

TENNESSEE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE MINUTES

DATE: August 6, 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
Michele Horton, MSW
Vicki Williams, MSW
Julia Axley, BSW
Steven Pharris, LMSW
Frances Mazzaferro, LMSW

BOARD MEMBER

ABSENT: Sheryl DeMott, LMSW
Amy Gasser, BSW

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Ms. Housteau, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Larkin reviewed the conflict of interest asking Board members to disclose any potential conflict of matters coming before the board to determine if the Board member should recuse himself or herself.

Consent Orders

Mr. Larkin presented a consent order for **Jill Kennedy, LMSW**. Upon review of the order, the Board declined to approve the Consent Order and instead asked Mr. Larkin to issue Ms. Kennedy a letter of reprimand.

Mr. Larkin presented a consent order for **Maria Saleh, MSW**. The Board declined to accept the order and asked Mr. Larkin to revise.

Application Interviews

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mazzaferro, to approve the LCSW application of **Dianne Schmidt**. The motion carried.

Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Axley, to approve the LCSW application of **Renese King**. Mr. Pharris opposed. The motion carried.

Ms. Mazzaferro made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the LCSW application of **Yvonne Robertson**. The motion carried.

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mazzaferro, to approve the LCSW application of **Lisa Skinner**. Ms. Horton recused herself. The motion carried.

Administrative Report

Mr. Hill stated there are 1986 LMSW's and 2004 LCSW's. Mr. Hill said the Continuing Education Audit from January through December 2008 indicates forty-two LMSW's (42) licensees were audited and thirty-three (33) were compliant and seventy-seven (77) LCSW's were audited and sixty-eight (68) were compliant.

Investigative Report

There are eight (8) complaints against LCSW's and six (6) of those complaints are ready for review. There are seven (7) complaints against CMSW's and six (6) of those complaints are ready for review.

Disciplinary Report

There is one (1) CMSW on probation and one (1) with a revoked license. There are two (2) LCSW's with revoked licenses and one (1) with a reprimand.

There is one unlicensed practitioner being monitored with a Board order for a civil penalty.

Agreed Citations

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to approve the continuing education agreed citation for **Jennie Adams, CMSW**. The motion carried.

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the continuing education agreed citation for **Michael Adkins, LMSW**. The motion carried.

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Axley, to approve the continuing education agreed citation for **Rebecca Bullion, LCSW**. The motion carried.

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to approve the continuing education agreed citation for **Jina Cohen, LMSW**. The motion carried.

Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the lapsed license agreed citation for **Betina Scott, LMSW**. The motion carried.

Financial Report

The Board had a balance of \$35,371.44 on June 30, 2008. Ms. Miller said an updated financial report should be received within 60 days.

OGC Report

Mr. Larkin said minor revisions to the rules relating to T.C.A. §63-23-101 et. seq. will be discussed at today's meeting. Mr. Larkin said there are four (4) disciplinary files in OGC being prepared for litigation.

ASWB Annual Meeting

Ms. Miller discussed the ASWB annual meeting in October and asked if a Board member would be interested in attending.

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to send Ms. Miller to the meeting and Ms. Esposito to the meeting as a delegate. The motion carried.

Review/Vote on Rule Amendment and Authorize Emergency Rules for Rule 1365-1-.01 et. seq.

Mr. Larkin reviewed the amendments to Rule 1365-1-.01 et. seq. Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to amend the section pertaining to civil suits judgments or adverse civil settlements. The motion carried.

Ms. Housteau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to amend the section pertaining to the ASWB examination. The motion carried.

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Horton, to amend the section pertaining to CEU clock hours and the definition or probation. The motion carried.

Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to amend the section pertaining to licensure reinstatement. The motion carried.

A roll call vote was conducted and all members voted in the affirmative to accept and proceed with the emergency rules.

