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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2016

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, July 11, 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
Angela Sanders Gary Gray Helen Jackson
Tommie Davis Leigh Anne Bennett

Board Members Absent: Debra Gage Hurd

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

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 13, 2016 Board meeting were reviewed. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-12:

Harold Dean, LCSW, gave a report based on his investigation and information gathered since the last meeting. Angela Sanders made a motion send the social worker a Consent Agreement. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-13:

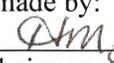
The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-14:

Meenakshi Budhraja, gave a report based on her investigation and information gathered. Gary Gray made a motion to send a Consent Agreement. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-15:

The Executive Director gave a report based on her investigation and information gathered. Angela Sanders made a motion to dismiss the complaint since there is no evidence that the individual is practicing social work or representing themselves as a social worker. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Motion made by: 
2nd by: 
Board Chairman:  Harold Dean, LCSW

Update on Complaint No. 2016-16:

Gary Gray, gave a report based on his investigation and information gathered. Angela Sanders made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

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.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-19:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-20:

The Executive Director reported that a hearing date of August 8, 2016 has been set.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-21:

The Executive Director reported that a hearing date of August 8, 2016 has been set.

*Editor's Note: Tommie Davis arrived at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Waiver Request:

The Board reviewed two (2) waiver request and each one was considered individually. One was approved by the Board. A second waiver request was denied.

Review Request from Kristen Sowell:

Kristen Sowell had written the Board requesting the possibility of earning or awarding continuing education credits to social workers for a resource fair event. The Board reviewed and the reply was as follows: Although the resource fair will no doubt provide valuable information to social workers who are practicing in the field, the Board does not feel such an event would qualify as continuing education. A continuing education opportunity must have defined educational objectives with a specific syllabus of prepared content to be presented.

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

Review Lauren Jones Carroll File:

The Board reviewed Lauren Jones Carroll's noncompliance with the Board's order issued on May 9, 2016. Tommie Davis made a motion to set a hearing date. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried. A hearing date of August 8, 2016 was set.

Review Request from ASWB for Accommodations:

One (1) request for accommodations was received from the Association of Social Work Boards. After review of the documentation submitted, Gary Gray made a motion to grant the request. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Fiscal Year 16 Annual Report:

The Executive Director presented the FY16 Annual Report to the Board. Tommie Davis made a motion to approve the report as presented. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Fiscal Year 16 Financial Report:

The Executive Director presented the FY16 Financial Report to the Board. Gary Gray made a motion to approve the report as presented. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Arkansas Crime Information Center 2016 Audit:

Harold Dean, LCSW, Chairman of the Board, presented the final report of the 2016 Arkansas Crime Information Center audit. The Social Work Licensing Board met all requirements of the audit.

Update on ASWB Mobility Task Force:

Harold Dean, LCSW, Chairman of the Board, gave a report on his involvement with the Association of Social Work Boards Mobility Task Force.

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. 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 June 2016. Angela Sanders made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Tommie Davis seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Lauren Marquette made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Taylor Morgan Christian

Kaci Cole

Brittni Rhae Gober

Board Chair Initials AMD

Lindsey Lynn Morphis
Trisha Nichole Wigton

Jennifer Marie Stickles

Destiny Warner

Approved to take the Exam:

Chelsea Nicole Sossamon

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

Julia Kristean Bush

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Frances Carreon
Jamey Lamb
Valeria Nicole Moss
Jessica Carol Suito
Catiya Chicmere Welch

KenJarvis Allen Cross
Constance Denise Mickens
Misha Nicole Reed
Rachel Alexandria Tiffie
Emily Kaitlyn Wright

Breesha D. Donahue
Marquetta Toni Moore
Jessica Seebeck
Emily Clare Trower

Approved to take the Exam:

Angela M. Artis
Janica Humphrey Patrick
Casonia D. Vinson

Kathey Ann Brown
Amber Purcell
Dana S. Yarbough-Fluker

Meredith Lane
Hyginus Ukadike

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Meredith Sourk

Denied Applications:

Jenifer Antionette Hoggan

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Tara E. Bond
Terry M. Cooper
William M. Leatherwood
Tiffany N. McPherson
Amy Dawn Wickliffe

Natasha Vault Booth
Brenda S. Davis
Lia Anne Lent
Sean Michael Oakley
Alicia M. Wingfield

Angela Rena Campagna
Richard Brent Gossett
Magigor Love
Brenden William Stephens

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Denied Applications:

None

Tabled Applications:

None

Gary Gray seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 148 applications for license renewal. Angela Sanders made a motion to approve 140 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 six (6) random continuing education audits. Gary Gray made a motion to approve five (5) of the audits. Tommie Davis seconded the motion, which carried. One audit was tabled for clarification.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed 24 Supervision Plan audits. Lauren Marquette made a motion to approve 22 of the supervision plan audits. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried. Two plans are pending clarification.

Action Taken on Certificate of Registration Applications:

The Board reviewed 2 Certificate of Registration Applications. Lauren Marquette made a motion to approve both of the applications. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

Review Request from Kara Gilmore:

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

Review Request from Mary Schulz:

Mary Schulz had written the Board requesting clarification on volunteering. The Board Chairman and Executive Director will be working on a response for Ms. Schulz.

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