Minutes of the Meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners July 18, 2020

John Shalett, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2020. The meeting was conducted at the board office and by video conference and all interested parties were provided the information to join the meeting. The allowance of a video conference is authorized by Proclamation 30 JBE 2020, Section 4 as extended by subsequent executive proclamations including 75 JBE 2020. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant, Holly Freeman, Administrator Coordinator 4 and Jasmine Offord, Administrative Coordinator 3, were present for the meeting.

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, John Shalett, LCSW, Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member, Brent Villemarette, LCSW, LaTonya Charles, LMSW, Ada Nelson, RSW, and Jennifer Burch, LCSW.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

FEEDBACK REGARDING BOARD'S POLICY ON REMOVING DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Members of the board considered emailed comments regarding the board's policy for the removal of disciplinary action, private disciplinary action and the use of the word "offender" from the following individuals:

Julie Shreve, LCSW
Rebecca Trimble, LCSW
Kelsey LaCaze
Jordan LaCaze
Ally Shreve
Elizabeth Bell, LCSW
R. Monique Buras, LPC
Lauren Helm, LCSW
Carolyn Burns, LMFT
Jodi Sciortino
Kelly Covington

Board members took no action relative to changing their policy, but agreed to work on removing the word offender.

LA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE

Board members were advised that Emily DeAngelo was asked to participate in a conference call on January 30, 2020 with the Office of Behavioral Health about the behavioral health workforce. Ms. DeAngelo advised that there has been no contact from OBH since that call.

REMOTE SUPERVISION FOR 2020-2021

Motion was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to approve remote supervision through June 30, 2021.

Correspondence from Jasmin Wilson, LMSW, was tabled to this meeting. She requests approval to complete supervision electronically while she is in a travel social work position. Ms. Wilson will be notified that remote supervision is approved through June 30, 2021.

CONNIE KONIKOFF, LCSW

Motion was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to recall the Supervision Committee and to forward Connie Konikoff's recommendations to that committee.

TRACI LILLEY, LCSW

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to forward Traci Lilley's recommendations to the Supervision Committee. Ruth Weinzettle agreed to Chair the committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 3, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

John Shalett, LCSW-BACS

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Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW-BACS

Secretary-Treasurer