPCC Member
Sarita Kohli, LMFT Member
Dr. Christine Wietlisbach, Public Member

Staff Present

Steve Sodergren, Asst. Executive Officer
Dianne Dobbs, Legal Counsel
Christy Berger, Regulatory Analyst
Rosanne Helms, Legislation Analyst
Christina Kitamura, Administrative Assistant

Guests

Shelley Jones, Dept. of Consumer Affairs

FULL BOARD OPEN SESSION

Christina Wong, Chair of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Christina Kitamura called roll, and a quorum was established.

I. **Introductions**

Board Members and Board staff introduced themselves. Shelley Jones, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), was in attendance at the Sacramento location. No other public guests were in attendance at the remote locations.

II. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Modified Text for Rulemaking to Implement the Examination Restructure Senate Bill 704, Statutes of 2011, Chapter 387**

The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) is responsible for the final review of proposed regulatory language. Upon review of the Examination Restructure regulation package, they notified the Board that there are text modifications that are technical in nature that are necessary in order for the proposed regulation to meet certain standards. These text revisions required staff to submit modified language for a 15 day public comment period. The 15-day comment period ends today, December 18, 2015, and no comments have been received as of yet.

The proposed changes for the Board's consideration are as follows:

- **Amendment to section 1805:** A nonsubstantive change is proposed in order to remove an unnecessary subdivision number (a).
- **Amendment to section 1805.05(b):** A nonsubstantive clarifying change is proposed to indicate that subdivision (b) does not apply to subdivision (c).
- **Amendment to sections 1822.50(b) and 1877.1(b):** A clarifying change is proposed to specify the national exam that the Board will be requiring.
- **Amendment to section 1829.1(b):** The language pertaining to a national exam is proposed to be stricken, as the Board has not elected to use a national exam at this time for the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist program. The remaining language states that the exam for this program will be a board-administered exam.
- **Amendment to sections 1822.51(a)(1)(A), 1829.2(a)(1)(A) and 1877.2(a)(1)(A):** A nonsubstantive change is proposed to clarify that the registrant is only required to take a 12-hour law and ethics course when he or she does not pass the exam during his or her registration's renewal cycle (as opposed to each time he or she fails the exam).

Patricia Lock-Dawson moved to ratify the modified text, and to direct staff to make any nonsubstantive changes and submit the rulemaking package as amended to OAL. Dr. Scott Bowling seconded. The Board voted unanimously (9-0) to pass the motion.

Board vote:

Christina Wong – yea
Deborah Brown – yea
Dr. Peter Chiu – yea
Betty Connolly – yea
Renee Lonner – yea
Karen Pines – yea
Dr. Scott Bowling – yea
Samara Ashley – yea
Patricia Lock-Dawson – yea

III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

IV. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 9:16 a.m.