

GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
 Department of Public Health and Social Services
 Health Professional Licensing/EMS
Thursday, June 03, 11:00 A.M.
VIRTUAL - REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Angelina M. C. Lape, Chair
- Pete Meno, Treasurer
- Jesse Baleto, Member
- Diana Calvo, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Robert Weinberg, Legal Counsel
- Zennia Pecina, Administrator
- Ciana Galindo, HPLO Board Secretary
- Breanna Sablan, HPLO
- 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 11:11 a.m. Had a temporary internet interruption and reconvened at 11:18 See list of Attendees above.	Chair	11:11	Noted
	CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE	A. Confirmation of Public Notice posted in PDN. 5-day Advertisement 48 hours Advertisement	HPLO	11:11	Confirmed
II.	ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Adoption of Agenda. Motion: J Baleto; 2 nd : A. Lape	GBSW	11:18	Approved

III.	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and Approval of Minutes – May 06, 2021 - Approved, with Amendment on Page 2: to read: ASWB Educational Seminar - Motion: A. Lape 2nd, P. Meno 	GBSW	11:21	Approved
IV.	TREASURER REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treasurer met with HPLO and emailed the HPLO budget and funding proposals. Detailed review of the budget and funding will be held in a separate work session. Based on a recommendation from Asst AG Weinberg and in-line with Bill 102-36, discussed the budget and funding in open session. - All HPLO Boards, except EMSC and GBSW, are currently collecting fees. HPLO currently allocated an equal percentage of revenue to pay for rent, equipment, etc. - Asst AG Weinberg urged the GBSW to aggressively complete the budget proposal as soon as possible, as the Legislature has been requesting this information. In reference to the percentage being evenly applied to expenses based on revenue from each Board, the Asst AG Weinberg voiced that some of the HPLO Board’s may take exception to this approach. Therefore, he suggested that the percentage could be based on the number of applicants being processed for each Board, as it relates to actual workload and that this approach may be perceived as more equitable. The Board’s eventually will have to agree to a standard financial methodology to be used for shared expenses. - Agreed to contact DOA on number of Social Work classifications to determine the approximate GBSW workload in processing applications. - The Treasurer will submit to the GBSW a draft financial breakdown for discussion in the working session. - The GBSW Fee Schedule is still under review. - HPLO indicated that the budget must be completed and submitted by the end of June 2021. 	GBSW – P. Meno	11:25	Noted
V.	HPLO ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Report 	HPLO	11:34	Noted
VI.	OLD BUSINESS	<p>A. Update on Rules and Regulations. Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Update 	GBSW	11:38	Noted

	<p>B. Licensure by Exception</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raymond M. Shinohara -LMSW <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Application now complete ii. Motion: A. Lape; 2nd J. Baleto 2. Jesse U. Baleto – LCSW <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Updated application, verification of hours, authorization of Release of Records. ii. Motion: A. Lape; 2nd P. Meno (abstained); D. Calvo and J. Baleto) 	GBSW	11:41	Approved
	<p>C. Renewal Interim Applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. William B. Hazel (<i>Provided CEU clarification</i>) currently employed with DOD. Renewal of license – Application complete; license expires in July 2021 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Number of CEUs in question, particularly, cultural competency CEUs. ii. Applicant only submitted the 2020 Conference Certificate; however, did not submit which courses were attended. iii. Requested applicant to indicate sessions attended, as it is the duty of the applicant to clarify which sessions were attended to justify CEUs since NASW does not require a sign-in sheet for each session. 2. Motion: A. Lape, 2nd; D. Calvo 	GBSW	11:41	Tabled
VII. NEW BUSINESS	<p>A. Licensure by Exception:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nora A. Glenn – LBSW. P. Meno reviewed the application. Applicant is practicing in Texas and appears to meet all requirements; however, there is no indication of the Applicant’s intention to practice in Guam. Rationale: Aetna requires her to be licensed in Guam. 2. Discussed in length whether an applicant must have intentions to practice in Guam in order for the GBSW to approve an application. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Addressed the precedence of past GBSW denials as it compares to this request, the rationale guiding the LCSW-E (Certificate of Exemption), and Licensure by Endorsement (ASWB requirements met) ii. Clarified the LCSW-E designation (those in social work positions grand-fathered without an examination) iii. Agreed that Rules and Regulations should be updated to provide clarification on this issue. 	GBSW	11:46	Tabled

	<p>iv. Asst AG Weinberg's informed the GBSW that, if otherwise qualified (meets eligibility criteria), there is a court decision that "residency" could not be used as a reason to deny licensure.</p> <p>3. Agreed to require the Applicant to provide information regarding the AETNA requirement to be licensed in Guam; therefore,</p> <p>i. tabled a decision on this matter.</p> <p>4. Approved the Chair's recommendation to motion modify the application by adding a question clarifying the applicant's intent to practice in Guam.</p> <p>i. Motion: A. Lape; 2nd. P. Meno</p>				Approved
VIII	OPEN FORUM	<p>- Next regular schedule meeting – Thursday, July 01, 2021 at 11:00am in the HPLO Board, Suite 213, Terlaje Professional Bldg. Hagatna. Virtual Meeting</p> <p>- The Chair informed the GBSW that, although she will be off-island during the next meeting, she will attend virtually. She requested the HPLO to coordinate and ask assistance from GBSW Board members to review applications as required in advance of the next meeting.</p>	GBSW	12:20	Noted
IX	ADJOURNMENT	Adjourned meeting. Motion: J. Baletto; 2 nd . P. Meno	GBSW	12:23	Adjourned

Reviewed by: _____ Approved by: *Angeline - Marie C. Lape* August 5, 2021
Secretary / Date Chairperson / Date

Minutes By: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.