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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2010

The Social Work Licensing Board met Wednesday, February 17, 2010, in Room 200 of the Attorney General's Offices at 323 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairperson Sandra Taylor called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Sandra Taylor Kelley Williams Kaylynn Barrett
Betty Rhodes Tealisa Allen Steven Domon
Nancy Streit Mae Isom

Board Members Absent: Laura Printz

Approval of Minutes:

Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 board meeting. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Approval of Robert E. Pruitt, Jr. Hearing Minutes:

Mae Isom made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 board meeting. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Complaint No. 2010-10:

Nancy Streit reviewed Complaint No. 2010-10. Ms Streit recommended to the Board that there was not sufficient evidence to believe a violation of the Social Work Licensing Law or Regulations had occurred. Dr. Steven Domon a motion to dismiss the complaint. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2010-11:

The Executive Director reported that complaint 2010-11 has been turned over to an investigator.

Update on Complaint No. 2010-12:

The Executive Director reported that a new complaint has been received. This complaint is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Risk Assessment:

The Social Work Licensing Board's Risk Assessment Forms have been updated and new categories assigned. Board members were asked for input and suggestions for actions to take on each new category. The Board reviewed the information presented. Kelley Williams made a motion to approve the Risk Assessment as presented. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Reviewed Possible Changes to the Laws and Regulations:

Kaylynn Barrett updated the Board regarding the progress on possible changes to be made to the Law. Research is continuing.

Review Request From Denise Trice:

Denise Trice requested permission to take the ASWB exam in pencil and paper format. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to approve Ms. Trice for taking the pencil and paper exam acknowledging that Ms. Trice will be responsible for the additional fees charged for this format by ASWB. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Review of Social Work Continuing Education Hours:

The Executive Director reported that she has received numerous calls regarding courses to be offered by NASW at their Spring Conference. Two of the courses offered do not meet the definition of social work continuing education (SWCE). NASW has published in their newsletter that two of the courses listed do not qualify for social work continuing education. The Board has been in contact with NASW and they are working on a certificate to present to social workers in attendance that will list all courses in attendance and not one total for all hours received. The Board appreciates the cooperation that the Arkansas Chapter of NASW has provided.

Discussion of Database Software:

The Board discussed several items that had been presented regarding the database the Board is considering using. Jane Gordon, the File Maker representative, presented a letter to the Board regarding licensing of the product and clarifying the charge. The Board also reviewed a proposal submitted by Lance McGonigal from Brown Engineering for an Access Data base program. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion for the Board to move forward with the File Maker program as submitted by Gordon Consultants. Nancy Streit seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Procedure Regarding Dismissed Complaints:

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A social worker contacted the Board regarding the wording of the letter he received stating the complaint against him has been dismissed. He also expressed concerns that he would have to provide proof of the dismissal at each renewal period. After much discussion the Board concluded that the complaint dismissal letter is satisfactory as issued and no changes will be made. The Board will be considering options that will allow for online renewal for individuals who have had complaints that were dismissed.

Review Question From R. Bradford:

R. Bradford had written the Board requesting clarification of the scope of practice and supervision of a LMSW in a particular setting. After much discussion the Board concluded that as the law is currently written, a LMSW, licensed in the state of Arkansas, may provide psychotherapy groups in an out patient behavioral health setting as an employee of that agency. The Board also suggested the agency may want to look into contracting with a LCSW to supervise for liability reasons.

Review Extension Request From Milrean Stockmon:

Milrean Stockmon had written the Board requesting an extension to complete her social work continuing education due to extenuating circumstances. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to grant Ms. Stockmon a one-time 90-day extension. Mae isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Extension Request For Melissa Garrett:

The Association of Social Work Boards had written the Board regarding Melissa Garrett's examination status. Ms. Garrett was scheduled to take the exam on February 9, 2010 but the testing center was closed because of the weather. A request has been made to extend her examination time period. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to grant Ms. Garrett 90-days to take the exam. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Question Concerning Supervision:

Loretta Brewer, LMSW had written the Board requesting clarification of the type of work that can be counted toward supervised hours. After much discussion, the Board concluded that the position of University social work faculty members may be considered as employed in a social work position for the purpose of supervision towards LCSW licensure.

Review Request From the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville:

Glenda House, MSW Program Director with the U of A at Fayetteville had written the Board inviting someone from the Board to visit with the BSW and MSW students regarding the licensure process. Board members were in agreement that the Executive Director should be available but requested that the Executive Director's mileage and travel expenses, including overnight expenses, if required, be reimbursed.

Review of Standing Financial Reports:

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Tealisa Allen, LMSW, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Jewell Leigh Banet	Shelby Land Bourne	Tonya Michelle Burks
Tracy Lyn Cooney	Natasha Leigh Dennis	Tammy Renee Hunt
Sandra Elizabeth Maulding	Leah Nicole Polk	

Approved to take the Exam:

Paulette B. Austin

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

Sandra Elizabeth McKenzie Anita Janette Stennis

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Sharon Leigh McCoy	Jackie M. Morris-Ballard	Joy Dale Patton
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Approved to take the Exam:

Dorryl R. Houillon	Cheryl L. Sauve
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Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Censi D. Childs	Margaret Ann Wallace
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Denied Applications:

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Elizabeth Anne Oldridge

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Ashley Michelle Brown	Trudy Smith Crow	Karen Annette Hall
Jennie Russell McGee	Zach Anderson Newcomb	Wesley C. Perry
Laura Michelle Strack	Ilo L. Webster	

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

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Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 153 applications for license renewal. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve 137 of the applications. Sixteen of the applications are pending clarification. Nancy Streit seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed eleven (11) continuing education audits. Nancy Streit made a motion to approve all eleven of the audits. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request for Refund:

Milrean Tatum Stockmon, LCSW, had written the Board requesting a refund of the \$80 late fee. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to deny the refund. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

There being no new business, Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to adjourn. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

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