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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2013

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, August 12, 2013, at the office of the Attorney General, 323 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Kelley Williams, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order and turned the proceedings over to the Hearing Officer, Kendra Jones.

HEARINGS:

CASE 2013-30, William Michael Leatherwood:

A hearing was held in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of William Michael Leatherwood.

Board Members Present: Kelley Williams Gary Gray Laura Printz
 Leigh Anne Bennett Harold Dean Angela Sanders
 Helen Jackson Meenakshi Budhreja

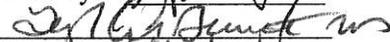
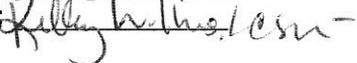
Board Members Absent: Open Position - LMSW

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Respondent's Attorney: Charles "Skip" Mooney Jr.

Witnesses: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director
 William Michael Leatherwood
 Eddie Thomas
 Onita Thomas
 Ezra Maglothin, Jr.
 Phillip Wayne Burton

Board Action: Angela Sanders made a motion that the Allegations of Fact, A1 – A7, Applicable Law, L1 – L4, and Charge C1 were true. Harold Dean seconded the motion, which carried. Gary Gray made a motion to allow Mr. Leatherwood to take the exam. Harold Dean

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seconded the motion, which carried. Laura Printz made a motion to impose stipulations once Mr. Leatherwood passes the exam. The stipulations are detailed in the Final Order issued by the Board. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

CASE 2013-27, Richard Cameron Dahlquist:

A hearing was held in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of Richard Cameron Dahlquist.

Board Members Present: Kelley Williams Gary Gray Laura Printz
Harold Dean Angela Sanders Helen Jackson

Board Members Absent: Leigh Anne Bennett Meenakshi Budhreja
Open Position - LMSW

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Respondent's Attorney: None

Witnesses: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director
Richard Cameron Dahlquist
Christy Dahlquist

Board Action: Laura Printz made a motion that the Allegations of Fact, A1 – A7, Applicable Law, L1 – L5, and Charge C1 were true. The Board's decision was to uphold the denial of Mr. Dahlquist application for licensure. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

COMPLAINT 2013-21 & 2013-23, Thomas Burns:

A hearing was held in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of Thomas Burns.

Board Members Present: Kelley Williams Gary Gray Laura Printz
Harold Dean Angela Sanders Helen Jackson

Board Members Absent: Leigh Anne Bennett Meenakshi Budhreja
Open Position - LMSW

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Respondent's Attorney: None

Witnesses: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

Mr. Burns was not present at the hearing. Board Action: Angela Sanders made a motion that the Allegations of Fact, A1 – A8, Applicable Law, L1 – L6, and Charge C1-C5 were true

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and further motion was to immediately revoke Mr. Burn's license. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING:

Board Members Present: Kelley Williams Laura Printz Harold Dean
 Helen Jackson

Board Members Absent: Gary Gray Angela Sanders Leigh Anne Bennett
 Meenakshi Budhreja Open Position - LMSW

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Laura Printz made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013, board meeting. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-02:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-06:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-18:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-25:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-32:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Welcome New Board Members:

Governor Mike Beebe recently made two new appointments to the Social Work Licensing Board. The Board would like to welcome Helen Jackson and Dr. Meenakshi Budhreja.

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Review ASWB Accommodations Request:

An applicant for licensure has made a request with the Association of Social Work Boards for special accommodations. Laura Printz made a motion to grant the request since it fell within the acceptable qualifications. Harold Dean seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Cease and Desist Issued:

The Board received notification from a social worker about someone who was representing themselves on social media (Facebook) as a social worker. The individual, Brande Ward, is not licensed as a social worker in Arkansas. An internet search confirmed the information and a cease and desist letter was mailed to the Ms. Ward. Ms. Ward signed the cease and desist and has corrected the online information. Laura Printz made a motion to accept the Cease and Desist. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from ASWB Regarding a Scope of Practice Survey:

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) is working on a comparison report and requested completion of a scope of practice survey. Board members were given the survey to review.

Update on New Complaints:

The Executive Director reported one new complaint has been received. This complaint is pending a response.

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 July 2013. Harold Dean made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Laura Printz made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Kelly Dianne Bland

Samara Nelson Bowers

Kessia Monique Flake

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Approved to take the Exam:

Lauren Elizabeth Craig

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Dawn Lynn Dundas
Brandi Alexandria Leaks

Marvin L. Jackson
Ashley Ann Parker

Kimberly Danielle Kenser
Molly Reynolds

Approved to take the Exam:

Debra Denise Hicks

Bernestine Johnson

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

April Lee Augsburger

Marci Blackshear

Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Danielle Beth Beck
Jennifer Elizabeth Clay
Devon Harrigill
Kelsey M. Lewis
Great D. Sweesy
Jimmy Wilson

Natalie Ann Carroll
LaQuita Shana Cook
Melissa Hurst
Belinda Burnett Price
Erica Leigh Tyler

Michael James Casillas
Kaylee Danielle Fox
Laura Elizabeth King
Jennifer June Strayer
Kerri Lynn Williams

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Sarah Wilson James Bryson

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Denied Applications:

None

Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 109 applications for license renewal. Harold Dean made a motion to approve 99 of the renewals. Ten (10) of the renewals are pending clarification. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed seven (7) random continuing education audits. Laura Printz made a motion to approve all of the audits. Harold Dean seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

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

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