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BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 13, 2015

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, April 13, 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.

- Board Members Present:** Harold Dean Helen Jackson Laura Printz
Gary Gray Leigh Anne Bennett Meenakshi Budhreja
- Board Members Absent:** Tommie Davis Angela Sanders Lauren Marquette
- Board's Attorney:** Edward Armstrong, Assistant Attorney General
- Board's Staff:** Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

Editor's Note: Angela Sanders was present for review of paperwork but had to leave before the meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the March 9, 2015 Board meeting were reviewed. Leigh Anne Bennett 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:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing. The Board is awaiting a signed Consent Order.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-14:

After review by a Board member and based on information gathered, Gary Gray made a motion to hold a hearing on Complaint 2015-14. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried. A hearing date will be determined at a later date.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-15:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Review Request from Lucinda Harris:

Lucinda Harris had written the Board to request an appeal of the Board's decision on February 9, 2015 to deny license renewal. After individual review of paperwork submitted, Gary Gray made a motion to grant Ms. Harris until April 30, 2015 to provide nine (9) additional social work continuing education hours for the ones previously denied. Mr. Gray's motion required Ms. Harris to submit certificates of attendance for all courses which were approved as well as the nine (9) replacement hours. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Meredith Lane:

Meredith Lane had written the Board requesting a waiver of the 90-day waiting period to take the exam. Gary Gray made a motion to grant a waiver of the 90-day waiting period since Ms. Lane met the requirements for a waiver. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried. Laura Printz opposed.

Review Request from Nikki Thornton:

Nikki Thornton had written the Board requesting a waiver of the 90-day waiting period to take the exam. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to grant a waiver of the 90-day waiting period since Ms. Thornton met the requirements for a waiver. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried. Laura Printz opposed.

Review Request from Shanta Clardy-Green:

Shanta Clardy-Green had written the Board requesting a waiver of the 90-day waiting period to take the exam. Laura Printz made a motion to deny the request. Ms. Clardy-Green was not eligible to test again under the current approval period. Meenakshi Budhraj seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Amy Kusters:

Nikki Thornton had written the Board requesting a waiver of the 90-day waiting period to take the exam. Gary Gray made a motion to grant a waiver of the 90-day waiting period since Ms. Kusters met the requirements for a waiver. Meenakshi Budhraj seconded the motion, which carried. Laura Printz opposed.

Review Jamie Deere Order:

The Social Work Licensing Board reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Jamie Deere as a result of a hearing held on February 9, 2015. Ms. Deere has been out of compliance with reporting. Laura Printz made a motion to hold a hearing to bring Ms. Deere back before the Board. Gary Gray seconded the motion which carried.

Review Request from Melissa Garrett:

Melissa Garrett had written the Board requesting an extension to her approval period to take the exam. Laura Printz made a motion to deny the request. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Review ASWB Accommodations Request:

An applicant for licensure has made a request with the Association of Social Work Boards for special accommodations. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to grant the request since it fell within the acceptable qualifications. Meenakshi Budhrajia seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on New Complaints:

The Executive Director reported on a Cease and Desist order issued to Dana Graves for representation as a volunteer social worker without holding a license. The Cease and Desist Order was signed and returned to the board.

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

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 March 2015. Gary Gray made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Aries Nicole Clayton	Rosla D. Howard	Jasmine Tatyana Mackey
Regina L. McQueary		

Approved to take the Exam:

Tracy D. Mays	Lathrell Moneat Rumph
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Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

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Mark E. Brown
Amber Purcell

Mattie Williams Burnett
Mary Corinne Schulz

Chelcia Greer

Approved to take the Exam:

Bernestine Johnson
Hyginus I. Ukadike

Sarah Kay Kilgore

Whitney Know

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Abigail Anderson
Chelsea Sky Williams

LaKeisha Johnson

Rhonda Rene Romine

Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Connie Lynn Bromley
Elizabeth Ann Deere
Jamie Lynn Jensen
Donald Gregory Martin
Margaret Lindley Robbins

Cherie Lavette Buckley
Sarah Michelle Hudson
Andre' Perez Jones
Terri Elaine Nelson
Jentry Edward Tillman

Noel M. Calvo
Wansley Monique Harrison
Elizabeth Anne Light
Dianne Pettus

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Lori Nelson Bacon
Ing Erik Swenson

Janiece Ren'ee-LeMaster Foust Terry James Richardson

Denied Applications:

None

Tabled Applications:

None

Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 86 applications for license renewal. Gary Gray made a motion to approve 82 of the renewals. Four (4) of the applications are pending clarification or a breakdown of the hours. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

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The Board reviewed twenty-five random continuing education audits. Gary Gray made a motion to approve twenty-three of the audits. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Laura Printz made a motion to require Linda Archer to submit the Certificate of attendances for the two courses which she failed to submit for the NetCE courses. Paperwork was submitted but not certification or completion or attendance. The Certificate date will be after the renewal period. The motion also states that Ms. Archer may not use these hours for her next renewal period. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Gary Gray made a motion to send Kitty Hudson a Consent for a Letter of Reprimand for not being in compliance with the audit. Certificates for all courses attended were not submitted as requested. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Editor's Note: Leigh Anne Bennett left the meeting at this time.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed 22 random Supervision Plan audits. Helen Jackson made a motion to approve 20 of the audits. Two Supervision Plans are pending clarification or more details on the goal section of the plan. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

Ruth Fissel had emailed the Board regarding the number of overall direct supervision hours required to complete LCSW Supervision. The Board's response was 100 since we require 24 full months of supervision with an average of one (1) hour per week of supervision. This allows for a two week vacation period each year.

There being no other new business, Laura Printz made a motion to adjourn. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.