

## TENNESSEE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE MINUTES

**DATE:** February 12, 2009  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m., CST  
**LOCATION:** Poplar Room, Ground Floor  
227 French Landing  
Heritage Place – MetroCenter  
Nashville, TN 37247

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Teresa Housteau, LCSW, Chair  
Beverly Esposito, LCSW, Secretary  
Pamela Sams, LCSW  
Sheryl DeMott, LMSW  
Julia Axley, BSW  
Michele Horton, LMSW  
Vicki Williams, MSW  
Amy Gasser, BSW  
Steven Pharris, LMSW

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** Frances Mazzaferro, LMSW

**STAFF PRESENT:** James A. Hill, Board Administrator  
Elizabeth Miller, Director  
Christopher Larkin, Advisory Attorney  
Barbara S. Maxwell, Administrative Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Karen Franklin, ASWB

Ms. Housteau, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **Minutes**

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to approve the December 19, 2008 teleconference minutes and November 10, 2008 Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.

### **Conflict of Interest**

Mr. Larkin reviewed the conflict of interest asking Board members to disclose prior knowledge of matters coming before the board to determine if there is a conflict.

Mr. Larkin asked Ms. Sams to review and sign the conflict of interest statement.

### **OGC Report**

The public necessity rules are to be reviewed by the Deputy General Counsel, and a rulemaking hearing will be held in May 2009.

There are five (5) disciplinary cases and one (1) appeal from a denial of supervision hours in OGC.

### **Financial Report**

\$247,270.24 was transferred to the state's general fund, leaving the Board a surplus of \$35,371.44 as of June 30, 2008.

### **Administrative Report**

There are 1871 actively licensed LMSW's and 1967 actively licensed LCSW's.

The results of the 2006-2007 continuing education audit indicated that of the nine (9) LMSW's audited, eight (8) were compliant and one (1) was non-compliant. Of the thirteen (13) LCSW's audited, ten (10) were compliant and three (3) were non-compliant.

### **Investigative Report**

There are eleven (11) open complaints against LCSW's and seven (7) open complaints against CMSW's.

### **Disciplinary Report**

One (1) CMSW is on probation, two (2) CMSW's were revoked, three (3) LCSW's were revoked, one (1) LCSW was reprimanded and one (1) unlicensed person was ordered to pay a civil penalty.

### **Ratify Newly Licensed**

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pharris, to approve the following clinical social workers and licensed master social workers for licensure:

#### **LCSW**

**Angela Adams**  
**Michael Barney**  
**Raylissa Batten**  
**Latoya Belgrave**

**Shelia Crisler  
Rache Bloomer  
Tiffany Branson  
Leanne Brooks  
Michael Burford  
Angela Chestnut  
Patricia Coburn  
Jennifer Coffey  
Amy Coldren  
Jenny King  
George Comeaux  
Morgan Cowan  
Lynda Crafton  
Carrie Denkinger  
Meredith Francis  
Jennifer Geppert  
Sandra Gill  
Tanya Gray  
Bryan Honeycutt  
Donna Kirk  
Bethany Love  
Nathan MaColly  
Jaha Martin  
Holly Mayer  
Susan Mayo  
Sharon Minturn  
Carin Mizera  
Melora Moore  
Joy Musick  
Cheryl Newton  
Phyllis Nobles  
Jamie Ogle  
Judity Pesch  
Michelle Rice  
Crystal Roedler  
Jonathan Searcy  
Rebecca Sevier  
Catherine Simmons  
Chase Spiegel  
Kerry Sterk  
Jacquelyn Mays  
Sonya Thomas  
Sharon Thompson  
Donna Tosches  
Dennis Vance  
Jill White**

**Susan Wood  
Debra Synn**

LMSW

**Dean Abernathy  
Kimberly Allen  
Karen Ambrose  
Lauren Anderson  
Rebecca Andrews  
Sonya Applewhite  
Thomas Ashley  
Traci Baker  
Christine Bisinovski  
Sara Bradley  
William Bradshaw  
Jana Brent  
William Brent  
Christine Bright  
Christy Elliott  
Tina Brothers  
Leslie Brown  
Pamela Brown  
Sonja Brown  
Hollie Bryson  
Emily Bucci  
Alice Calhoun  
Sarah Campbell  
Nicholas Henke  
Davie Carpenter  
Andrea Coral  
Katherine Cornelius  
Jeffrey Creech  
Caroline Crosby  
Elaine Cross  
Melanie Dagostino  
Dona Davis  
Trisha Demosthenes  
Anne Derival  
Joy Doolittle  
Reginald Duckson  
Brandy Dyer  
Chinita Fisher  
Christine Fitzgerald  
Evelyn Frizzell  
Amanda Furce**

**Regina Gibson  
Karen Gohlke  
Lakeisha Gomes  
Denna Corbett  
Latanya Greenidge  
Candace Grove  
Catherine Harrell  
Mary Harris  
Ronald Harrison  
Rebecca Henry  
Kathleen Holmes  
Shannon Herron  
Jessica Hildebrand  
Darla Hornsby  
Darina Hul  
Lisaann Jagan  
Jahira James  
Johanna Jensen  
Chandra Jones  
Anna Kauffmann  
Charma Kavuncu  
Kacie Kelso  
Lea LaFluer  
Lisa Landry  
Sarah Lane  
Sheryl Lee  
Stacy Long  
Lori Greer  
Patricia Longo  
Charity Lynch  
Frankie Marcano  
Karen Martin  
Laurie McGinley  
Janna McGregor  
Jennifer McLaughline  
Karolin Meggett  
Sandra Milivojevic  
Angela Owens  
Dornell Mister  
Kathleen Morales  
Kristi Moran  
Kimberly Morris  
Karitsa Mosley  
Ann Newhouse  
Cynthia Page  
Kathryn Parker**

