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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2016

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, August 8, 2016, 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 Lauren Marquette Meenakshi Budhraja
Gary Gray Helen Jackson Tommie Davis
Leigh Anne Bennett Debra Gage Hurd

Board Members Absent: Angela Sanders

Board's Attorney: Olan W. Reeves, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the July 11, 2016 Board meeting were reviewed. Gary Gray made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Helen Jackson seconded the motion which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-12:

A Consent Agreement was issued to the social worker. The Board is awaiting the return or appeal.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-13:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-14:

A Consent Agreement was issued to the social worker. The Board is awaiting the return or appeal.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-17:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-18:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Motion made by: Helen Jackson
2nd by: _____
Board Chairman: Harold M. Dean, (CSW)

Update on Case No. 2016-19:

A Consent to Surrender was entered into by Cheryl Felder Stuart. Meenakshi Budhraj made a motion to accept the surrender of Ms. Stuart's license. Tommie Davis seconded the motion which carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Waiver Request:

The Board reviewed one (1) waiver request. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to deny the waiver request. Gary Gray seconded the motion which carried,

Review Request from Brooks Higginbotham:

Brooks Higginbotham had written the Board requesting the Board accept his Supervision Plan which was received after the 60-day period allowed. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to deny the waiver request. Tommie Davis seconded the motion which carried.

Review Request from Reed Balentine:

Reed Balentine had written the Board requesting the Board accept his Supervision Plan which was received after the 60-day period allowed. Tommie Davis made a motion to deny the waiver request. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion which carried.

Review Request from Roni Bowman:

Roni Bowman had written the Board requesting clarification on who was allowed to administer certain test. . Gary Gray made a motion to notify Ms. Bowman that the Board does not set the qualifications for who may administer certain exams. Helen Jackson seconded the motion which carried.

Review Lauren Jones Carroll File:

The Board received a signed Consent to Surrender from Lauren Jones Carroll. Gary Gray made a motion to accept the agreement. Tommie Davis seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Appeal Request from Jenifer Hoggan:

Jenifer Hoggan appealed the Board's decision to deny her LMSW application for licensure. The Board set a hearing date of September 12, 2016.

Review Request from Susan Batchelor:

Susan Bachelor had written the Board requesting an extension to complete her social work continuing education. Tommie Davis made a motion to grant the request based on the information submitted. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Sky Collins:

Sky Collins had written the Board requesting an extension of her Provisional license. Lauren Marquette made a motion to deny the request. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried

Editor's Note: Meenakshi Budhraj left at this time.

Review Nicole Petersen Social Work Continuing Education Audit:

Nicole Petersen was selected for audit of her social work continuing education submitted for renewal of her license. Ms. Petersen failed to comply with the deadline and submission of all of the required documentation. Tommie Davis made a motion to hold a hearing in the matter. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried. A hearing date of October 12, 2016 has been set.

Review Request from Rania Abdin:

Rania Abdin had written the Board requesting an extension to complete her social work continuing education or the ability to complete all of the education online. Lauren Marquette made a motion to deny the extension but grant approval for the continuing education to be obtained online. Tommie Davis seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on New Complaints:

The Executive Director reported two 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. 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 July 2016. Debra Hurd made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Tommie Davis made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Kallie Brice

Latashia Mitchell

Janna Harton

Jennifer Michelle Rowland

Sarah Elizabeth Lyons

Approved to take the Exam:

Nikiesha Robinson-Scott

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Jessica Johnson

Denied Applications:

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LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Margaret Ann Banks
Christopher Dover
Laranda Jason

Elizabeth Ann Villauna Carrel
Chandra Ellis
Shadeau Lea Pellman

Christy Leigh Clement
Shaneka Holmes

Approved to take the Exam:

Ebone La'Quesa Elliott

Melissa A. Garrett

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Brad Catoe

Lindsey Rae Jones

Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Sherion Yvette Allen
Angelia Michelle Frazier-Henson
Sammie Turner James
Leigh Criswell Madison
Angela M. Pereira
Allison Nicole Simmons

Jessica Bennett
Latrese Shanell Green
Iva Lewis
Jon Medders
Devonda Reimonenq

Tiffany Michelle Cole
Jacob Carl Grummer
Ashley DeShae Madden
Ashely Ann Parker
Whitney P. Rosenbaum

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Kate Rhames

Denied Applications:

None

Tabled Applications:

Roger Swift

Lauren Marquett seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 167 applications for license renewal. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve 143 of the renewals. Twenty-Three of the applications are pending clarification or a breakdown of the hours. One renewal application was denied. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

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Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed six (6) random continuing education audits. Tommie Davis made a motion to approve all of the audits. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed 39 Supervision Plan audits. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve all of the supervision plan audits. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

Review Request regarding volunteering:

A master's level social worker had written the board regarding volunteering her services. Based on the information that she provided it appeared to the Board that she would indeed be practicing social work and if she was volunteering it would be considered independent practice. Only the LCSW level may practice independently.

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