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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2012

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, August 13, 2012, in Room 200 of the Attorney General's Offices at 323 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Nancy Streit, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Kelley Williams Betty Rhodes Gary Gray
Mae Isom Angela Sanders Steven Domon
Tealisa Allen Laura Printz

Board Members Absent: Nancy Streit

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

HEARINGS:

CASE 2013-03, Addie Belle Guinn:

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of Addie Belle Guinn. Kelley Williams, Vice-Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order and turned the proceedings over to the Hearing Officer, Peggy Johnson. Meredith Rebsamen, of the Attorney General's Office, represented the Board. Ms. Guinn was not represented by counsel.

Board Action: Tealisa Allen made a motion that the Allegations of Fact, A1 – A10 were true. Dr. Steven Domon seconded the motion, which carried. Tealisa Allen made a motion that the Applicable Law, L1 – L3 were true. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried. Tealisa Allen made a motion that the Charges, C1 – C4 were true. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried. Kelley Williams made a motion to uphold the Board's previous decision to deny Ms. Guinn's application for licensure. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Motion made by: *Betty Rhodes*
2nd by: *Tealisa Allen*
Board Chairman: *[Signature]*

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2012, board meeting. Angela Sanders 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. 2013-01:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Waiver Request # 6546:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#6546) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Betty Rhodes 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). Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Waiver Request # 6615:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#6615) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Angela Sanders made a motion to grant the social worker's request since he met the requirements for a waiver according to A.C.A. 17-103-307(h). Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Waiver Request # 6596:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#6596) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Betty Rhodes made a motion to grant the social worker's request since he met the requirements for a waiver according to A.C.A. 17-103-307(h). Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Waiver Request # 6684:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#6684) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Betty Rhodes 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). Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Celia Barnhard:

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Celia Barnhard had written the Board requesting an extension to complete the hours required for renewal of her social work license. Angela Sanders made a motion to grant the request due to the extenuating circumstances. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Elesha Easter's File:

Elesha Easter had written the Board requesting additional time to apply for a waiver request. The Board granted Ms. Easter additional time and she did not comply. Tealisa Allen made a motion to set a hearing date of September 10, 2012 at 10:00 am. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from William Gulla:

William Gulla had written the Board appealing the Board's decision to deny him a license thorough reciprocity since he had not taken the exam for the level of license he applied for. The Board approved him to take the exam. Angela Sanders made a motion to deny his request since he did not meet the Arkansas Board's minimum qualifications. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Michael McIntyre:

Michael McIntyre had written the Board requesting assistance from the Board on structuring the appropriate Supervision Plan. Mr. McIntyre will be sent a letter with the names of several LCSW's to contact.

Review Request from Greg C. Smith:

Greg C. Smith had requested to appear before the Board. The Board notified Mr. Smith that his application was approved and he would be mailed a letter stating his approval to take the exam and registration information.

Update on New Complaints:

The Executive Director reported that one new complaint has been received.

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:

Laura Printz, Secretary of the Board, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from July 2012. Angela Sanders made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

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Action Taken on Applications:

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

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Kimberly Deshun Brown	Amanda Jo Caldwell	Jennifer Erin Crafts
Brittney L. Davis	Tracy A. Harris	Shealtiel B. Kuykendall
Linda D. Polk	Lindsay Powers	Kirsten Sharp
Dyneia Denise Simpson	Ashley Tyhurst	Stephanie Nicole Williams
Gail Williams	Carla Genise Wren	

Approved to take the Exam:

Greg C. Smith

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Cassandra Hill

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Emily Jo Cobb	Julia Aapri Dowdy	Kenya Nichelle Duncan
Hollie Anne Gordy	Mallory Suzanne Magie	Katie Elizabeth Mitchell
Angela M. Pereira	Matthew Sebourn	Dimonah A. Sims
Emily Carol Walker	Melinda Rae Wright	

Approved to take the Exam:

Stephanie Lynette Bean	Tomeika Leshundia Clark	Tara Camille Newman
Ann Michelle Whitfield		

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Donavon Alexandre Derusse

Denied or Pending Applications:

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None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Elisabeth Ann Bostian
Kelly Rae Espinda
Katie Theresa Kiehn
Emily Grace Seal
Donna R. Williams

Huong Mary Chu
Magen Ann Griffin
Vertie Michelle Morgan
Becky Lee Taylor

Ashley Danelle Day
Ashley Huddleston
Lauren Clare Pickens
Duane Robert Westhoff

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Kristin Johnson Exton Lida K. Simpson

Denied or Pending Applications:

None

Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 160 applications for license renewal. Angela Sanders made a motion to approve 152 of the renewals; eight (8) renewals are pending clarification. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed Six (6) random continuing education audits. Mae Isom made a motion to approve all Six (6) of the audits. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed fifty random continuing education audits. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve all fifty of the audits. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

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

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