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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2014

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, May 5, 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
Gary Gray Leigh Anne Bennett Helen Jackson

Board Members Absent: Laura Printz Meenakshi Budhraj Angela Sanders

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 14, 2014 Board meeting were reviewed. Gary Gray made a motion to approve the minutes. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2013-02:

Gary Gray made a motion not to pursue disciplinary action on complaint 2013-02 at this time. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried. The individual named in complaint 2013-02 had previously been denied application for licensure and appealed the Board's decision. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried. Harold Dean made a motion to send a letter to the agency involved in the complaint asking for a copy of their supervision policy for social workers. Mr. Dean's motion also requested the Board send the agency a copy of the Board's Regulations on supervision of social workers. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-04:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Motion made by [Signature]
2nd by: [Signature]
Board Chairman: [Signature]
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Update on Complaint No. 2014-06:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-09:

The Executive Director reported that the counsel for the social worker requested and was granted a continuance. A new hearing date of August 11, 2014 has been set.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-10:

Harold Dean gave a report based on his review of the investigation made on complaint 2014-10. Based on the information gathered, he recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Lauren Marquette made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-12:

A hearing date of July 14, 2014 at 9:00 AM has been set.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-13:

A signed Consent Order was approved by the Board Chairman.

Update on Complaint No. 2014-14:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint 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. A hearing date of June 9, 2014 at 9:00 AM has been set.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition of Kelley Williams Service to the Board

Kelley Williams, LCSW and current Chairman of the Board, has served the Board since December of 2007. Ms. Williams's term with the Board ends on June 30, 2014 and she is not eligible for reappointment having served two full terms. Ms. Williams will not be able to attend the June Board meeting so the Board took time to recognize her service at the May meeting. Ms. Williams will serve until her replacement has been made.

Review Background check waiver 7167:

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The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#7167) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve the request. Harold Dean seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Sherry Gansz:

Sherry Gansz had written the Board regarding some private practice questions. The Board had additional questions and a letter was sent to Ms. Gansz.

Review ASWB Accommodations Request:

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

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 April 2014. Harold Dean made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Gary Gray made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Carolyn Denise Torrence

Approved to take the Exam:

Shannon Suzanne Bowman

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Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Raymon Guy Carson

Melissa Marie Freeman

Approved to take the Exam:

Lorna Lynette Battles

Sarah E. Black

Terry Bernard Edwards

Jennifer Lin Rizzo

Brian Cole Stiles

Ginger Rae Thornton

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Brooke J. Boone

Morganne Rachelle Brown

Wendy Mae Clanton

Shakira Michelle Eakins

Ann Kathryn Gevock

Ashley Dawn Harris

Migigor Love

Marion Marchell Seawood

Elizabeth Anne Slatton

Susie L. Suttle

Jamelia Ann Wallace

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Debra Lynne Deas

Stephanie Joy Manley

Shirley E. Reese

Denied Applications:

None

Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

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Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 59 applications for license renewal. Harold Dean made a motion to approve 57 of the renewals. Two (2) of the renewals are pending additional clarification. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed seven (7) random continuing education audits. Gary Gray made a motion to approve five (5) of the audits. Two audits are pending. Harold Dean seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed 6 random Supervision Plan audits. Harold Dean made a motion to approve all 19 of the audits. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

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

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