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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2012

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, November 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 Kelley Williams Betty Rhodes
Gary Gray Leigh Anne Bennett Mae Isom

Board Members Absent: Angela Sanders Tealisa Allen Laura Printz

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

HEARINGS:

CASE 2013-04, Koi Raya Eley:

Koi Raya Eley. 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. Eley was present and not represented by counsel. Alicia Laverne Dennis Thompson was present as a witness.

Board Action: Kelley Williams made a motion that the Allegations of Fact, A1 – A6 were true, Applicable Law, L1 – L4 were true, and they were unable to substantiate Charge C1 therefore the Board dismisses the complaint. Gary Gray seconded motion, which carried.

Nancy Streit, Chairman of the Board, cautioned Ms. Eley that she should be cautious of "grey areas". On behalf of the Board, she highly recommended and encouraged Ms. Eley to obtain continuing education in the areas dual relationships, boundaries and ethics.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by: *Betty Rhodes*
2nd by: *Alicia Dennis Thompson*
Board Chairman: *Nancy Streit*

Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2012, board meeting. Dr. Leigh Anne Bennett 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. 2013-06:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-08:

Kelley Williams gave a report based on her review of the investigation made on complaint 2013-08. Based on the information gathered, she recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Betty Rhodes made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Foreign Background Check Request:

A letter was sent to the Board from a potential applicant for licensure who has been living abroad for over 10 years. She was seeking clarification as to whether or not the Board would accept a foreign background check in place of the state and federal background check. Gary Gray made a motion to notify the applicant that she would have to complete the same background check as all other applicants which includes a state and federal check. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Waiver Request # 6789:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#6789) 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). Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Waiver Request # 6737:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#6737) 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 table the request pending additional information. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

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Review Waiver Request # 6723:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#6723) 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 table the request pending additional information. Dr. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Millie Diane Wimberley:

Millie Diane Wimberley had written the Board requesting an exception and that the Board grant her a provisional license once the results of her criminal background check had been received. Based on the extenuating circumstances, Gary Gray made a motion to approve the application for provisional licensure pending favorable or no findings on the criminal background check results. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Lela Dawn Curtis:

Lela Dawn Curtis had written the Board requesting an exception and that the Board grant her a provisional license once the results of her criminal background check had been received. Based on the extenuating circumstances, Gary Gray made a motion to approve the application for provisional licensure pending favorable or no findings on the criminal background check results. Dr. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Reviewed Credential Question:

The Board was made aware that a Licensed Social Worker was using the credential LGSW behind her name. A letter was mailed to the social worker informing her of the correct credential and that she should not misrepresent her license level. The social worker signed a letter acknowledging the error and also submitted new business cards with the correct credential. Dr. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to accept the signed letter of acknowledgement. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Reviewed November 2013 Meeting Date:

The Board reviewed the 2013 calendar and specifically the November meeting date. The normal date for the Board meeting is the second Monday of each month. The second Monday of November 2013 is a State and Federal Holiday. Due to the associational meeting and holidays, Betty Rhodes made a motion to cancel the November Board meeting for 2013. Gary Gray 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:

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

Review of Standing Financial Reports:

Kelley Williams, LCSW, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from October 2012. Gary Gray made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Betty Rhodes 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:

Julianne E. Corbett Patrice Seymore Adrienne Whitley

Approved to take the Exam:

None

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Shena S. Graham Wansley Monique Harrison

Approved to take the Exam:

Rhonda Renee' Coleman Brittney Makala Davis Tessa T. Thomasson

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Walter Weir Blanchard Melissa A. Butler Annette S. DeMaris
Demetric Undrea Wyatt

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Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Lauren Crystal Adams	Darrick Ball	Bobbie A. Brooks
Stephanie F. Christian-Carpenter	Sherry Fay Clements	Justin Michael Crabb
Sharon Kathryn Harshberger	Tracey Frier	Anna North Piazza
Cynthia M. Polk	Lori Beth Ruddick	Luticia J. Trimble-Smith

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

Dr. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 100 applications for license renewal. Gary Gray made a motion to approve all 100 of the renewals. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed seven (7) random continuing education audits. Kelley Williams made a motion to approve five (5) of the audits. Two audits are pending additional information. Leigh Ann Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed Twenty-One random Supervision Plan audits. Gary Gray made a motion to approve all Twenty-One of the audits. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Certificate of Registration Applications:

The Board reviewed two (2) Certificate of Registration Applications. Kelley Williams made a motion to approve both applications. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

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Other Business:

Request to Purchase ASWB Supervision Book:

The Executive Director announced that the Association of Social Work Board's has published a book on Supervision. The book, "Contemporary Clinical Social Work Supervision: A Mentoring and Monitoring Model" by Carlton E. Munson, Ph.D. Kelley Williams made a motion to purchase the book for the Board's use. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

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

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