

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
May 28, 2010**

Wade Tyler, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Friday, May 28, 2010, in the Conference Room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily Efferson, Administrator, and Regina Breaux, Administrative Assistant, were present for the entire meeting. Other individuals present for a portion of the meeting were Carmen Weisner, Melissa Griffin, Jessica Rabalais, Edgar Guedry, Kashenna Lemieux, Lola Coleman, Virginia Cailleateau and Jacqueline Shellington.

Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW, conducted roll call. Board members present included Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW, Evelyn Jenkins, LCSW, John McBride, LCSW, Michael Hickerson, RSW, and Wade Tyler, LCSW.

**AGENDA**

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with the following additions: 7.c. Purchase Equipment, 9.c. 2009-61 and 2010-36, 9.f. Expense Reimbursement, and 9.g. IPP.

**Presentation of Consent Agreement and Order**

Lindsey Hunter, Assistant Attorney General, presented the board with a Consent Agreement and Order for **Christopher H. Geske, LCSW**, which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Mr. Geske in resolution of Complaint #2009-108. Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order as amended to include the Provisional GSW certification as a credential that Mr. Geske will not be eligible to supervise.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA Chapter, reported that SB355 has cleared the senate with amendments. Nineteen boards have been identified for legislative auditor's oversight. The intent of the bill is to identify the boards that gave a large reserve and question the plans for the expenditure of that reserve. Ms. Weisner also reported that they have two individuals that are interested in serving on the board for the GSW position that is available. They will meet after the legislative session to make a decision of who they are going to recommend to the Governor's office.

Jacqueline Shellington, LCSW, congratulated Carment Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA Chapter, for being the NASW's Executive Director of the Year. Ms. Shellington reported that she served on the ASWB Passing Score Study. She was on the Advanced Generalist committee, she is recommending that the board

consider whether or not they want to continue to allow a passing score on the Advanced Generalist exam for the LCSW.

Lola Coleman, LCSW, commented that social workers should be able to benefit from the board's reserves. She recommended that the board consider offering free continuing education courses to their licensees.

### **MINUTES**

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes as presented for the April 16, 2010 board meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to approve the request made by **Paula Sheinberg, LCSW** to be allowed to use the online workshops titled "Supervision: Effective Clinical Relationships with your Supervisees" and "Supervision: Enhancing Supervisees Clinical Skills" to renew her BACS status. Ms. Sheinberg was advised to submit the certificate of completion to the board office on or before June 30, 2010.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to approve the request made by **Lynne Robinson, LCSW** to allow her to complete all of her continuing education hours via distance learning due to a documented medical condition. Ms. Robinson was advised that the approval is for the collection period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to approve **Carl Segura, LCSW**, to supervise Shannon McDaniel as per her Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to approve the request made by **Tiffany Batiste, GSW** to allow her to complete all of her continuing education hours via distance learning once documentation of her medical condition has been received by the board office. Ms. Batiste was advised that once medical documentation has been received the approval is for the collection period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to approve the request made by **Diane Lambly, LCSW** to allow her to complete all of her continuing education hours via distance learning once documentation of her medical condition has been received by the board office. Ms. Lambly was advised that once medical documentation has been received the approval is for the collection period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

Members of the board reviewed correspondence submitted by **Jaimee Pangburn, MSW**. Ms. Pangburn submitted her job description for her position as co-

development director at False River Academy for the board to review. After reviewing the position, members of the board agreed that the job description submitted does not meet the requirements of social work practice.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to deny the request made by **Cathi Saybe** to obtain a mailing list of a credentialed social workers in Louisiana free of charge for Med Job Louisiana/Central LA AHEC. Ms. Saybe was referred to Rule 313A, of the Rules Standards and Procedures that address fees.

Members of the board reviewed correspondence submitted by **Angellun Wilder, LCSW**. Board members responded that as Ms. Wilder described the situation with a student's record, no violation occurred. Additionally, Ms. Wilder is to be notified that the Board has no purview over worksite supervision.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to deny the request made by **Henry DeFelice, LCSW**, to allow him to complete his supervision requirement before the six months that are required in his Consent Agreement and Order. Mr. DeFelice was reminded of the terms of his Consent Agreement and Order.

Members of the board reviewed correspondence submitted by **Delarious Stewart**. Ms. Stewart asked the board if she would be eligible for the Graduate Social Worker certification once she completes her Ph.D. in social work. Ms. Stewart informed the board that she does not have a Bachelor's or Master's degree majoring in social work. Members of the board informed Ms. Stewart that the Louisiana Social Work Practice act requires that an individual graduate from an institution of higher education which offers a full-time course of study in social work, granting a master's degree in social work or social welfare, and accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or its predecessor or successor organization.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to approve **Mona Marcum, LCSW**, to supervise Damon Lowrey as per his Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to approve the request made by **Charlotte Butler, LCSW** to allow her to complete all of her continuing education hours via distance learning once documentation of her mother's medical condition has been received by the board office. Ms. Butler was advised that once medical documentation has been received the approval is for the collection period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

Members of the board reviewed correspondence submitted by **Elizabeth Standifer, GSW**. Ms. Standifer asked the board if a social worker should disclose to their client that they are preparing to report a concern to OCS. Ms. Standifer was advised that while the members of the board agree that it is best practice to be straightforward

with your clients, the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Rules, Standards and Procedures do not require that you disclose this information.

