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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2016

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Subject to
Approval on 06/13/2016

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, April 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 Debra Gage Hurd Lauren Marquette
Meenakshi Budhraja Angela Sanders Gary Gray
Helen Jackson Tommie Davis

Board Members Absent: Leigh Anne Bennett

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 11, 2016 Board meeting were reviewed. Angela Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Helen Jackson seconded the motion which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-24:

A Consent Order has been signed. Tommie Davis made a motion to accept the Singed Consent Order. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-03:

A Consent Order has been signed. Tommie Davis made a motion to accept the Singed Consent Order. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-06:

A Consent Order has been signed. Tommie Davis made a motion to accept the Singed Consent Order. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-11:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-12:

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The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-13:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on Robert E. Pruitt, Jr.:

Robert E. Pruitt Jr. came before the Board March 14, 2016. The Board granted additional time for Mr. Pruitt to obtain his Social Work Continuing Education hours. On March 18th Mr. Pruitt emailed the Board that he wished to surrender his license. His license card and wall certificate were left under the door at the Board's office. As was discussed with Mr. Pruitt on March 14, 2016, if he decided to surrender, a consent order would need to be signed and approved by the Board. A consent Order is being drafted and will be mailed to Mr. Pruitt.

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, Angela Sanders made a motion to grant the request. Meenakshi Budhraj seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Chelcia Greer:

Chelcia Greer had written the Board requesting an extension to her provisional license. Gary Gray made a motion to deny the request. Tommie Davis seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Waiver Request 12255:

Waiver request number 12255 was reviewed. Gary Gray made a motion to grant the waiver request. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Waiver Request 12276:

Waiver request number 12276 was reviewed. Gary Gray made a motion to grant the waiver request. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Kriste Bryant:

Kriste Bryant had written the Board requesting an exception to the 90-day waiting period for the exam. Ms. Bryant met the qualifications established by the Association of Social Work Boards. Angela Sanders made a motion to grant the request. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Teresa Courter:

Teresa Courter had written the Board requesting an extension to complete her social work continuing education. After the Board reviewed additional documentation Tommie Davis made a motion to grant the request and approve her license renewal. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

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Review Request from Brien Hall:

Brien Hall had written the Board requesting an extension to complete his social work continuing education. After the Board reviewed documentation Angela Sanders made a motion to grant Mr. Hall a one (1) month extension to complete his license renewal. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on New Complaints:

The Executive Director reported two new complaints have been received and have been assigned to an investigator.

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 March 2016. Angela Sanders 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:

Molly Anne Bradford Tara Nakeisha Cole Kenneth Sharpe

Approved to take the Exam:

Sharnece Bolden Frankie S. Hansberry Alicia Ann Hunter

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

April Felecia Armstrong Louise Renee Freshley Kristen Hooper

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Tiara L. Miller

Approved to take the Exam:

Niki A. Martin

Chesney Noel Ward

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Christin Nicole Bridges

Emily Jo Cobb

Sarah Elizabeth Fray

Jennifer H. Harper

Judith Ann Harvey

Jessica F. Howdeshell

Kimberly Danielle Kenser

Dianh Marie Latham

Brandi M. McCoy

Julienne Boisseau Neigh

Jane Nan Pitcher

Monique Randle

Tiffany T. Ward

Lesa Warren

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Christopher John Meek

Denied Applications:

None

Debra Hurd seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 72 applications for license renewal. Gary Gray made a motion to approve 70 of the renewals. Two (2) 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 fourteen random continuing education audits. Debra Hurd made a motion to approve thirteen of the audits. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried. One audit was tabled. Angela Sanders made a motion to send a letter to the social worker allowing her until April 30, 2016 to submit the audit material. If the information is not received the Board will move forward with disciplinary action. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

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The Board reviewed 15 Supervision Plan audits. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve 14 of the supervision plan audits. One supervision plan is pending information. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Meredith Lane:

Meredith Lane had written the Board requesting an exception to the 90-day waiting period to take the exam. Angela Sanders made a motion to deny her request. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

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