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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2013

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, January 14, 2013, 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
Angela Sanders Laura Printz

Board Members Absent: Tealisa Allen

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

HEARINGS:

CASE 2013-13, Barbara Wright-Langhammer:

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of Barbara Wright-Langhammer. 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.

Board Action: Angela Sanders made a motion that the Allegations of Fact, A1 – A6 were true. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion which carried. Gary Gray made a motion that the Applicable Law, L1 – L3 were true. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried. Laura Printz made a motion that Charge C1 is true. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried. Laura Printz made a motion to uphold the denial of license renewal. Kelley Williams seconded motion, which carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by: Betty Rhodes
2nd by: Mae Isom
Board Chairman: Nancy Streit

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Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012, board meeting. Gary Gray 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. 2013-02:

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. 2013-11:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Vote on Reimbursement of Board Expenses and ASWB Conferences:

In accordance with A.C.A. 25-16-901, the Board approved a motion to authorize the reimbursement of expenses for each board member for performing official board duties. The rate of reimbursement shall not exceed the rate established for state employees by state travel regulations. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the reimbursement for expenses and for the Board's Chairman and Executive Director to be representatives at the ASWB Annual Spring Education Meeting and the ASWB Annual Fall Meeting and reimburse fees. The Board also approves to pay expenses incurred that above the government rate for lodging at the Associational meetings. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Vote to Pay Stipend Payments to Eligible Board Members:

Act 281 of 2009 allows eligible Board members to receive stipend payments. Gary Gray made a motion to grant payment of stipends in the amount of \$85 to board members in accordance with the law and the budget. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Elected Officers:

Betty Rhodes made a motion to keep Nancy Streit, LCSW as the Chairman of the Board and to elect Kelley Williams as Vice Chairman and Laura Printz as secretary. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Members Sign Code of Ethics:

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Board Members signed the 2012 Code of Ethics for Board Members. Copies will be maintained in the Board's office.

Board Members Reminded to Complete Statement of Financial Interest:

Board Members were reminded they are required to complete the Statement of Financial Interest by January 31, 2014.

Review Request From Kay C'Ann Marler:

Kay C'Ann Marler submitted information, as requested by the Board in December, regarding her request for an extension of her license renewal. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the renewal. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request From Krystle Browning:

Krystle Browning had written the Board requesting an extension of her provisional license and approval to take the exam due to extenuating circumstances. Kelley Williams made a motion to deny the request. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request From Julie Wilson:

Julie Wilson had written the Board requesting the Board accept social work continuing education hours taken after her renewal date. Betty Rhodes made a motion to grant the request due to extenuating circumstances. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried. Laura Printz abstained from voting.

Review Request From Diane Parsons:

Diane Parsons had written the Board requesting an extension to complete the social work continuing education hours needed for renewal of her license. Angela Sanders made a motion to grant the request due to extenuating circumstances. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on New Complaints:

The Executive Director reported that five (5) new complaints have been received. These complaints are pending a response from the social workers.

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. Gary Gray made a motion to release the draft copy of the changes to the Arkansas Chapter of NASW. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review of Standing Financial Reports:

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Laura Printz, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from December 2012. Angela Sanders made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Kelley Williams made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Janet E. Durbin

Lynda Fahy Rayburn

Cynthia Darlene Walker

Approved to take the Exam:

None

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Eric Williams

Approved to take the Exam:

None

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Yolanda Johnson-Martin

Christine Lindsey

Kristen Villeneuve

Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

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Approved to take Examination:

Audrey Ann Adams
Dwight F. Merritt
Whitney Sarah Wray

Van B. Bivens
Jennifer D. Peaster

Jennifer Narrow Eidson
Ashley Lynn Brooke Petray

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

April Ellison

Denied Applications:

None

Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 184 applications for license renewal. Gary Gray made a motion to approve 175 of the renewals. Nine renewals are pending clarification. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed eight (8) random continuing education audits. Kelley Williams made a motion to approve all of the audits. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed Ten (10) random Supervision Plan audits. Kelley Williams made a motion to approve all Ten (10) of the audits. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Certificate of Registration Applications:

The Board reviewed seven (7) Certificate of Registration Renewal Applications. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve all renewal applications. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

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