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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2014

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, April 14, 2014 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 Harold Dean Lauren Marquette
 Laura Printz Gary Gray Angela Sanders
 Leigh Anne Bennett Helen Jackson Meenakshi Budhraj

Board Members Absent: None

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the March 10, 2014 Board meeting were reviewed. Gary Gray made a motion to approve the minutes. Helen Jackson seconded the motion which carried.

Minutes from the March 18, 2014 Board meeting were reviewed. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion which carried.

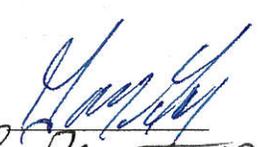
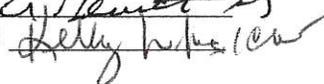
Update on Complaint No. 2013-02:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-04:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-06:

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The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-09:

A hearing date of May 5, 2014 has been set.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-10:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-12:

The Executive Director reported that the social worker did not sign the Consent to Surrender letter in lieu of a hearing. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to set a hearing date of July 14, 2014 at 9:00 AM. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Case No. 2014-13:

The Executive Director reported that the Board is waiting on a signed Consent Order.

Update on Case No. 2014-14:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Case No. 2014-15:

The Executive Director reported that the social worker did not sign the Agreement to Temporary Suspension letter in lieu of a hearing. Laura Printz made a motion to set a hearing date of June 9, 2014 at 9:00 AM. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Request from UAMS Psychiatric Research Institute:

Tracy Petty, Compliance/PI Coordinator with UAMS/PRI had requested to be able to supervise LMSW's via a secure video conferencing mechanism. The Board requested she appear to present more detail of the security and mechanism of the process. Ms. Petty appeared before the board. Gary Gray made a motion to deny the supervision of social workers via the internet. Current Rules do not allow for online supervision at this time. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried. The Board is currently considering Rule changes to accommodate for services via the internet.

Review ASWB Accommodations Request:

An applicant for licensure has made a request with the Association of Social Work Boards for special accommodations. Angela Sanders made a motion to grant the request since it fell within the acceptable qualifications. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.


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Review Request from Carol Tarvin:

Carol Tarvin had written the Board requesting additional time to submit her continuing education documents in reply to a random audit. Angela Sanders made a motion to grant Ms. Tarvin until May 31, 2014 to submit the required documentation due to her extenuating circumstances. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Joetta Whitaker:

Joetta Whitaker had written the Board requesting additional time to take the Master's Examination. Laura Printz made a motion to deny her request. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Carol Smelley:

Carol Smelley had written the Board requesting appeal of the Board's decision to deny her license renewal. Angela Sanders made a motion to grant renewal of Ms. Smelley's license. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Suzanne Clark:

Suzanne Clark had written the Board requesting additional time to submit her continuing education for renewal of her social work license. Lauren Marquette made a motion to grant Ms. Clark until May 31, 2014 to submit her required social work continuing education due to her extenuating circumstances. Harold Dean seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Brandon Bailey:

Brandon Bailey had written the Board requesting additional time to take the exam. Harold Dean made a motion to deny his request for additional time but grant a waiver of the 90-day waiting period since Mr. Bailey met the requirements for a waiver. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Stephanie Dunn:

Stephanie Dunn had written the Board requesting a refund of the Application Fee she submitted. Harold Dean made a motion to deny her request. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Lauren Tacker:

Lauren Tacker had written the Board requesting additional time to take the exam. Harold Dean made a motion to deny her request for additional time but grant a waiver of the 90-day waiting period since Ms. Tacker met the requirements for a waiver. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

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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:

Leigh Anne Bennett reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from March 2014. Angela Sanders made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Gary Gray 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:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Sharnece Bolden Paige Price Jeffrey Eric Tordiff

Approved to take the Exam:

Kimberly Deshun Brown Trisha Lynn Burroughs Sophia Rena Champion
Carolyn Thomas

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

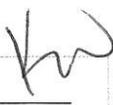
Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Carissa Nicole Bacon Aletra Reason-Heard

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Approved to take the Exam:

Melissa A. Garrett

LaDetra Camile Sims

Andreka Loreshall Walker

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Everett Heath Lamb

Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Lauren Mikhail Biggers

Jennifer Michelle Cotton

Peggy Sue Goodwin

Casie Michelle Hagans

Chelsie M. Hall

Arron L. Kearney

Andrew Jay Keough

James Bradford Kimbrell

Lekita Lee

Jordan D. Mathisen

Stephanie L. Matthews

Nicole Meggers

Shante Lajuane Norman

Devonda Reimonenq

Billy Don Shuburte

Sarah Stuart

Angela Dyan Taylor

Maria Ruth Walker

Brenda Veach Zedlitz

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Renee M. Gebhart

Denied Applications:

None

Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

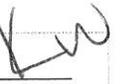
Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 75 applications for license renewal. Harold Dean made a motion to approve 61 of the renewals. Fourteen of the renewals are pending additional clarification. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed 17 random continuing education audits. Angela Sanders made a motion to approve 16 of the audits. One audit is pending. Harold Dean seconded the motion, which carried.

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Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed 19 random Supervision Plan audits. Harold Dean made a motion to approve all 19 of the audits. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

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

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