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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2011

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, September 12, 2011, in Room 200 of the Attorney General's Offices at 323 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairperson Nancy Streit, called the meeting to order.

**Board Members Present:** Nancy Streit                      Kelley Williams                      Angela Sanders  
Mae Isom    Tealisa Allen                                      Betty Rhodes  
Steven Domon

**Board Members Absent:** Gary Gray                                      Laura Printz

**Board's Attorney:** Warren Readnour, Senior Assistant Attorney General

### Approval of Minutes:

Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2011 board meeting. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Update on Complaint No. 2010-21:

The Board reviewed the Investigation report on complaint 2010-21. Betty Rhodes made a motion to hold a hearing. The date of the hearing has not yet been determined. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

#### Update on Complaint No. 2011-13:

Kelley Williams reviewed the complaint and information investigated on complaint 2011-13. Based on the information gathered, she recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

#### Update on Complaint No. 2011-14:

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Nancy Streit reviewed the complaint and information investigated on complaint 2011-14. Based on the information gathered, she recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Kelley Williams made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Update on Complaint No. 2011-15:**

The Executive Director reported that this Social Worker has been placed on suspension and the complaint is ongoing until such time as the charges against him have been resolved.

**Update on Complaint No. 2011-16:**

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

**Update on Complaint No. 2012-03:**

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

**Update on Complaint No. 2012-04:**

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

**Update on Complaint No. 2012-05:**

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

**Update on Complaint No. 2012-06:**

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

**Update on Complaint No. 2012-07:**

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

**Update on Complaint No. 2012-08:**

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

**Update on Complaint No. 2012-09:**

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

**Update on Complaint No. 2012-10:**

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

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**Update on Complaint No. 2012-11:**

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review Waiver Request # 10604:**

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#10604) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Kelley Williams made a motion to grant the social worker's request since she met the requirements for a waiver according to A.C.A. 17-103-307(h). Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Waiver Request # 10654:**

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#10654) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Mae Isom made a motion to grant the social worker's request since she met the requirements for a waiver according to A.C.A. 17-103-307(h). Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Question From Marilyn Pennington:**

Marilyn Pennington had written the Board requesting a letter from the Board clarifying what a LMSW can do in a non-profit homeless day shelter. The Board will send a letter stating a LCSW would be able to provide any social work services as they are licensed for independent practice. The LMSW may provide services but they must be an employee of the shelter and be paid by W-2 as an employee. As required under Arkansas law, the LMSW must be supervised.

**Review Request From Barbara Miles:**

Barbara Miles had written the Social Work Licensing Board asking if certain on the job training could be counted as Social Work Continuing Education. Tealisa Allen made a motion to deny it as Social Work Continuing Education. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Question From Ron Hargett:**

The Board reviewed a letter written by Ronald Hargett. The letter was requesting the Social Work Licensing Board consider his 38 years of practice in another state and status and an LCSW and Board approved supervisor as verification for his LCSW Supervision for licensure in Arkansas. Mr. Hargett was able to obtain documentation of his supervision so the Board took no action. The Board will be happy to consider this information as they review possible changes to the Laws and Regulations.

**Review Question From Alan Jarrett:**

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Alan Jarrett had written a letter regarding the number of hours the board accepts that are independent practice. The Board will keep his letter for review and consideration as they consider possible changes to the Laws and Regulations.