New Licenses

Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to approve the following newly licensed applicants:

LCSW

Shannon L. Baker
Katie A. Barkley
Mark C. Bigley
Amanda A. Buchanan
Rebecca R. Byrd
Cara J. Chaney
Edith M. Crumb
Brady M. DeGrasse
Abigale M. Fath
Rachel L. Fenton
Jill N. Fields
Maribeth J. Gambill
Laura L. Garland
Beverly L. Gilreath
Cindy K. Groll
Jane C. Harris
Martha J. Hayes-Hudspeth
Tracey C. Hunter
Esther J. Lee
Kathleen Jo McGinnis
Kenyetta D. McIntosh-Jones
Laura A. Mueller
Djuna Lauren Osborne
Octavio Ramirez
Theresa Ann McCauley Riley
Ashley Smith
Lisa Kaye Smith
Kristina A. Swanson
Katherine B. Wooten

LMSW

Tonya C. Again
Esther Jo Alcorn
Stephanie A. Andrea
Michelle L. Arwood
Antoinette L. Bailey
Patsy L. Baker

Jill B. Barnes
Sandra E. Bell
Eva R. Bibbs
Holly R. Biggs
Tzaradell L. Blackshear
Amanda D. Blomberg
Ronica C. Bobo
Laura M. Borum
Jenna E. Brent
Susan L. Brisby
Laura R. Bryant
Alicia Ann Bunch
Pamela G. Calimlim
Johnny W. Carnell, II
Aubrey N. Carter
Cheryl Y. Carter
Emily E. Chadwick
Beverly A. Counts
Noel P. Craig
Amie A. Crolley
Jeremiah E. Cunningham
Keren J. Dang
Jason L. Daniels
Terricka L. Darden
Rachelle M. Das
Juliann M. Davis
Sharon L. Davis
Gretchen R. Dickerson
Dina Marie Duden
Bethany Jill Fiala
Melissa s. Fowler
Yoko N. Galbraith
Ryan Gardner
Kara D. Gibbs
Etta Lee Greeson
Erin S. Griggs
Nicole L. Hackenberg
Loretta A. Hall
Julia A. Hamilton
Nia Hansen
Winston Cordell Harrell
Caroline S. Harvey
Stephanie N. Hayslett
Candace T. Helms
Chariot C. Hester
Emily K. Hollingsworth

Crystal J. Holman
Sharon Hope Hopkins
Lauren K. Hunt
Makedra O. Ivy
Carmen D. Jackson
Terry L. Johnson
Amy C. Jones
Timothy S. Kelley
Deborah L. Kelso
Bryan P. Kennedy
Joseph J. Kochelek
Brenda M. Laymance
Laura J. Leach
Susan D. Leswing
Pamela Lloyd-Cobb
Megan E. Macalady
Selina Martinez
Bernita R. Matthews
Kirby T. Maxwell
Lauren McCann
Amy W. McLaughlin
Chauncey E. McLeod
Edha S. Meadows-Brown
Julie N. Melvin
Carmen L. Meriweather
Tabitha J. Miles
Pamela Moore
Beatriz M. Morales
Shelly S. O'Connor
Jerilyn M. Oaks
Ebele N. Onyejekwe
Heydie A. Orr
Anthony P. Owens
Jenna N. Phillips
Tomika R. Porter
Gina P. Pridgen
Amanda C. Raspberry
Bhavani Ravulapalli
Jamie L. Regan
Kimberly Michelle Reid
Ashley K. Reinhardt
Rena A. Reynolds
Charlotte K. Rhodes
Bonnie J. Riley
Cyndia L. Roberts
Ruthann P. Roberts

**Susan G. Roy-Sabourin
Christina M. Schlifer-Jones
Caroline M. Scholer
Sheri E. Seefeld-Ulrick
Tomeka L. Shaffer
Amanda L. Shamy
Albendia Sherrod
Aaron L. Short
Tamiria S. Sims
Sherry A. Slocum
Heather R. Smith
Jayme R. Stalder
Victoria J. Steen
Alyssa A. Stines
Kathleen A. Sullivan
Lessie R. Sutton
Karen A. Swigley
Bonnie S. Tall
April M. Taylor
Stephany E. Thompson
Jessica A. Timlin
Brittany A. Tipton
Kimberly A. Trotter
Dawartha J. Tyler
Sheila L. Upshaw
Kristie R. Vesser
Candace E. Wgner
Bonnie S. Walker
Catharine Z. Webb
Lizabeth G. Wheeler
Labarbara M. Williams
Robert E. Wilson
Diane H. Wright
Pamala K. Wright
Tana M. Wyatt
Shakebra L. Young**

The motion carried.

Review/Approve LCSW Applications by Exam

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to approve the following LCSW applications for licensure:

**Katie Albritten
Elizabeth Anderson**

Christy Claiborne
Rachel Cooper
Juliana Devine
Jennifer Epply
Emily Frazier

The motion carried.

