

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2008

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, March 10, 2008, in Room 200 of the Attorney General's Offices at 323 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairperson Michael Lundy called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:	Michael Lundy	Tealisa Allen	Betty Rhodes
	Sandra Taylor	Dr. Steven Domon	Mae Isom
	Kelley Williams	Kaylynn Barrett	

Board Members Absent: Melanie Sletten

Approval of Minutes:

Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008 board meeting. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Met with Larry Mark Starr and His Attorney:

The Social Work Licensing Board met informally with Larry Mark Starr, LMSW and his attorney, to make an offer regarding Mr. Starr's licensure. Mr. Starr's was willing to agree to acknowledge that charges have been brought, surrender is license, and desired that the board would not go forward or make negative findings. Sandra Taylor made a motion to proceed with a hearing. A hearing date, for Complaint No. 2008-09, was tentatively set for May 12, 2008 at 9:00 am. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Complaint No. 2008-10:

Tealisa Allen reported that the investigation into Complaint No. 2008-10 would be continued.

Update on Complaint No. 2008-13:

Dr. Steven Domon reported that the investigation into Complaint No. 2008-13 would be continued.

Update on Complaint No. 2008-14:

Kaylynn Barrett reported that the investigation into Complaint No. 2008-14 would be continued.

Update on Complaint No. 2008-15:

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Michael Lundy reported that the investigation into Complaint No. 2008-15 would be continued.

Update on Complaint No. 2008-16:

Kelley Williams reported that the investigation into Complaint No. 2008-16 would be continued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sandra Taylor Volunteered to Investigate New Complaint No. 2008-17.

Board Discussed Possible Law Changes:

Due to conflicting schedules, the board was not able to meet on March 9, 2008 to discuss possible changes to the law. The meeting has been rescheduled for April 13, 2008 at 3:00 pm.

Review Request for Executive Director to Attend the ASWB Spring Meeting:

Sandra Taylor made a motion for the Social Work Licensing Board to send the executive director, Ruthie Bain, to the Association of Social Work Board (ASWB) Spring Meeting. The Board will reimburse all expenses for Ms. Bain incurred while on this trip. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Hiring an Investigator for Complaints:

The Social Work Licensing Board is considering hiring an investigator for complaints received by the board. Ruthie Bain reported that the procedure and process for hiring an investigator is ongoing.

Review Request from Life Strategies of Arkansas:

The Social Work Licensing Board received a letter from Daniel Johnston, LCSW, Utilization Specialist/Site Supervisor for Life Strategies of Arkansas regarding supervision via tele-conferencing. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to request Life Strategies of Arkansas to send the board a detailed plan on how they will address individual and/or group supervision, what system they will use to conduct the tele-conferencing, and how they will provide review and protect patient confidentiality. Sandra Taylor seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from The Board of Social Worker Certification and Licensure for the State of Tennessee:

The Social Work Licensing Board received a letter from James Hill, Administrative Assistant Regulatory Board 2, for The Board of Social Worker Certification and Licensure for the State of Tennessee requesting information regarding supervision via tele-conferencing. The board will respond that we currently do not have procedures in place for supervision via tele-conferencing.

Board Approved Reimbursement of Board Expenses:

In accordance with A.C.A. 25-16-901, the Board approved a motion to authorize the reimbursement of expenses for each board member for performing official board duties. The rate of reimbursement shall not exceed the rate established for state employees by state travel regulations. The motion was made Dr. Steven Domon and seconded by Tealisa Allen.

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Board Reviewed Request from Ruby Adams Walker:

The Social Work Licensing Board received a letter from Ruby Adams Walker requesting a waiver of the \$80 late penalty for renewal due to extenuating circumstances. Sandra Taylor made a motion to deny her request for waiver and inform Ms. Walker that she is responsible for timely renewal of her social work license. Ms. Walker will need to submit the \$80 late fee in order for her renewal application to be considered. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Reviewed Letter from Baptist Hospital Regarding a Social Worker:

The Social Work Licensing Board received a letter from Baptist Hospital regarding a licensed social worker that had resigned after testing positive for drugs. Mike Lundy volunteered to investigate the report. A case number of 2008-18 was assigned to this case. Sandra Taylor made a motion to temporarily suspend the social worker's license pending further investigation. An Emergency Order of Summary Suspension will be issued to the social worker. A hearing date will be set at the next scheduled board meeting. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

Refund Report:

There were two (2) refunds since the last board meeting. The Board issued a \$5 refund to Emily Wordlaw for overpayment on her application and an \$80 renewal fee was made to the estate of Glendine Fincher. Ms. Fincher passed away in February of 2008. Her renewal was received just prior to her passing.

Action Taken on Applications:

Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Approved to take the Exam:

Marya Mara Henry
Christie Denise Jones

Natalie Yvonne Hull
Brenda Panchita Goodwin-Juniel

Reba Pearl Gaines

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Jennifer Marie Salisbury
Amy Strobe

Patricia A Mills

Linda Rey

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Due to Lack of a Social Work Degree:

Joan Foley Miller

LMSW Applications:

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Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Tracey Deshon Davis

Julie Elisabeth Baunach

Ervin Lewis Vaught

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Approved to take the Exam:

Hyginus I Ukadike

Kelly R Guidroz

Angela Danielle Moses

Myka Chantal Perry

Nicole Emily Petersen

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Lottie Brown

Joy Giniger Figarsky

Laura Ann Laser

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Teri Lynn Classick

Lenora B Coleman

Mary Dennise Pollyea

Kristin Irène Young

Martha Ellyn Williams

Tabled for Verification of Supervisors Credentials:

Adrienne R. Scott

Dr. Steven Domon seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 64 applications for license renewal. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve 61 of the applications. Three renewal applications were tabled pending clarification or additional social work continuing education hours. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed 7 continuing education audits. Sandra Taylor made a motion to approve all seven of the audits. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plans:

The Board reviewed 10 supervision plans. Sandra Taylor made a motion to approve all ten of the plans. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Certificate of Registration Application:

The Board reviewed one Certificate of Registration Application. Sandra Taylor made a motion to approve the Certificate of Registration application. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

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Other Business:

Sandra Taylor made the motion to adjourn. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.