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BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 11, 2015

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, May 11, 2015 at the office of the Attorney General, 323 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Harold Dean, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order.

HEARING:

CASE 2015-18: Robert E. Pruitt, Jr.

A hearing was held in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of Robert E. Pruitt, Jr.

Board Members Present:	Harold Dean	Helen Jackson	Lauren Marquette
	Laura Printz	Angela Sanders	Gary Gray
	Leigh Anne Bennett	Tommie Davis	Meenakshi Budhreja

Board Members Absent: None

Board's Attorney: Edward Armstrong, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

Witnesses: Ruthie Bain Robert E. Pruitt, Jr.

Board Action: Tommie Davis made a motion to approve Mr. Pruitt's application to take the ASWB Master's Exam for licensure with stipulations. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried. Laura Printz, Harold Dean, Lauren Marquette and Leigh Anne Bennett opposed.

Gary Gray made a motion for the following stipulations:

1. Following passing the ASWB Master's Exam and the Board receiving the official score report and issuing the LMSW, Applicant will be on probation for four years from the issue date.
2. Within 30-days of passing the ASWB Master's Exam, Applicant is to submit to the Board the name of a LCSW Supervisor and a Supervision Plan.
3. Applicant must obtain one hour of weekly face-to-face supervision by an LCSW with allowance for two-weeks' vacation per year. A monthly report of the LCSW Supervision must be sent to the Board by the 5th day of the following month.
4. Applicant must obtain 12 additional hours of social work continuing education within 6 months of gaining licensure. These 12 hours are in addition to the 48 hours required for license renewal. The continuing education hours must be face-to-face and cover the following contents:
 - a. Boundaries
 - b. Dual Relationships

Motion made by: Helen Jackson
2nd by: Harold Dean
Board Chairman: Harold M. Dean, LCSW

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- c. Professional Sense of Self
 - d. Power and Control Issues
 - e. Confidentiality
5. Applicant shall engage in 6 months of therapy with a mental health therapist with a minimum of 20 visits over the six month period. Applicant must notify the Board of the name of the therapist and first appointment date within 30-days of his license being issued. A quarterly report of the sessions must be submitted to the Board by the 5th of the month following each quarter. The report will address the attendance and content of each visit. This mental health therapist must be separate from the LCSW supervisor.
6. Applicant will not be eligible for the LCSW license until all the conditions of this order have been met.
7. A review hearing will be held December 14, 2015 to verify compliance. Applicant is hereby ordered to attend.
- Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

BOARD MEETING:

Board Members Present:	Harold Dean	Helen Jackson	Laura Printz
	Gary Gray	Leigh Anne Bennett	Meenakshi Budhraj
	Lauren Marquette	Tommie Davis	Angela Sanders

Board Members Absent: None

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 13, 2015 Board meeting were reviewed. Gary Gray made a motion to approve the minutes. Helen Jackson seconded the motion which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-03:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-04:

A Consent Order was signed by Benjamin Robert Moore, LMSW. Laura Printz made a motion to accept the signed Consent Order and revoke Mr. Moore's license effective May 11, 2015. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-05:

After review by a Board member and based on information gathered, Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to hold a hearing on Complaint 2015-05. A hearing date of June 8, 2015 was scheduled. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-14:

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Angela Sanders made a motion to hold a hearing on this complaint on Monday, July 13, 2015. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

Editor's Note: Meenakshi Budhreja left the meeting at this time.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-15:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Editor's Note: Helen Jackson left the meeting at this time.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-17:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Editor's Note: Tommie Davis left the meeting at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Request from JoBeth Casados.

JoBeth Casados submitted a Supervision Plan that was over 60-days old and requested that the plan be accepted. Gary Gray made a motion to accept the request. Angela Sanders seconded the motion. There were four (4) votes no and two (2) votes yes. The motion failed. Laura Printz made a motion to deny the request. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Loretta Jackson:

The Board received a request from the Association of Social Work Board's (ASWB) for approval for Loretta Jackson to take the ASWB exam by pencil and paper. Ms. Jackson made this specific request of ASWB. Gary Gray made a motion to grant the request. Ms. Jackson will be responsible for any additional cost involved with pencil and paper testing. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Editor's Note: At this point the Board decided to move forward in the agenda items and cover changes to the Regulations, standing financial reports, new applications, renewal applications, continuing education audits and supervision plans. For consistency with other meeting minutes, these items are listed below. After these items had been reviewed and voted on, Laura Printz left the meeting.

Review Continuing Education Audit from Kitty Hudson:

Kitty Hudson had written the Board requesting a hearing before the Board regarding her continuing education audit. A hearing date of Monday, July 13, 2015 has been set.

Review Request from Renown Health:

A request was received from Renown Health regarding social workers providing notary services. A Board reply was made. The specific mention of being a notary public is not covered the current Arkansas Social Work Laws or Regulations.

Review Question on Dual Relationships:

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An email~~X~~ was received asking the board's opinion on a possible dual relationship. The situation presented appeared to be an agency matter as it is not under the Board's purview to answer insurance billing concerns.

Review Waiver Request:

A request for waiver was presented to the Board along with proper documentation. The documentation confirmed the waiver was not needed. No action was taken.

Review Request from Meredith Lane:

Meredith Lane had written the Board requesting an extension of her Provisional license. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to deny her request. Angela Sanders seconded the motion which carried.

Review Request from Terri Gardner:

Terri Gardner had written the Board requesting a waiver of the 90-day waiting period to take the exam. Angela Sanders made a motion to accept the request since Ms. Gardner met the ASWB qualifications for waiver. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Mysti Burton:

Mysti Burton had written the Board requesting that social work continuing education hours submitted that were not within her renewal period be accepted. Ms. Burton had previously submitted a renewal and it came to the Board's attention that some of the hours listed did not meet the date requirement. Ms. Burton had to submit additional hours and was requesting the former hours be accepted. Lauren Marquette made a motion to deny the former hours that were not within the required renewal period. The Board will accept the replacement hours but Ms. Burton may not count those hours toward her next renewal period. Gary Gray 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:

House Bill 1293 was signed by the Governor and is now Act 1170 of 2015. The Board will be working on new regulations to match the Law.

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 2015. Laura Printz made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Angela Sanders made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Lorinda L. Coger Stacy T. Lewis

Approved to take the Exam:

Brittney Amanda Jones Brandi Nekeshia Soils Nakeisha R. Willingham

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Brock Kade Brown Stephanie Massey Brian William O'Gary
Denise Rachelle Rial

Approved to take the Exam:

Lauren Karle Davis Deneen R. Delaney Audrey Denise Veasey
Lindsey Elizabeth Watson

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Sue Edythe Garland

Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Diedra Louise Bradley Dani Rene Essex Chelsie M. Hall
Robert Irby, Jr. Yolanda Chavea Johnson-Martin Dede R. Lowe
Veronica Paulson McClane Penny Shawn Parham Devonda Reimonenq
Lauren Elizabeth Stauch Steven Wade Vaughan Janice J. Wheeler

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

Tabled Applications:

One application for reciprocity was received from Gloria Mucino but the Board was not able to verify the status of the supervisor. Gary Gray made a motion to table the application pending verification. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Lauren Marquette seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 67 applications for license renewal. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve 59 of the renewals. Eight (8) of the applications are pending clarification or a breakdown of the hours. Angela Sanders 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 all seven (7) of the audits. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed 20 Supervision Plan audits. Gary Gray made a motion to approve all 20 of the audits. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

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