



STATE OF NEVADA  
**BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS**  
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LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED BY  
 NRS 233B.066

LCB FILE NO. R110-17

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 641B.

1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

The need for the proposed regulation is to protect the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring that only qualified and competent social workers are licensed in the State.

The purpose of the proposed regulation is to clarify for the public, individuals and licensees, through regulations, the amount of time an application is considered open; removal of the "Provisional C" licensure in light of 2017 legislative changes in endorsement for occupational boards; changes in clinical internships; changes in Continuing Education Units (CEUs) requirements; and changes in the standards of practice to include the development of a professional will for social workers in independent practice.

2. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

a. How public comment was solicited:

Copies of the proposed regulation; narrative explanation of the proposed changes; notices of workshop to solicit comments on the proposed regulation; minutes from the public workshops; small business impact survey and subsequent results; notice of hearing and notice of intent to act upon a regulation; were posted on the Board of Examiners for Social Workers (Board) website, [www.socwork.nv.gov](http://www.socwork.nv.gov), the State's Public Notice Website <http://notice.nv.gov>, and the LCB's regulation notification website, <http://www.leq.state.nv.us>.

Notice of workshop to solicit public comment were sent via email and the U.S. mail to licensees and persons who were known to have an interest in the regulations contained in NAC 6418, pertaining to the practice of social workers in the State.

The Board also mailed notifications to solicit public comments on the proposed regulation to the following State county libraries for posting as well as other agencies who regularly post notifications of meetings for the Board:

**STATE / COUNTY LIBRARIES**

Lander County Library  
 625 S. Broad Street  
 Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Douglas County Library  
 PO Box 337  
 1625 Library Lane  
 Minden, NV 89423

Mineral County Library  
 110 1st Street  
 P.O. Box 1390  
 Hawthorne, NV 89415

White Pine County Library  
 Courthouse Plaza  
 950 Campton Street  
 Ely, NV 89301

Esmeralda County Library  
P.O. Box 430  
Goldfield, NV 89013

Lyon County Library  
20 Nevin Way  
Yerington, NV 89447

Pershing County Library  
1125 Central Avenue  
PO Box 781  
Lovelock, NV 89419

Washoe County Library  
301 S.Center Street  
P.O. Box 2151  
Reno, NV89501

Henderson Public Library  
280 S.Water Street  
Henderson, NV 89105

Churchill County Library  
553 South Main Street  
Fallon. NV 89406

Elko-Lander Counties Library  
720 Court Street  
Elko, NV 89801

Humboldt County Library  
85 East 5th Street  
Winnemucca, NV 89445

Pahrump Library District  
701 East Street  
Pahrump, NV 89041

Clark Co.District Library  
833 Las Vegas Blvd.  
North Las Vegas, NV 89101

Eureka County Library  
P.O. Box 293  
10190 Monroe Street  
Eureka, NV 89316

Lincoln County Library  
P.O. Box 330  
63 Main Street  
Pioche, NV 89043

Carson City Library  
900 N. Roop Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

Tonopah Public Library  
P.O. Box 449  
167 S. Central Street  
Tonopah, NV 89049

Nevada State Library  
100 Stewart Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

#### **AGENCIES WHO REGULARLY POST NOTIFICATIONS OF MEETINGS FOR THE BOARD**

Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services  
4000 E.Charleston Blvd.  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Washoe County Social Services  
350 S. Center Street  
Reno, Nevada

University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
School of Social Work  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services  
745 W. Moana Lane,  
Reno, Nevada

Clark County Social Services  
1600 Pinto Lane  
Las Vegas, Nevada

University of Nevada, Reno  
School of Social Work  
Anasari Business Building  
Reno, Nevada

#### **b. Summary of public response:**

A Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation was Public Workshop was sent out via email through the Board listserv on 10/02/2017. Licensees who were not signed up for the listserv were sent a postcard through US mail on the same day. Over 2800 licensees were contacted regarding the Public Workshop. Individuals were invited to attend the workshop in person, submit comments via email or send comments to the Board through the US mail. The

Public Workshop was held on 11/03/2017 simultaneously in both Las Vegas, NV and Reno, NV. The Board did not receive any comments regarding the proposed regulations via email. The Board did not receive any comments regarding the proposed regulations via US mail. Three (3) licensees and one (1) Lobbyist attended the meeting in Las Vegas. Two (2) licensees and two (2) Lobbyists attended the meeting in Reno.

A summary of public comments from the public workshops conducted on 11/03/2017 are contained in the minutes from each Public Workshop which have been posted onto the Board's website, [www.socwork.nv.gov](http://www.socwork.nv.gov).

c. Explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

As noted in above, the minutes from the 11/03/2017 Public Workshops have been posted onto the Board's website, [www.socwork.nv.gov](http://www.socwork.nv.gov). Interested individuals may also submit a written request to the Board's office for a copy of the minutes/summary.