Ms. Mazzaferro made a motion, seconded by Ms. Axley, to approve the following LCSW applications for licensure:

Lisa Gossett
Bessit Grimaldi
Oval Ince
India Johnson
Andrea Jones
Brenda Keith

The motion carried.

Ms. Mazzaferro made a motion, seconded by Ms. Axley, to deny the LCSW application of **Cynthia Klump**, as she had no supervision logs and her supervision hours were incomplete. The motion carried.

Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to approve the following LCSW applications for licensure:

Susan Langenus
Joan LePage
Sarah Moss
Sheila Peterson
Adam Randolph
Barbara Ricks

The motion carried.

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to deny the LCSW application of **Lea LaFluer**, as her supervision did not meet the two year requirement. The motion carried.

Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to approve the following LCSW applicants for licensure:

Lisa Rohrer
Dulcy Stout
Heather Taylor
Diana Washington

Haley Watson

The motion carried.

Review/Approve LCSW Applications by Reciprocity

Ms. Axley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito to approve the following LCSW applicants for licensure:

Kristianne Clayton
Jon Faxon
Carolyn Fitzsimons
Gerald Goodwin
Edward Korn

The motion carried.

Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Axley, to approve the following LCSW applicants for licensure:

Mark Bigley
Laura Garland
Jane Harris
Martha Hayes-Hudspeth
Tracey Hunter
Kathleen McGinnis
Kenyetta McIntosh-Jones

The motion carried.

Ms. Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to approve the following LCSW applicants for licensure:

Lira Misti
Craig Pressley

The motion carried.

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mazzaferro, to approve the following LCSW applicants for licensure:

Martha Rice
Lisa Rusher

The motion carried.

Ms. Housteau made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pharris, to approve the following LMSW applicants for licensure:

Kim Behrend
Christine Collier
Sondra Cunningham
Catherine Danielson
Joel Grissim
Jennifer Krauss
Janelle Lambert
Charles Rogers
Joseph Stotts
Robert Wymss

The motion carried.

Reinstated Licenses

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mazzaferro, to approve the reinstated licenses for the following practitioners:

Gary K. Davis
Heather B. Harkins
Charles P. Many

The motion carried.

Correspondence

Mr. **Timothy Kelley** submitted a letter asking for which level of social work licensure he would qualify. The Board asked Mr. Hill to send Mr. Kelley a letter referring to the portion of the rules pertaining to qualifications for licensure.

Ms. **Alicia Bunch** submitted a letter requesting supervision via skype while she is in Bolivia working with a non-profit organization. The Board approved her request provided she and her supervisor keep detailed supervision logs.

Ms. **Claudia Vallejos-Valdivia, LMSW**, submitted a letter requesting that the Board allow her to obtain on-line continuing education hours as she returned to Peru when her student visa expired May 8, 2009. The Board asked Mr. Hill to send Ms. Vallejos-Valdivia a letter suggesting she retire her license until she returns to Tennessee.

Ms. **Ken Harrison, LCSW**, submitted a letter requesting a waiver of his 2007/2008 continuing education hours as he retired from practice. The Board granted Mr. Harrison a waiver of the 2007/2008 hours.

Mr. **Joseph Ventimiglia, CMSW**, submitted a letter requesting approval of the continuing education hours he submitted. The Board determined the courses do not meet the continuing education requirements.

Ms. **Lottie Brown, LMSW**, submitted a letter requesting a waiver of the seventeen (17) continuing education hours she is failed to obtain for 2007/2008 as her documentation was stolen. The Board asked Mr. Hill to send Ms. Brown a letter stating she must submit proof of the continuing education hours or make up the hours.

Ms. **Nancilynn Dunn, LCSW**, submitted a letter requesting a waiver of her 2006/2007 continuing education hours due to illness. The Board granted Ms. Dunn a waiver and suggested she retire her license.

Ms. **Shelley A. Hecht, LSW**, submitted a letter requesting a waiver of the 2007/2008 continuing education hours as she retired from practice over ten (10) years ago. The Board granted Ms. Hecht a waiver and suggested she retire her license.

Other Board Business

The Board discussed how long patient records should be maintained upon retirement. NASW requires practitioners to keep patient records until the death of the client.

With no other Board business to discuss, Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. The motion carried.

Adopted by the Board of Social Worker Licensure on this the 5th day of November 2009.