



Social workers chosen for Practice Analysis

A journey of 1,000 questions begins with a single task force

ASWB is getting ready to begin its sixth analysis of the practice of social work—the crucial first step in keeping the licensing exams up-to-date with social work practice. As usual, this practice analysis will include thousands of surveys; hundreds of knowledge, skills, and ability statements (KSAs); and dozens of competencies to be evaluated for the new blueprints. ASWB's Board of Directors has approved the appointment of 20 social workers to the Practice Analysis Task Force that will help with all that heavy lifting. This group was drawn from more than 300 applications submitted, for the first time online, by social workers from all over the U.S. and Canada. All licensed or registered social workers were eligible to apply for consideration.

With psychometric consultants at HumRRO, ASWB staff will work with the task force to sift through the entry-level competencies tested on the social work licensing exams. The task force will review surveys and the responses, helping develop the ultimate lists of KSA statements that make up the exam blueprints.

In addition to the task force, ASWB will be relying on the experience and expertise an oversight panel to help with the process. This group will be composed of

ASWB's five item development consultants: David Aiken (FL), Amanda Randall (NE), Bynia Reed (MD), Monica Roth-Day (MN), and Nancy Sidell (PA).

The following licensed/registered social workers will be serving on the 2015 Practice Analysis Task Force:

Dana Calhoun, AL

Nelly Chow, AB

Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, IN

Jenna Crawford, PA

Susan Feyen-Reay, NE

Mark Gagnon, VT

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