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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2016

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, March 14, 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, Debra Gage Hurd, Leigh Anne Bennett, Meenakshi Budhraja, Angela Sanders

Board Members Absent: Gary Gray, Helen Jackson, Tommie Davis

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the February 8, 2016 Board meeting were reviewed. Lauren Marquette made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Angela Sanders seconded the motion which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2015-24:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-02:

A Hearing date of April 11, 2016 has been set for this complaint.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-03:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is pending a consent offer.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-06:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is pending a consent offer.

Update on Case No. 2016-08:

The Executive Director reported that a Consent Agreement has been signed. Joseph Graham entered into a Consent Order Letter of Reprimand for failure to comply with an audit of his social work continuing education.

Motion made by: Sanders
2nd by: Helen Jackson
Board Chairman: Harold Dean

Update on Complaint No. 2016-09:

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

Update on Complaint No. 2016-10:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-11:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Review Robert E. Pruitt, Jr.'s Supervision Plan:

Robert E. Pruitt Jr. came before the Board to review his Order and discuss the Board's expectations. The Board requested his appearance so they could be available to answer any question Mr. Pruitt may have regarding the terms of the Order. After meeting with Mr. Pruitt the Board spoke with Mr. Pruitt regarding the intentions of the Order. The Board granted additional time for Mr. Pruitt to obtain his Social Work Continuing Education hours and will send him a revision letter once drafted.

Review Request from Teresa Courter:

Teresa Courter had written the Board requesting an exception to her social work continuing education. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to request additional details from Ms. Courter prior to reviewing the request. Lauren Marquette 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, Angela Sanders made a motion to grant the request. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Megan Schroeder:

Megan Schroeder had written the Board requesting an extension to complete her social work continuing education. Lauren Marquette made a motion to request additional details from Ms. Schroeder prior to reviewing the request. Meenakshi Budhraja 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 February 2016. Angela Sanders made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Lauren Marquette 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:

Michael E Eubanks
Danielle Lawrence
Mai Lee Moua Lor
Mindy Rachelle Tuck-Duty

Approved to take the Exam:

Abigail Christine Alphin
Cheryl A. Goodlow
Jacqueline Louise Gorton
Kimberly Lafaye Wilson

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Tamela Denise Cane
Christina L. Knight
Kelli Lee McTigrit
Kelli Ann Shankle
Deborah Lynne Sinks

Approved to take the Exam:

Terry Bernard Edwards
Nickey Lanette Ervin
Tarence Mann
Tamara L. Moore

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Julia Ann Gallegos
Nicole Ann Nelson

Denied Applications:

None

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LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Tiffany Katrina Blake	Priscilla V. Buffington	Censi D. Childs
Tera Shea Dacus	Donna Lynn Dundas	Lasonya Caprice Ford
Paula Fowler	Diane V. Hinton	Jesse Doyle Hubberd
Nancy E. Largent	Melody Yvonne McCaig	Celeste Clarice Partee
Lorraine N. Smith	Scott Matthew Stephens	Haliegh Trotter
Sharon R. Ware	Donna R. Williams	Jo Anne E. Williams

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Aaron Gardner Hannah Tabitha Sue Miller

Denied Applications:

None

Meenakshi Budhraja seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 101 applications for license renewal. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve 94 of the renewals. Seven (7) of the applications are pending clarification or a breakdown of the hours. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed eight (8) random continuing education audits. Angela Sanders made a motion to approve all eight (8) of the audits. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed 19 Supervision Plan audits. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve all 19 of the supervision plan audits. Lauren Marquette 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.

Review Request from Karen Andrade:

Karen Andrade had written the Board requesting clarification regarding supervision by a LCSW. The Board Chairman and the Executive Director will respond to her request by letter.

Other Business:

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

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