



ASWB member boards, in their own words

ASWB profiles

Name of jurisdiction: State of Nevada

Name of board: State of Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers

Number of board members: Our Board has five members. Four are professional members (3 LCSWs and 1 LSW) and one public member. Since we attempt to have equal representation between the various parts of the state, three of our board members are from Northern Nevada (Reno and Gardnerville) and two are from Southern Nevada (Las Vegas). Our meetings are usually conducted via videoconference.

Licensure levels offered: Our board offers three levels of licensure. They are:

- LSW (Licensed Social Worker). This level of licensure is offered to either BSWs or MSWs.
- LISW (Licensed Independent Social Worker). This is a postgraduate level of Advanced Generalist social work.
- LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker). This is a postgraduate level of social work that includes psychotherapy.

Number of licensees: As of March 31, 2015, our board had approximately **2,590** social workers.

Biggest achievement in the past 12 months: We are on the last week of our biennium legislative session. Although we were not able to increase the ceiling on fees, which our board may charge (a big disappointment), there appeared to be “small” victories, including our board being included in the list of “healing art” professionals in Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 620.031. Since billable services often reference this NRS, having all levels of social work included on this list will officially provide recognition to all licensed social workers in Nevada. Although LCSWs were allowed to provide billable services without being referenced in this NRS, it appears that valuable services provided by the remaining two levels of social work, including LSWs, may become reimbursable services.

Biggest challenge facing the board: The demands placed on the board office far outweigh our resources. In spite of this, we manage to provide the essential services required of our board and office fairly well. Our disciplinary caseloads continues to burgeon. We have hired a staff member with a background as a paralegal. It is our hope to be in a position to fully address our disciplinary cases once we have the staff member

Useless tidbits from the association news editors:

- Even though California is called the “Golden State” and Nevada is known as the “Silver State,” Nevada produces more gold than any other U.S. state.
- Las Vegas, Nevada, has more hotel rooms than any other city on the earth—of the top 25 largest hotels in the world, 15 are located in Las Vegas.
- Misfits Flats off Highway 50 near Stagecoach takes its name from the John Huston film. Huston used the privately owned area to film a complicated wild horse roundup with Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe, Montgomery Clift, and Eli Wallach.
- Elko, Nevada, is the home of the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, an annual celebration of ranching and the rural West.

fully trained. Also, once the legislative session concludes, we will need to address our Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). There are bills that will more than likely be passed during the legislative session that our NAC will have to address. Although this process is time-consuming, there are critical stipulations and deadlines that must also be met prior to the proposed regulations being approved by the interim legislative committee. Another challenge is the amount of misinformation held by licensees and legislators. This includes, but is not limited to, being a self-funded agency and how this impacts our delivery of services, how the board's laws are created and the board's ability to change them, and general misunderstanding regarding the purpose of the board as a "regulatory" entity.

(Complete the sentence) "I would really love to hear about how other jurisdictions... Given the vast differences in criteria for clinical licensure as well as the actual implementation of clinical licensure criteria in other states, it would be interesting to see how states and Canada have chosen to address this matter.

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