

GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

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

Thursday, April 8, 2021, 11:00 A.M.

VIRTUAL – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/914333093>

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Angelina Marie C. Lape, Chair
- Pete Meno, Treasurer
- Jesse Baletto, Member
- Diana Calvo, Member (Joined 11:24am)

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

TOPIC	DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	REPORTING TIMEFRAME	STATUS
I. CALL TO ORDER	Called to order at 11:05 a.m. See list of Attendees above.	Chair	11:05	Noted
CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE	A. Confirmation of Public Notice posted in PDN	GBSW	11:05	Confirmed
II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Adoption of Agenda.	GBSW	11:05	Adopted
III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Approved the Minutes, dated February 04, 2021. - Motion: A. Cruz 2 nd ; P. Meno	GBSW	11:07	Approved
IV. TREASURER REPORT	- Noted, P. Meno reported on the last Treasurer meeting. The Treasurer's discussed revising the rules and regs to mirror each other rules and regs about	Pete Meno	11:07	Noted

V.	<p>HPLO ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT</p>	<p>the revolving accounts. Next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, April 9th, to find out how much it costs the Board to operate. Last recollection was that it costs GBSW \$4,500 a month to operate according to the rules and regs.</p> <p>Other Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Z. Pecina informed the newest member, J. Baleto about the Treasurers' procedures. C. Galindo from HPLO will keep track of all the Boards' costs and will keep a running tab on how much the Board receives and expends every month. - Noted, Z. Pecina thanks the Board in recognition of Public Health week. GBSW members provided their pictures for the powerpoint on DPHSS website and facebook. - Noted, Z. Pecina welcomes J. Baleto to the Board and shared that there are several training sessions with ASW and a new member orientation off-island with ASW in June to meet counterparts in the mainland. - Noted, Conflict of Interest forms need to be submitted which is due April, this month. <p>Compact License Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Z. Pecina informed the Board of Department of Defense NIC grants to start up compact licenses for the following professions, which include teaching, social work, dentistry and hygiene, massage therapy, and cosmetology and barbering. Compact licensure means you will have one license to practice in many states that are compact states. - Noted, Medical and Nursing Board's have compact licensure. Medical was granted a couple years ago. Nursing was this year. If the Board is interested, they will need to go through legislations: someone sponsor bill, public hearing, then Board go independent. Since grants are given there are funds that can get them started. Z. Pecina will email more information when it is available. - Noted, Z. Pecina attended the Council of State Governments National Center for Interstate Compacts in 2019 and they normally have these so if it comes up again, one of the social workers should go. 	HPLO	11:10	Noted
VI.	<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>A. Update on Rules and Regulations. Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Board was unable to meet in the past week. The next meeting will be next Thursday. 	GBSW	11:18	Noted

<p>VII. NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>A. Update on Renewal Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, the renewal application was ready to review last month, but because of the issues, it was brought forth today. This is an interim application meaning it's just for use while the rules and regulations are being promulgated because GBSW has issued licenses two years ago which are now up for renewal. These individuals are practically in limbo, so they need a renewal form to work with. - Noted, at the heart of the renewal form, it includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the information of the applicant; some clarification is based on the Social Work Act of the Continuing Education requirements; professional license and work history to verify if there were any changes in the applicants history; attestations were updated with the new application in December, however, those for renewal used the old application; authorization for Release for Employment records (new applications require 30 CEUs and the Practice Act is very specific on the types of CEUs required). - Noted, HPLO added verbiage for Gender-Nonconforming under Gender section. <p>Motion: P. Meno; 2nd: J. Baletto</p>	<p>GBSW</p>	<p>11:19</p>	<p>Approved</p>
	<p>B. Revision of Verification of Clinical Supervision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, the Chair realized there is some ambiguity in the form. The form is typically asking for the supervisor, who oversaw the applicant in their clinical hours to provide an attestation that they completed their hours; however, the verbiage on the form seemed unclear, so the Chair reformatted the form to more clearly state that the applicant has had 4800 hours of clinical work and they supervised those different areas that the applicant is submitting. - Noted, the form also starts with applicant identification information. The changes include the updated attestation requirements based on the Social Work Practice Act specific requirements. <p>Motion: P. Meno; 2nd: J. Baletto</p>	<p>GBSW</p>	<p>11:21</p>	<p>Approved</p>

	C. Application by Exception:	GBSW	11:32	Noted
	1. Raymond M. Shinohara – LMSW	GBSW	11:33	Tabled
a.	Noted, the Chair reviewed and noted the applicant is missing a reference letter from their current employer. Recommendation is to Table the application until it is complete.			
2.	Mikaila J. San Nicolas – LMSW	GBSW	11:37	Approved
a.	Noted, Mikaila needs to sign and date her passport			
b.	Noted, the Chair reviewed and had no concern with the application. Recommendation is to approve M. San Nicolas for LMSW.			
-	Motion: A. Lape; 2 nd : P. Meno			
3.	Lisa Linda Natividad – LCSW	GBSW	11:41	Approved
a.	All required documents submitted (i.e. references, license, passport, resume, police clearance, clinical hour verification, etc.)			
b.	Noted, the Chair reviewed and had no concern with the application. Recommendation is to approve L. Natividad for LMSW.			
-	Motion: A. Lape; 2 nd : P. Meno			
4.	Jesse U. Baletto - LCSW	GBSW	11:45	Tabled
a.	Noted, the Chair found one question on the application overlooked, so C. Gallindo will reach out to get that completed, which was "Have you ever applied for or been denied a professional license in any US or foreign jurisdiction?"			
b.	Noted, the Chair reviewed and noted only one concern which is that the application filled out was old and revised in December and the LCSW verification form needs to be signed by his supervisors. Note, he submitted copies of hours signed by those two supervisors. So, the Chair recommends to table until appropriate application form and verification signatures are submitted.			
Other Open Forum Items		GBSW	11:48	Noted
-	Noted, the Chair submitted to Mr. Weakley her application for reappointment. Nomination packets have been forwarded to the legislature. Hopefully, her reappointment should be confirmed soon as well as Maurine who is applying as well.			
-	Noted, the Chair gave a reminder that the GBSW work session is scheduled for next Thursday at 12PM. If members cannot attend, they can open the google doc shared.			

VIII OPEN FORUM

IX	ADJOURNMENT	A. Next regular schedule meeting – Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 11:00 am in the HPLO Board, Suite 213, Terlaje Professional Bldg. Hagatna. Adjourned meeting. Motion: P. Meno; 2 nd : J. Baletto	GBSW	11:50 11:52	Noted Adjourned
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Reviewed by:  4
Secretary / Date

 5/10/2021
Chairperson / Date

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