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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2015

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, October 12, 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 Gary Gray Lauren Marquette
Meenakshi Budhraj Leigh Anne Bennett Angela Sanders
Helen Jackson

Board Members Absent: Tommie Davis OPEN LSW Position

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the September 14, 2015 Board meeting were reviewed. Angela Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes. Helen Jackson seconded the motion which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-22:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-23:

At the September Board meeting it was recommended a letter will be mailed to the complainant regarding release of information. The letter was mailed and no response has been received. Gary Gray made a motion to close the complaint with the understanding that it can be reopened if additional information is received. Meenakshi Budhraj Seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-24:

Harold Dean reported his investigation and recommendation to the Board. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to send a Consent Order proposal to the licensee. If the licensee does not agree to the terms of the Consent Order the Board will go forward with a hearing. Meenakshi Budhraj Seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-01:

Gary Gray reported his investigation and recommendation to the Board. Helen Jackson made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-02:

Meenakshi Budhraj reported her investigation and recommendation to the Board. Lauren Marquette made a motion to send a Consent Order proposal to the licensee. If the licensee does not agree to the terms of the Consent Order the Board will go forward with a hearing. Gary Gray Seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-03:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Request from ASWB for Accommodations:

A request for accommodations was received from the Association of Social Work Boards. After review of the documentation submitted, Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to deny the request. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Consent Order for Jamie Deere:

The Board reviewed the Consent Order signed by Jamie Deere voluntarily surrendering her social work license. Angela Sanders made a motion to accept the Consent Order. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Elizabeth Polinsky:

Elizabeth Polinsky had written the Board requesting to count her supervision hours over 60-days from the submission of her Supervision Plan. Gary Gray made a motion to deny hours prior to July 19, 2015. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from ASWB for Accommodations:

A request for accommodations was received from the Association of Social Work Boards. After review of the documentation submitted, Meenakshi Budhraj made a motion to grant the request for the break to check blood sugar and if necessary, eat a snack, but deny any request for additional time. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Niki Martin:

Niki Martin had written the Board requesting an extension to complete her required continuing education hours. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to deny the request. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from K. Jan Sims and Melissa Butler:

K. Jan Sims and Melissa Butler has^{ve} written the Board requesting acceptance of a LCSW Supervision Evaluation Form. There was not a Supervision Plan on file between Ms. Butler and Ms. Sims.

Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to deny the request. Lauren Marquette opposed. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Elizabeth Hickey's Consent Order:

The Board reviewed the Consent Order issued to Elizabeth Hickey and the documentation submitted that indicated she has been compliant. Gary Gray made a motion to release Ms. Hickey from probation effective 9/30/2015. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on New Complaints:

The Executive Director reported one new complaint has been received. A Board member has been assigned to investigate.

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 September 2015. Angela Sanders made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Gary Gray 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:

Lindsey Cook

Tracie Arlene Martin

Janet Elaine Hornberger

Brittany Faith Mills

Rhonda Jane Martin

Phyllis Racy

Approved to take the Exam:

Tonya Lyn Childress

Denise Perry

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied:

Barbara Jean Winfrey

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Board Chair Initials

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Elizabeth E. Chugg
Tameka Lashay Smith-Granberry

ShaQuata L. Davis

Porshure Green Richardson

Approved to take the Exam:

Rosemary Tolbert

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Laura Duncan Haisten

Tungua Lynn Mayfield

Lindsay Carol Miller

Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

JoBeth Casados
Mary Sharon Derrick
Reginald Allen Pace
Cole Ray Smith

Devon Brandon Davasher
Tanita Marie Jones
Arielle Dalton Pettus
Lisa Michelle Teer

Brittney Makala Davis
Angela Danielle Moses
Alyssa Paige Pickett
Wakesha L. Watkins

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Rebecca Lynn Bennett

Susan Elizabeth Elswick

Denied Applications:

None

Lauren Marquette seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 101 applications for license renewal. Angela Sanders made a motion to approve 93 of the renewals. Eight (8) of the applications are pending clarification or a breakdown of the hours. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed fifteen (15) random continuing education audits. Lauren Marquette made a motion to approve all fifteen (15) of the audits. Meenakshi Budhreja seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed 37 Supervision Plan audits. Gary Gray made a motion to approve all 37 of the supervision plan audits. Meenakshi Budhreja seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Chair Initials HD

Continued Board Reviewed of Possible Changes to the Regulations:

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There being no other new business, Gary Gray made a motion to adjourn. Tommie Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.