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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 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, Leigh Anne Bennett, Gary Gray, Helen Jackson, Tommie Davis

Board Members Absent: Angela Sanders

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

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the May 9, 2016 Board meeting were reviewed. Tommie Davis made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Helen Jackson seconded the motion which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2016-03:

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

Update on Complaint No. 2016-06:

A Consent Order has been signed. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to accept the Singed Consent Order. Debra Hurd 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:

Harold Dean, LCSW, gave a report based on his investigation and information gathered. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion send the social worker a Consent Order. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Motion made by: _____
2nd by: Helen M Jackson
Board Chairman: _____

Update on Complaint No. 2016-13:

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, Lauren Marquette made a motion to grant the request. Tommie Davis seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Kristi Ridge:

Kristi Ridge had written the Board requesting a 90-day waiver to take the exam. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve the request since Ms. Ridge met the ASWB qualifications. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Crystal Pace:

Crystal Pace had written the Board requesting appeal of the approved beginning date for her LCSW Supervision. Ms. Pace had previously submitted a supervision plan more than 60-days after the beginning date of her supervision. Tommie Davis made a motion to deny her request. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Cheryl Stuart Audit:

Cheryl Stuart was selected for audit of her social work continuing education. Ms. Stuart was not able to comply with the deadline. The Board reviewed additional emails which were submitted in response to the audit. Tommie Davis made a motion to send Ms. Stuart a letter informing her of the repercussions. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Scarlet Seabaugh:

Scarlet Seabaugh was previously granted an extension to complete her social work continuing education. Her renewal was due May 1, 2016. Ms. Seabaugh submitted the information on May 5, 2016. After review of the paperwork and correspondence submitted, Lauren Marquette made a motion to approve the renewal and send Ms. Seabaugh a strongly worded letter regarding adherence to the Board's request. Helen Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Melissa Delgado:

Melissa Delgado had written the Board on behalf of Alexis Fuller who is a candidate for graduation. Ms. Delgado explained that Ms. Fuller's transcript with her degree posted would not be issued until July or later. Ms. Delgado was requesting the Board accept a letter of completion. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to deny her request. Meenakshi Budhraja seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on New Complaints:

The Executive Director reported one new complaints has been received and has been assigned for investigation.

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 April 2016. Gary Gray 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:

Bettie J. Graham
Lorie C. Hutto
Teresa Johnson
Michelle Rodarte

Approved to take the Exam:

None

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Kristina R. Stewart

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

LaNee A. DeJohnette
Ciera Williams

Approved to take the Exam:

Brandi Alexandria Leaks
Jessica Elaine Lester Ronk

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Christina Becerra
Lillie Dancer
Kimery Trenese Irby
Amy Evans Wilcox

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Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Kacee Nicole Crigler	Carey James Dobbins	Carissa Dawn Edgar
Jacquelyn Blohm Fras	Joey Jamar Gardner	Jennifer Joy Hopek
Stefanie Johnston	Victoria J. Matlock	Hope Ellen Merrill
Arielle R. Murdock	Teri Elaine Nelson	Tina Marie Paxton
Jennifer Mitchell Preuss	Frederick Root Sautter	Shurise Veronica Telesford

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Ashley L. Annestedt	Margaret Taylor Hicks	Janis Kaye Ivey
Stacey l. Scobey	Kimberly Valdez	

Denied Applications:

None

Tommie Davis seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 87 applications for license renewal. Tommie Davis made a motion to approve 74 of the renewals. Thirteen 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 seven (7) random continuing education audits. Debra Hurd made a motion to approve five (5) of the audits. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried. Two audits were tabled. Gary Gray made a motion to send certified letters to the social workers allowing them until May 31, 2016 to submit the audit material. If the information is not received the Board will move forward with disciplinary action. Leigh Anne Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed 26 Supervision Plan audits. Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to approve all 26 of the supervision plan audits. Tommie Davis seconded the motion, which carried.

Update from the 2016 ASWB Spring Conference:

Harold Dean, LCSW, Board Chairman, Meenakshi Budhraja, Public Board Member and Ruthie Bain, Executive Director attended the 2016 Association of Social Work Board's Spring Meeting. Mr. Dean and Ms. Bain gave reports on the conference and updated the Board. Mr. Dean is a member of ASWB's Mobility Task Force and Dr. Budhraja is member of the ASWB Board of Directors.

Other Business:

There being no other new business, Leigh Anne Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Lauren Marquette seconded the motion, which carried.

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