**Tiffany Pennington  
Lamar Perry  
Linda Petruolo  
Dianne Pettus  
Elizabeth Provenzano  
Erica Rachal  
Shannon Radel  
Anna Raines  
Gary Richardson  
Susan Robinson  
Donna Roe  
Margarita Rogers  
Tahia Ruff  
Tracey Russell  
Teresa Rutland  
Cataya Scott  
Kristen Seitz  
Sherrie Stafford  
Lauren Stiles  
Kendra Walker  
Joseph Sylvia  
Jamilet Tapia  
Jennifer Tedder  
Kristie Tillery  
Shannon Trecartin  
Patricia Turner  
Shalondria Hill  
Reed Walker  
Rebecca Wallen  
Kerri Waller  
Enid Walton  
Tunisia London  
Jennifer Westrich  
Kimberly White  
Jacklien Williams  
Seth Wilson  
Lynnette Smith  
Latoya Woods**

The motion carried.

### **Review Applications**

Ms. Axley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to approve **Larry Henderson** for licensure as an LCSW. The motion carried.

Ms. Gasser made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pharris, to approve **Steve Grindstaff** for licensure as an LCSW. The motion carried.

Ms. Housteau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to approve **Timothy Voight's** name check criminal background check, as three (3) previous scans were unreadable. The motion carried.

Ms. Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horton, to approve **Karolin Meggett** for licensure as an LMSW. The motion carried.

Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Housteau, to approve **Teresa Rutland** for licensure as an LMSW. The motion carried.

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to delay approval of the application of **Jamilet Tapia** pending receipt of a name check criminal background check. The motion carried.

Ms. Gasser made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horton, to approve **Cynthia Paige** for licensure as a LMSW. The motion carried.

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gasser, to approve **Lori Wilson** for licensure as a LMSW. The motion carried.

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Axley, to delay approval of the LMSW application of **Christopher Russell** pending receipt of a copy of the court documents granting Mr. Russell a pardon in North Carolina. The motion carried.

Ms. Axley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to approve the LMSW application of **Bernita Matthews** pending receipt of a certified copy of the court documents from Florida regarding her incident. The motion carried.

### **Ratify Reinstated Licensees**

Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pharris, to approve the reinstatements for the following licensees:

#### **LCSW**

**Susanne Angelillo**  
**Linda Baer**  
**Nora Doggett**  
**Karen Gilbert**  
**Bethany Haley**  
**David McElroy**  
**Janet Vaughn**

#### **LMSW**

**Tamarin Allen  
William Brent  
Kristi Brookshire  
Emily Cate  
Jimmie Cathey  
Andrea Estes  
Kendra Gentry  
Eborah Hodges  
Gregory Kirkham  
Robin Last  
Lula Morehouse  
Lori Ramsey  
Tina Ross  
Anna Safarik  
Leslie Taylor  
Robert Tharpe  
Noemi Vorhis  
Tiffany Warner  
Dianna Wilson**

The motion carried.

### **Closed Files**

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to ratify the following closed files:

**Tonya Agan  
Alma Dail  
Chandler Fleming-Turner  
Mary Gesford  
Charles Glover  
Carroll Harris  
Jill Kennedy  
Steven Pharris  
Ann Raynolds  
Diana Washington  
Paul Williams  
Murray Johnson  
Darrell Boyd  
Brooke Henderson**

The motion carried.

### **Policy Statements**

The Board reviewed the policy statements for practitioners working on a lapsed license and those who fail to obtain the required continuing education hours.

A roll call voted was conducted and all Board members voted in the affirmative for both policy statements, which will be posted at the Board's web site.

### **Correspondence**

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to approve **Karen Ambrose, LMSW**, to take six (6) hours of continuing education for 2008 online. The motion carried.

**Jill Kennedy, LMSW**, appeared before the Board to discuss how the ASWB passing score is determined for Tennessee.

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horton, to refer **Andrea Beck, LMSW**, to the rules and regulations applicable to supervision, as the Board does not pre-approve supervised hours. The motion carried.

### **Application Approval Authority**

Mr. Larkin said Rule 1365-1-.07(2) gives the Board the power to delegate the initial review of all applications to the Board's administrator or designee.

Mr. Hill said Ms. McFadden reviews LCSW applications, and he reviews LMSW applications.

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to designate Mr. Hill to initially approve master level applications and Ms. McFadden to initially approve clinical level applications. The motion carried.

### **Schedule 2010 Board Meeting Dates**

The Board scheduled the following 2010 board meeting dates:

**February 25-26, 2010**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Iris Room**

**May 20-21, 2010**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Poplar Room**

**August 5-6, 2010**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Iris Room**

**November 18-19, 2010**

**9:00 a.m.**  
**Iris Room**

**Election of Officers**

Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Horton, to re-elect Ms. Housteau as Board chair.  
The motion carried.

Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to re-elect Ms. Esposito as Board secretary.  
The motion carried.

**Other Board Business**

Mr. Pharris requested more information regarding the criminal background checks.

With no other business to conduct, Ms. DeMott made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. The motion carried.

**Adopted by the Board of Social Worker Licensure on this the 7th day of May 2009.**