Summary: Survey of social work regulatory boards on remediation supervision

In July 2018, ASWB staff conducted a five-question member survey. Twenty-six jurisdictions (41 percent of ASWB members) responded. The responses are summarized below. For more details, please contact Cara Sanner at csanner@aswb.org.

Question 1: Twenty-one jurisdictions (75 percent of respondents), indicated that they impose supervision as part of disciplinary sanctions. The remaining jurisdictions indicated that supervision may be imposed as determined on a case-by-case basis.

Question 2: Nearly all respondents indicated that a social worker must first meet jurisdiction requirements to be a supervisor before supervising sanctioned licensees. Requirements that were specifically mentioned include:

- License in good standing (i.e., no disciplinary actions)
- Considerable knowledge of code of ethics and standards of practice
- Minimum experience: two to five years
- Expertise in the area identified as in need of supervision
- Submission of CV to the board
- Have no contraindications to providing supervision to the supervisee under order such as, but not limited to, a dual relationship
- Supervisors must be preapproved
- Specific supervisor requirements are dependent on violation/outlined in consent order

Question 3: Eleven jurisdictions (50 percent of respondents) that use supervision as part of disciplinary actions report maintaining a list of approved supervisors; the other 50 percent do not. Maintained lists are not generally specific to supervision of sanctioned licensees; they are part of the clinical supervision registry.

Question 4: Nearly all jurisdictions reported that it is the supervisor’s responsibility to provide regular reports to the board. Frequency ranged from monthly, quarterly, semiannually, to not specified.

Question 5: All respondents indicated that the supervisor would have access to all public documents, including consent decrees/settlement agreements.