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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2013

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, December 9, 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.

Board Members Present: Kelley Williams Leigh Anne Bennett
Harold Dean Meenakshi Budhraj

Board Members Absent: Lauren Marquette Angela Sanders Laura Printz
Gary Gray Helen Jackson

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the September and October Board meeting were reviewed. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes. Meenakshi Budhraj seconded the motion which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-02:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-25:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-32:

Motion made by: *L. Printz* LSW
2nd by: *Helen M. Jackson*
Board Chairman: *Kelley Williams*

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Harold Dean gave his investigation report on Complaint 2013-32. Based on his review of the complaint and recommendation, Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Meenakshi Budhraj seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-02:

The Board reviewed this complaint in September and voted to offer a consent agreement in lieu of a formal hearing. Jennifer Dziubanek signed the consent order. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to accept the consent order. Harold Dean seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-04:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-05:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-06:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-07:

The Executive Director reported on the status of complaint 2014-07. A complaint was received against a former social worker for continuing to practice social work after the expiration of her provisional license. Verification was received from her employer that she is employed as a social worker. Harold Dean made a motion to issue a Cease and Desist to Kimberly Brown, also known as Kimberly Edwards or Kimberly Brown-Edwards. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Background Check Waiver #7094:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#7094) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f)), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Harold Dean made a motion to approve the request. Meenakshi Budhraj seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Letter From Alison Van Hecke:

Alison Van Hecke responded to a request made by the Board. The Board had issued a Cease and Desist to be signed based on information submitted which appeared she was practicing independently. Ms. Van Hecke clarified that she was not practicing under the contract but had only submitted for review by the Board. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion accept Ms.

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Van Hecke's letter as attestation she had not practiced under the contract. Harold Dean seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Extension Request from Barbara D. Weaver:

Barbara D. Weaver had written the Board requesting an extension of time to complete the required social work continuing education hours needed for renewal of her license. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to grant Ms. Weaver until January 9, 2014 to acquire the additional hours needed for renewal. Harold Dean seconded the motion, which carried.

Review ASWB Accommodations Request:

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

Review Request From Paula Mercer:

Paula Mercer had written the Board requesting an extension of time to complete the required social work continuing education (SWCE) hours needed for renewal of her license and for an exception to the allowed 20 hours of independent SWCE. Harold Dean made a motion to deny the request to accept more than the 20 independent hours allowed and to grant a 30-day extension from the expiration date of her license for Ms. Mercer to obtain the required face-to-face hours. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on New Complaints:

The Executive Director reported 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:

Meenakshi Budhraj, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from September, October and November of 2013. Harold Dean made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Harold Dean 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:

Jane Jeantte Adams	Yulonda Renee Johnson	Tara Jo Marcom
Kristi Yvonne Smallwood	Hazel Stevenson	

Approved to take the Exam:

Letty Reza Hug	Brandi Soils
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Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Nakeisha Novell Gardner

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Angela Lanette Cork	Jeanine L. Odena	Marie Ann Rodela
Meghan Faye Sireci	Trevor Stephen	Trenna Williams

Approved to take the Exam:

Terri Nikole Clark	Candie Maria DePriest	Shena S. Graham
Wansley Monique Harrison	Kanaka Keonne Henry	

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Arnzie Jena Adams Johnson Shoua Lou

Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Marci Blacksher	Lottie Brown	Laura April Combs
Kristin Lynae Crittenden	Brandy L. Cunningham	Celes A. Echere
Martha flores-Dupriest	Laura Leigh Gottsponer	Pamela G. Harness
Ann Helene Helmer	Kellie Lynn Letbetter	Diane Faye Pettus
Rebekah Tio Price	Judith M. Puckett	Kimberly Ann Rousey

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Brooke Ann Schulz
Lisa Norton Yocum

Kirsten Sowell

Jana Fern Villimez

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Michele P. Cooper
Kimberly Strauss

Holly J. Poindexter

Andrea L. Predl

Denied Applications:

None

Meenakshi Budhraj seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 194 applications for license renewal. Harold Dean made a motion to approve 186 of the renewals. Eight (8) of the renewals are pending clarification. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed seventeen (17) random continuing education audits. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve sixteen (16) of the audits. One audit is pending additional clarification. Meenakshi Budhraj seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed 41 random Supervision Plan audits. Harold Dean made a motion to approve all 41 of the audits. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Certificate of Registration Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed ten (10) Certificate of Registration Renewal Applications. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve all of the applications. Harold Dean seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

There being no other new business, Meenakshi Budhraj made a motion to adjourn. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

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