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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2013

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, May 13, 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	Betty Rhodes	Gary Gray
	Leigh Anne Bennett	Angela Sanders	Tealisa Allen
	Mae Isom	Laura Printz	Harold Dean

Board Members Absent: None

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013, board meeting. Tealisa Allen 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. 2013-16:

Kelley Williams gave her investigation report on Complaint 2013-16. Based on her review of the complaint and recommendation, Angela Sanders made a motion to dismiss the complaint but to have Ms. Williams call the social worker to encourage her to contact the Child

Motion made by: Betty Rhodes
2nd by: Mae Isom PR
Board Chairman: Kelley Williams

Abuse Hotline if she had any questions about reporting an action. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried with seven (7) yeas and one (1) nay by Laura Printz.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-17:

Gary Gray gave his investigation report on Complaint 2013-17. Based on his review of the complaint and recommendation, Laura Printz made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-18:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-19:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-20:

Angela Sanders gave her investigation report on Complaint 2013-20. Based on her review of the complaint and recommendation, Tealisa Allen made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-21 and 2013-23:

A hearing is scheduled for June 19, 2013.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-25:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-26:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Board's Mission Statement:

As a reminder for Board members, the mission statement of the Board was reviewed. The mission of the Social Work Licensing Board is to protect the public by setting standards of qualifications, training, and experience for those who seek to represent themselves to the public as social workers and by promoting high standards of professional performance for those engaged in the practice of social work.

Welcome New Board Member:

Governor Mike Beebe appointed Harold Dean to fill the vacant LCSW position on the Board. The Board welcomes Mr. Dean to the Board.

Review Appeal Request from Richard Dahlquist:

Richard Dahlquist had written the Board requesting appeal of the Board's decision to deny his application for licensure. Laura Printz made a motion to hold a hearing. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried. A hearing date of August 12, 2013 has been set.

Review Request from Martha West:

Martha West had written the Board requesting she be allowed to count 21 hours obtained outside of her next renewal period. Ms. West had submitted documentation for renewal of her license, which was approved, and then obtained 21 hours that were before her next renewal period. Laura Printz made a motion to deny the request. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Executive Director's Performance Evaluation:

The Board went into Executive Session and completed the Performance Evaluation for the Board's Executive Director.

Board Request from Anne Keenan:

Anne Keenan had written the Board requesting an extension to complete her social work continuing education hours. Angela Sanders made a motion to deny the request. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Waiver Request # 6940:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#6940) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Laura Printz 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). Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Elizabeth Sheldon:

Elizabeth Sheldon and her employer had written the Board requesting an exception to the 90-day waiting period to retake the ASWB exam. Gary Gray made a motion to grant the request since it fell within the acceptable qualifications for waiver. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Kevin Curtis:

Kevin Curtis and his employer had written the Board requesting an exception to the 90-day waiting period to retake the ASWB exam. Betty Rhodes made a motion to grant the request

since it fell within the acceptable qualifications for waiver. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on the ASWB Spring Educational Meeting:

Attendees to the ASWB Spring Education Meeting gave a report on the recent Association of Social Work Board's Spring Educational Meeting which was held in Austin Texas.

Update on New Complaints:

The Executive Director reported no new complaints have 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 April 2013. Angela Sanders made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Gary Gray 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:

Jurdisha Cherell Betters
Tameka Nicole Dollison
Ny'Esha O. Gross
Lindsey Michelle Odglen
Lathrell Moneat Rumph
Darlene Schmidt
Dorian L. Sims

Approved to take the Exam:

Tiffani Danielle Ford

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Tangela Marie Betford
Shanta L. Clardy-Green
Leann Halsey
Kimberly Mullins

Approved to take the Exam:

Mickey Lynn Wilson
Tanesha Sherece Woods

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Jackie Dean Rollins
Virginia A. Stanick

Denied Applications:

William M. Leatherwood

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Amanda K. Diehl
Elizabeth Dwyer
Sheila Frances Gauss
David J. Glover
La Shun E. Smith
Andrea Latriece Stagger

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Monique A. Myers
Nancy A. Seeman

Denied Applications:

None

Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 67 applications for license renewal. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve all 67 of the renewals. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed seven (7) random continuing education audits. One (1) individual failed to complete the requirement. Laura Printz made a motion to initiate the disciplinary proceedings. The social worker will be notified they can consent to a voluntary surrender of their license or a hearing will be held. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve six (6) of the audits. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed 14 random Supervision Plan audits. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve 13 of the audits. One audit was tabled for more information. Mae Isom 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.