3. The number of persons who:

a. Attended each Public Workshop, the Public Hearing and Notification to act upon a Regulation and provided public comment:

11/03/2017 - Public Workshop to Solicit Comments, Las Vegas:

*Public attendees* 4

11/03/2017 - Public Workshop to Solicit Comments, Reno:

*Public attendees* 4

12/15/2017 - Hearing to Act Upon a Regulation, Reno / Las Vegas (videoconference):

*Public attendees* 2

b. Testified at each hearing:

11/03/2017 - Public Workshop to Solicit Comments, Las Vegas: three (3) individuals offered testimony or comments

Michelle Kaiserman, LCSW, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, 1785 East Sahara Avenue, #145, Las Vegas, NV 89104. 702-486-7128.

Shane Taylor, LSW, Nevada State Welfare, 620 Belrose Street, #101, Las Vegas, NV 89107. 702-486-1412.

Leo Magrdichian, LSW, Westcare, 5659 Duncan Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130. 702-498-0781.  
Brandi Planet, 4741 Caughlin Parkway, #2, Reno, NV 89519. (Lobbyist)

11/03/2017 - Public Workshop to Solicit Comments, Reno: three (3) individuals offered testimony or comments

Rota Rosaschi, LSW, Nevada Public Health Foundation, 3476 Executive Pointe Way, #10, Carson City, NV 89706. 775-884-0392.

Carol Landry, LCSW, 202 Nichols Boulevard, #319, Sparks, NV 89431. 246-420-0114.

Paula Berkley, 908 Nixon Avenue, Reno, NV 89502. 775-323-7430. (Lobbyist)

Lea Cartwright, 10580 North McCarran Boulevard, #115-222, Reno, NV 89503. 775-329-0119. (Lobbyist)

12/15/2017 - Hearing to Act Upon a Regulation, Reno / Las Vegas (videoconference): one (1) individual offered testimony or comments.

Rota Rosaschi, LSW, Nevada Public Health Foundation, 3476 Executive Pointe Way, #10, Carson City, NV 89706. 775-884-0392.

Jaime Maldonado, LSW, 2701 Renwick Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89117. 413-626-6225. No comments made - individual was present for the business meeting that followed the hearing.

c. Submitted written comments to the Board:

The Board received a letter from one licensee at the Public Workshop on 11/03/2017. This letter summarized her verbal testimony. The Board did not receive any communication regarding the proposed regulations via email or US mail.

4. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

The Board determined that the nature of the changes proposed would not affect small businesses. To validate this determination, a Small Business Impact Survey was sent to licensees that identified themselves as small business owners (self identified as having a Business License on file with the Nevada Secretary of State) and to agencies within the state that met the criteria for a small business and are used by the Board for post-graduate clinical and independent internship sites. This survey was sent out on 10/23/2017. The results were collected through Survey Monkey. The survey closed on 11/30/2017. The results of the survey were presented at the hearing on 12/15/2017 (see Attachment I). The survey validated the belief from the Board that there would be no impact on small businesses.

The survey instrument and survey results are available on the Board's website, [www.socwork.nvgov](http://www.socwork.nvgov). Interested individuals may also submit a written request to the Board's office for a copy of the survey results.

5. f, after consideration of public comment, the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reason for adopting the regulation without change.

The Regulation was adopted by the Board on 12/15/2017. At the hearing on 12/15/2017, the Board considered the information from the Public Workshops held in Las Vegas and Reno on 11/03/2017. The majority of comments at the Public Workshops were clarifying in nature. One individual presented information that did not support several of the changes proposed. This individual also attended the Hearing and each of these items was addressed in the hearing. Of the 2867 individuals licensed as social workers in Nevada, only one person had any negative comments. The items were reviewed and discussed by the Board. The Board passed the Regulations as written.

6. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include:

a. Both adverse and beneficial effects

The Board does not directly regulate businesses only individuals who are licensed by the Board. The Small Business Survey validated the Board's belief that the proposed Regulations would not have any impact on small businesses. There will be no adverse economic effect of these adopted regulations.

The adopted regulations will benefit the social work practitioner and the public by providing clarification to existing regulations. The regulations will support the ethical and professional social work practice which should be of benefit to the public and the agencies which serve the public.

b. Both immediate and long-term effects.

Immediate effect will be improved administration through clarification of existing law and regulatory requirements. Long-term effect will be clarity and consistency in regulation and licensing of social workers in Nevada.

7. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

There is no additional cost to the Board for the enforcement of this regulation.

8. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

The Board is not aware of any similar regulations of other state or government agencies that the adopted regulations overlap or duplicate.

9. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There are no federal regulations that apply.

10. If the regulation provides a new fee or increase an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

The regulation does not provide for any new or increased fees.

## **Attachments**

Attachment 1: Solicitation of Input from Nevada Small Businesses and Survey results