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to deny the request made by **Kiedi Mabile**, on behalf of the LSU School of Social Work, request for pre-approval of their workshop for New Board Approved Clinical Supervision. The request will be reconsidered once Theory and Record Keeping are incorporated into the workshop as specified in Rule 301, of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

### **Board/Staff Issues**

#### **Social Work Practice Analysis**

Members of the board were presented with the ASWB Social Work Practice Analysis. Beginning January, 2011, social work licensing examination candidates will be taking tests that have fewer major content areas, and will be able to prepare for those tests by accessing the full range of hundreds of KSA's that can be the focus of individual test questions on the examinations.

#### **Online Open Book Examination**

Members of the board were presented with the Statistical Report for 2010 for the Open Book Examination.

#### **Board Member Term Expiration**

Members of the board were informed that Wade Tyler's term as a board member will expire on December 1, 2010. Due to a heavy work load and scheduling issues, Dr. Tyler will not be serving a second term.

#### **ASWB Spring Education Meeting**

Members of the board that attended the Spring Education Meeting discussed some highlights of the conference. Discussions included continuing education for those disciplined by the board and discussions about diminishing resources from the various jurisdictions. Emily Efferson was recognized her for participation on a panel discussion regarding public members serving on boards.

#### **NASW-LA 2010 Conference Evaluation Summary**

Members of the board were presented with the Conference Evaluation Summary for the workshop they presented at the NASW Conference. The workshop received favorable evaluations.

### **Financial**

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to accept the financial statements for period ending February 28, 2010 and March 31, 2010.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to authorize the purchase of a desktop computer, laptop,

printer, and label maker. A request for purchasing a projector and for purchasing additional equipment will be presented at the June 25, 2010 board meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 12:56 p.m. for the following reasons:

to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting,

and for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct.

Votes for going in to Executive Session: John McBride yes; Hope Himel-Benson, yes; Evelyn Jenkins, yes; Michael Hickerson, yes and Wade Tyler, yes.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:51 p.m. to make the following motions:

### **Monitoring Reports-Impaired Professional Program**

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to accept the report submitted by Sherril Rudd, LCSW, IPP Manager.

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to release JL-08 from the IPP for successfully completing the terms of her Participation Agreement.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to release OA-08 from the IPP for successfully completing the terms of his Participation Agreement.

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to send correspondence submitted by JG-09 to the IPP manager for her consultation.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to file a complaint against SS-07 for non-compliance with the IPP and send for investigation.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to file a complaint against AN-02 for non-compliance with the IPP.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to file a complaint against SP-09 for non-compliance with the IPP.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to grant JW-09 an extension to be in compliance with the IPP and require monthly updates of participant circumstances.

#### **Monitoring Reports-Disciplinary**

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to accept the disciplinary monitoring report.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to send Stacy Hillestad certified notification that she must be in compliance with her Consent Agreement and Order within 30 days. If she is not in compliance within 30 days a complaint will be filed.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to send Brenda Lee Lewis certified notification that she must be in compliance with her Consent Agreement and Order within 30 days. If she is not in compliance within 30 days a complaint will be filed.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to send Lesa Sharkey certified notification that she must be in compliance with her Consent Agreement and Order within 30 days. If she is not in compliance within 30 days a complaint will be filed.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to accept the continuing education hours submitted by Robin Cannatella, LCSW, as required in her Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to accept the supervision report submitted by Janice Manuel, LCSW-BACS, on behalf of Terry Lane, LCSW.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to accept the supervision report submitted by Mary Dyer Morris, LCSW-BACS, on behalf of Anissa Horne, LCSW.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to accept the supervision report submitted by Meredith Harris, LCSW-BACS, on behalf of Donna Hulsey, LCSW.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to accept the supervision report submitted by Torrin Sanders, LCSW-BACS, on behalf of Sherry Johnson, GSW.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to accept the supervision report submitted by Janice Manuel, LCSW-BACS, on behalf of Terry Lane, LCSW.

### **New Complaints**

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2010-119** for investigation of possible violations of Rules 107A, 113A, 113B(3) and La. R.S. 2717 A(11).

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2010-129** for administrative investigation of possible violations of Rules 109A, 109C, 119A, 303A, 305A(2) and La. R.S. 2709, 2717A(5).

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to send certified notification to respondent of **Complaint #2010-136** to keep the board abreast of the situation.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to request respondent of **Complaint #2010-143** submit a written response to the complaint.

