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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2012

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, October 8, 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 Angela Sanders Leigh Anne Bennett
Laura Printz

Board Members Absent: Mae Isom Tealisa Allen

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

HEARINGS:

CASE 2013-07, William Gulla:

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of William Gulla. Nancy Streit, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order and turned the proceedings over to the Hearing Officer, Kendra Akin Jones. Meredith Rebsamen, of the Attorney General's Office, represented the Board. Mr. Gulla was present and not represented by counsel.

Board Action: Laura Printz made a motion that the Allegations of Fact, A1 – A5 were true, Applicable Law, L1 – L3 were true, and Charge C1 was true. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried. Gary Gray made a motion to grant Mr. Gulla a LMSW license through reciprocity. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by: Betty Rhodes
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Board Chairman: [Signature]

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Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 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:

Kelley Williams gave a report based on her review of the investigation made on complaint 2013-01. Based on the information gathered, she recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Laura Printz made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-04:

Based on the initial complaint and the response from the social worker the Board voted to hold a hearing on this matter. A hearing date of November 9, 2012 at 9:00 am has been set. The date of this hearing was updated due to the original date which was set last month being a Federal holiday.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-06:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review LaToya LaTrice Curb's Renewal Audit:

A notice of Continuing Education Audit was mailed to LaToya LaTrice Curb on August 10, 2012. Submission of documentation was due by August 31, 2012. Ms. Curb failed to submit the required documentation, claim certified mail, or return phone messages. Laura Printz made a motion to set a hearing date of December 10, 2012 at 10:00. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Fredrick T. Webb:

Fredrick T. Webb had written the Board requesting clarification if a degree would qualify for licensure in Arkansas. The Board will send Mr. Webb a letter showing the requirement that he must earn a degree from a program which is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Review Waiver Request # 6764:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#6764) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Angela

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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). Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Johanna Thomas:

Johanna Thomas had written the Board requesting acceptance of her dissertation as social work continuing education. Gary Gray made a motion to grant her request since documentation she submitted met the qualifications. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Tambre Roush:

Tambre Roush had written the Board requesting an extension to complete her social work continuing education hours due to extenuating circumstances. Kelley Williams made a motion to grant her and extension until November 30, 2012 to complete the required documentation. The Board will also notify Ms. Roush that the extension is not an approval to continue practicing past her expiration date and that should she fail to submit the required documentation her license will be considered expired as of July 31, 2012. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Reviewed November Board Meeting Date:

The Board discussed that the date originally scheduled for the November Board meeting was a Federal and State Holiday. The Board rescheduled the hearing and board meeting for Friday, November 9, 2012.

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

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Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Claire Conditt

Ashley C. Steward

Approved to take the Exam:

Denise M. Perry

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Elizabeth Ann Deere

Katherine Huntley Harris

Julie Rae Moore

Kelly Danielle Wilson

Approved to take the Exam:

John Stephen Fray

Lynette Fingers Hawkins

Kanaka Keonne Henry

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Sonja Stewart Draper

Jessalyn Bethany Pedone

Cherrelle Nicole Shorter

Denied or Pending Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Jamie Hargis Bell

Tonya Michelle Dean

Brandi LaShaye Edwards

William Robert Henley

Lekita W. Lee

Marquita S. McField

Margaret Pot

Randa DeShea Pruitt

Tami Kenward Redus

Gertrude Terrell Thompkins

Elizabeth Ashley White

Patricia Williams

Loretha Dyonne Wright

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

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None

Denied or Pending Applications:

None

Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 87 applications for license renewal. Kelley Williams made a motion to approve 85 of the renewals; two (2) renewals are pending clarification. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed nineteen random continuing education audits. Kelley William made a motion to approve all nineteen of the audits. Leigh Ann Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

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

Other Business:

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