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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2012

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, January 9, 2012, 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, Angela Sanders, Kelley Williams, Steven Domon, Mae Isom, Gary Gray, Laura Printz, Betty Rhodes, Tealisa Allen

Board Members Absent:

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Approval of Minutes:

Kelley Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 board meeting. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

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. 2012-11:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Request From Nina Harrison:

Nina Harrison had written the Board requesting the Board review her job description to see if it meets the requirements for LCSW Supervision. Kelley Williams made a motion to deny

Motion made by: Betty Rhodes
2nd by: Mae Isom
Board Chairman: Nancy Streit

the request as the job does not appear to be a social work position. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request From Tracy Carden:

Tracy Carden had written the Board on behalf of Brian Shaw requesting the Board accept his LCSW Supervision Plan which was submitted after the 60-day requirement. Laura Printz made a motion to deny the request. The Board will allow supervision dating back 60-days from the postmark on the envelope. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Mileage Rates and Rental Rates:

The State of Arkansas has an account with Enterprise Car Rental for use of vehicles for work related travel. The Executive Director presented a form showing the cost of paying Board Member mileage versus car rental fees. It was noted that not every town has a local Enterprise Business. Dr. Stephen Domon made a motion to continue paying Board members mileage for the use of their personal vehicle. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Vote on Reimbursement of Board Expenses and ASWB Conferences:

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. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to approve the reimbursement for expenses and for the Board's Chairman and Executive Director to be representatives at the ASWB Annual Spring Education Meeting and the ASWB Annual Fall Meeting and reimburse fees. The Board also approves to pay expenses incurred that above the government rate for lodging at the Associational meetings. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Vote to Pay Stipend Payments to Eligible Board Members:

Act 281 of 2009 allows eligible Board members to receive stipend payments. Betty Rhodes made a motion to grant payment of stipends in the amount of $85 to board members in accordance with the law and the budget. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Elected Officers:

Betty Rhodes made a motion to keep Nancy Streit, LCSW as the Chairman of the Board and to elect Kelley Williams as Vice Chairman and Laura Printz as secretary. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Members Sign Code of Ethics:

Board Members signed the 2012 Code of Ethics for Board Members. Copies will be maintained in the Board's office.

Review Request from Bryan Anthony:

Bryan Anthony request acceptance of all of his social work continuing education hours to be completed online due to extenuating circumstances. Angela Sanders made a motion to accept his request. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Heather Hunter Baker:

Heather Hunter Baker had written the Board requesting acceptance of the supervision she received for licensure as a LCSW in Texas to meet the requirement for licensure in Arkansas. Dr. Stephen Domon made a motion to deny her request since she did not have two full years under supervision of a LCSW. Her application will be approved at the LMSW level. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on New Complaints:

The Executive Director reported that one (1) new complaint was received. It was determined that the individual listed does not hold a social work license and contact with the employer indicated that they do not employee social workers. The complainant was notified and the Executive Director recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Angela Sanders made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

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 December 2011. Kelley Williams made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

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:

Stephanie Babbette Byers Secily Lynn Nicholson

Approved to take the Exam:

None

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Demetrius Austin Griffin

Approved to take the Exam:

None

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Heather Hunter Baker Christopher Herrington Loyce Anne Hopkins

Denied or Pending Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Michele Lynn Graffam Ryan Youngblood Davis Judith Ann Harvey
Matthew Cullen Reel Joyce Rose Shepherd Michael L Warren II

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 109 applications for license renewal. Angela Sanders made a motion to approve 107 of the renewals. Two renewals are pending for additional information or clarification. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed eight (8) random continuing education audits. Tealisa Allen made a motion to approve all eight (8) of the audits. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Certificate of Registration Renewals:

The Board reviewed five (5) Certificate of Registration Renewals and one new application. Kelley Williams made a motion to approve all five (5) of the renewals and the one new application. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

There being no new business, Laura Printz made a motion to adjourn. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Chair Initials