

TENNESSEE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE: December 19, 2008

TIME: 9:00 a.m., CST

LOCATION: Iris 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, CMSW
Michele Horton, LAPSW
Vickie Williams, LAPSW
Amy Gasser, BSW
Steven Pharris, LMSW
Frances Mazzaferro, LAPSW

**BOARD MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Julia Axley, LBSW

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 9:03 a.m. Mr. Hill conducted a roll call vote and all members were present with the exception of Julia Axley.

Ms. Housteau stated the board meeting is being conducted to review and discuss a proposed draft to Rule 1016.

Mr. Larkin stated the changes in the draft are the changes the Board discussed at the September 2008 meeting.

Mr. Hill stated a motion and a second, following by a roll call, to determine if the Board want to proceed to conduct the meeting electronically. Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to proceed to conduct toe meeting electronically. The motion carried.

Ms. Mazzafero called in to the teleconference.

Mr. Hill stated a motion and a second, following a roll call, to determine if the matter or matters to be discussed meet the following requirements:

The subject matter requires timely action;
The physical presence of all members is not possible considering the time period required for action; and
the participation by some or all of the members of the Board by electronic or other means is necessary.

Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, that the matters to be discussed meet the requirements for an electronic meeting. The motion carried.

Ms. DeMott made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to delete definition number one (1) defining actively engaged. The motion carried.

Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to amend definition number seven (7) by changing the sentence to read “The assessment, evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment involving the psychotherapy process based on the professional application of social work knowledge, values and skills.” The motion carried.

Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mazzaferro, to amend definition number nine (9) by changing the sentence to read “The practice of pay commissions to colleagues out of fees received from rendering services to clients who have been referred by the colleague.” The motion carried.

Upon discussion, the Board asked Mr. Larkin to add definitions for LMSW, LCSW, LAPXW and LBSW.

Ms. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to amend definition number ten (10) by changing the sentence to read “The process of supervision of no more than four persons in a group setting provided by an LCSW or LAPSW supervisor wherein practice problems are dealt with that are similar in nature and complexity to all supervisees in the group. The motion carried.

Upon discussion, Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Ms. DeMott, to amend number fourteen (14) by changing the sentence to read “only LCSW’s and LAPSW’s may engage in private practice. “ The motion carried.

Upon discussion, Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to amend number fifteen (15) by changing the sentence to read “The ongoing, direct clinical and/or non clinical review, for the purpose of training or teaching, by an LCSW or LAPSW supervisor.....” The motion carried.

The Board approved the amendments to Rules 1365-1-.03, -.04, -.05, -.06 and -.07 as written.

Mr. Hill asked the Board what he should tell applicants that apply in January 2009 for licensure, as they will not be able to apply for their clinical until after 2011.

Mr. Larkin said to tell applicants they are required to obtain the 3,000 hours of clinical experience.

Upon discussion of the supervision requirements in Rule 1365-1-.08, Ms. Housteau asked Mr. Larkin to clarify the number of clinical supervision hours.

Upon review, Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mazzafero, to change the sentence in Rule 1365-1-.09 to read “The board does not pre-approve continuing education programs.” The motion carried.

Upon review of the amendment Rule 1365-1-.10, the Board approved the minor changes as written.

The Board approved the amendments to Rules 1365-1-.11, -.12, -.13, -.14, -.15, -.16 and .17.

Mr. Larkin stated there was a discussion at the legislative hearing that made representation as a licensed social worker a misdemeanor.

Ms. Franklin said the biggest issued raised during the hearing was persons calling themselves a social worker without being licensed.

Upon review of Rule 1365-1-.02 Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. DeMott, to change the sentence to read “Unless an individual holds a current un-revoked or unsuspended LCSW license in Tennessee, he or she may not engage in the private practice of clinical social work.” The motion carried.

Mr. Larkin stated when the changes have been made there will be an internal review by the Attorney General and upon approval by the AG’s Office he will conduct a rulemaking hearing in February. Mr. Larkin said the public will be invited to comment on the rule amendments. Mr. Larkin said after the rulemaking hearing the rules will go to the Attorney General’s Office where they will remain for one-hundred sixty-five (165) days and upon completion of the one-hundred sixty-five (165) days will become final seventy-five days after being published.

The Board members conducted a roll call vote and unanimously approved the rules as amended. The motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Adopted by the Board of Social Worker Licensure on this the 12th day of February 2009.