**Review Letter From ASWB:**

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) sent a letter stating as of January 1, 2012, they would no longer support the Advanced Generalist Exam for Clinical Practice. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion that given the ASWB Advanced Generalist Exam will no longer support Clinical competence; the Board will only accept the Clinical Exam for licensure at the LCSW level after January 1, 2012. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Council on Social Work Education Documentation:**

The Board reviewed the current policy requiring the applicant for licensure's University to submit documentation certifying that the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited the social work degree earned. This information is now available on the CSWE website. Dr. Steven Doman made a motion to accept the CSWE website verification as proof of accreditation. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Request From Nancy Ewing:**

Nancy Ewing had written a letter regarding Mental Health Professional (MHP) and RSPMI. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to notify Ms. Ewing that the Board does not have an impact on who qualifies as a Mental Health Professional. This appears to be a Medicaid billing issue. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review PLMSW File for Joseph Burke:**

Joseph Burke was issued a provisional license pending the results of his background check. The Arkansas State Police returned the fingerprint cards as rejected due to poor prints. Mr. Burke was sent tow (2) letters requesting he complete a new card and return it to the Board by August 31, 2011. As of the date of the Board meeting, Mr. Burke has not returned the card. Mr. Burke called and left a message that he is working out of state and does not intend on working in Arkansas prior to the expiration date of his provisional license. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to allow the provisional to expire January 11, 2012. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Question Regarding Reporting HIV Status:**

A social worker had written the Board requesting clarification on mandatory reporting of a client with HIV. The Board will send a letter to the Social Worker letting her know that while they appreciate the gravity of the incidence, they recommend she contact the Health Department regarding HIV regulations.

**Update on New Complaints:**

The Executive Director reported that the Board has received one (1) new complaint.

**Board Reviewed Possible Changes to the Laws and Regulations:**

The Board is continuing to review possible changes to the Laws and Regulations. This process is ongoing.

**Review of Standing Financial Reports:**

Tealisa Allen, LMSW, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from August 2011. Kelley Williams made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Applications:**

Mae Isom made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

**LSW Applications:**

**Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:**

Christina May Gay	Victoria Jeanette Hall	Shireen C Kelley
Sunnie Samantha Rogers	Connie N Sisk	

**Approved to take the Exam:**

Laura D Baker

**Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:**

None

**Denied Applications:**

None

**LMSW Applications:**

**Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:**

Shonte' A Byrd	Tosha Fougerousse	Akamin Victor Nkengaka
Obiageri Nnena Obioha	Hien Thanh Thi Vu	

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**Approved to take the Exam:**

Tracey Deshon Davis	Karen D Lacy	Kevin Lynn Neisler
Keri Sherrell Smith	Brenda Jean Williams	

**Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:**

Tomeka P Davis	Koi Raya Eley	Terri A Rowe
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**Denied or Pending Applications:**

None

**LCSW Applications:**

**Approved to take Examination:**

Sheila Ann Barnes	LaToya LaTrice Curb	Robin Leslie Edmiston
Joshua Ryan Hall	Brandy D Henle	Tyler Curt Huffaker
Carrie Ellen Jones	Loree Short Joseph	Lekita W Lee
Lyndsey Dawn Loyd	Donna Sue McSpadden	Tomeka Renee Porter
Jeannie Rebecca Tucker	Susan Carol Tyler	

**Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:**

Joel Lance Carr	Sharl Ann Gower	Ronald Hargett
Danette A Harrington	Katherine E Murrie	Christine Anne Newbert
Linda Bonds Williams		

Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Renewal Applications:**

The Board reviewed 103 applications for license renewal. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve 101 of the renewals. Two (2) of the applications are pending clarification. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:**

The Board reviewed seven (7) random continuing education audits. Angela Sanders made a motion to approve all seven (7) of the audits. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:**

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The Board reviewed sixty (60) random Supervision Plan audits. Tealisa Allen made a motion to approve all four (4) of the audits. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Other Business:**

**Extra Help Position:**

The Board discussed the extra-help position. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to approve up to \$10 per hour for the Extra Help Position. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**NASW “Managing Electronic and Social Media in Your Practice” Workshop:**

The Board reviewed the brochure for the upcoming NASW workshop on “Managing Electronic and Social Media in Your Practice”. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to have the Executive Director check into the possibility of Board members attending this workshop and possibly approving tuition for up to three (3) Board members. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

There being no other new business, Tealisa Allen made a motion to adjourn. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

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