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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2012

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, July 9, 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: Nancy Streit Betty Rhodes Gary Gray
Mae Isom Angela Sanders Steven Domon
Tealisa Allen Laura Printz

Board Members Absent: Kelley Williams

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

HEARINGS:

CASE 2012-23, James Anthony Price:

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of James Anthony Price. Nancy Streit, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order and turned the proceedings over to the Hearing Officer, Kathryn Henry. Meredith Rebsamen, of the Attorney General's Office, represented the Board. Mr. Price was not represented by counsel. Laura Printz, Board Member was not present at the time of this hearing.

Board Action: Tealisa Allen made a motion that the Allegations of Fact were true with a correction note that A6 should be A5. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried. Tealisa Allen made a motion that the Applicable Law, L1 – L5 were true. Dr. Steven Domon seconded the motion, which carried. Tealisa Allen made a motion that the Charges were true. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried. Gary Gray made a motion to revoke Mr. Price's provisional master's license effective immediately. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Motion made by: *Betty Rhodes*
2nd by: *Angela Sanders*
Board Chairman: *Kelley Williams*

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Board member Laura Printz was present at this point.

CASE 2012-24, Erin M. DeGostin:

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of Erin M. DeGostin. Nancy Streit, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order and turned the proceedings over to the Hearing Officer, Kathryn Henry. Meredith Rebsamen, of the Attorney General's Office, represented the Board. Ms. DeGostin was not represented by counsel. J. G. Regnier, LADAC was also present.

Board Action: Tealisa Allen made a motion that the Allegations of Fact were true. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried. Tealisa Allen made a motion that the Applicable Law, L1 – L6 were true. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried. Tealisa Allen made a motion that the Charges were true. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried. Gary Gray made a motion to uphold the Board's previous application of licensure denial. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2012 board meeting. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Member Gary Gray left the meeting at this point.

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. 2012-25:

Laura Printz gave a report on the investigation made on complaint 2012-25. Based on the information gathered, she recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Mae Isom made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2012-26:

Dr. Steven Domon gave a report on the investigation made on complaint 2012-26. Based on the information gathered, he recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Angela Sanders made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Waiver Request # 6564:

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The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#6564) 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 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 # 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. The waiver request was tabled pending clarification.

Review Request from ASWB Regarding Publishing Exam Pass Rates:

The Board received a survey request from the Association of Social Work Boards regarding the Board's opinion on publishing the exam pass rates. The Board felt it would be good for the exam pass rates (percentages) to be published.

Review Addie Belle Guinn's Request:

Addie Belle Guinn had written a letter to the Board requesting an appeal of the Board's decision to deny her application. Betty Rhodes made a motion to set a hearing date of Monday, August 13 2012 at 10:00 am. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

Review FY14 – FY15 Biennial Budget Request:

Mae Isom made a motion to accept the FY14-FY15 Biennial Budget Request. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Annual Financial Report:

Angela Sanders made a motion to accept the Financial Report for 2012. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Annual Report:

The Executive Director presented the FY12 Annual Report. Mae Isom made a motion to accept the Annual Report for 2012. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Vanessa Nelson:

Vanessa Nelson had written the Board requesting an exception to the 90-day waiting period to take the exam. Ms. Nelson met the qualifications to request the exception due to her test score and job status. Betty Rhodes made a motion to grant a one-time waiver. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Waiver Request # 6588:

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The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#6588) 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). Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Waiver Request # 6611:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#6611) 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). Tealisa Allen 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. Laura Printz made a motion to request a certified (official copy) of the disposition of the charges. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Geneva Smith's File:

Geneva Smith submitted documentation of all hours required under the Board's order dated January 9, 2012. Laura Printz made a motion to remove the suspension status from Ms. Smith's license. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

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 June 2012. Dr. Steven Doman made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Angela Sanders made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

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Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

None

Approved to take the Exam:

None

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

George Clifford Hudson, IV Scott Matthew Stephens

Approved to take the Exam:

None

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied or Pending Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

None

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied or Pending Applications:

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None

Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 157 applications for license renewal. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to approve 156 of the renewals; one (1) renewal is pending clarification. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed seven (7) random continuing education audits. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to approve all seven (7) of the audits. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

Arkansas Financial Transparency Act Update:

The Executive Director updated the Board members on the status of the Arkansas Transparency website.

There being no other new business, Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to adjourn. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

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