### **Compliance Hearing – Gary Padilla, MSW**

Gary Padilla requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny his application for LCSW. The board denied the application due to the affirmative answers he provided on the application and the notarized explanation of the affirmative answers. Mr. Padilla testified that he initially had 14 years of sobriety. He was in an automobile accident in 2008, and was prescribed pain medication. Upon arriving back to his hometown in Arizona, he began consuming alcohol. He moved back to Louisiana and entered into an 8 month long treatment program. He has since been sober for 2 ½ years. He stated that he has a sponsor and is attending meeting two to three times a week.

### **Compliance Hearing – Rosemary Talbert**

Rosemary Talbert requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny her application for the RSW. The board denied the application due to the affirmative answers she provided on the application and the notarized explanation of the affirmative answers. Ms. Talbert testified that she is currently working as a security officer. In January, 2008, she returned home from work to find the door of her home open and someone was inside. She and her boyfriend had an earlier altercation and she locked him out of the house. He was inside her home, when she came in the door he went outside. Out of frustration, she fired her gun one time in the ground. She is licensed to carry a gun. She has not practiced social work since 2003. At that time she was working for the archdiocese. She resigned from that

position because she has a special needs child and needed to devote more time to his care.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 3:32 p.m. for the following reasons:

to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting,

and for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct.

Votes for going in to Executive Session: John McBride yes; Hope Himel-Benson, yes; Evelyn Jenkins, yes; Michael Hickerson, yes, and Wade Tyler, yes.

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 3:53 p.m. to make the following motions:

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried to approve **Rosemary Talbert**, for the RSW once she has completed three hours of continuing education in social work ethics and nine hours of continuing education in general social work content. All twelve hours completed must be face-to-face.

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried to approve **Gary Padilla**, to take the examination for the LCSW once he has completed the following: three hours of continuing education in social work ethics, nine hours of clinical content continuing education hours, and complete the IPP evaluation within 30 days to include following all recommendations from the IPP manager.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. for the following reasons:

to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting,

and for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct.



Votes for going in to Executive Session: John McBride yes; Hope Himel-Benson, yes; Evelyn Jenkins, yes; Michael Hickerson, yes, and Wade Tyler, yes.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 5:57 p.m. to make the following motions:

### **New Complaints**

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to request a written response in regards **Complaint #2010-144**.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2010-145** for an administrative investigation of possible violations of Rules 119B and La. R.S. 2709.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to send **Complaint #2010-146** for investigation of possible violations of Rule 107B, 111F(2), 111G(5) and La. R.S. 2717A.

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to send **Complaint # 2010-147** for possible violations of Rule 107B and La. R.S. 2717A(7).

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to send **Complaint #2010-148** for investigation of possible violations of Rule 107B, 111F(2) and La. R.S. 2717A(7).

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to send **Complaint #2010-149** for investigation of possible violations of Rule 109A and La. R.S. 2717A(2).

### **Pending Complaints**

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to reschedule the hearing for **Complaint #2009-60** on September 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2010-28** for failure to rise to a level of a violation of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2010-45** for failure to rise to a level of a violation of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2010-68** with a letter of education, for failure to rise to a level of a violation of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2010-83** with a letter of education, for failure to rise to a level of a violation of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2010-103** for failure to rise to a level of a violation of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2010-104** for failure to rise to a level of a violation of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to schedule a hearing for **Complaint #2009-61** for August 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Consent Agreement and Order-120 days**

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to reinstate **Silver Peters'** Provisional Graduate Social Worker certification. Ms. Peters has presented evidence that she has completed all of the terms of her Consent Agreement and Order.

#### **Applications**

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to deny **Paulette Bryan's** application for Endorsement for the LCSW. The Florida board of examiners documented that she only completed 1,545 hours of supervision. Ms. Bryan has been offered a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to deny **Matthew Hilliard's** application for the Graduate Social Worker due to the affirmative answers on his application. Mr. Hilliard has been offered a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to deny **Christen Milham's** application for the Graduate Social Worker due to the affirmative answers on his application. Mr. Milham has been offered a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to deny **Kail Pikes's** application for the Graduate Social Worker due to the affirmative answers on her application. Ms. Pikes has been offered a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to grant the following applicants registration as a **Registered Social Worker**:

Deanna Aubert	Anna Brien
Arlette Bourgeois	Rhonda Braden
Victoria Brown	Stephanie Cannon
Tanya Coffey	Joshua Pitre
Zerlander Ragas	Jessica Simpson
Barbara Stanley	Kortney Taylor
NaTasha Taylor	Lakeisha Richard-Williams
Nikia Thomas	Gloria Washington
Irma Williams	

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for the **Provisional Graduate Social Worker** and grant approval for the applicants to sit for the ASWB Masters examination for certification as a **Graduate Social Worker**:

Nicole Alleman	Melissa Andrua
Megan Bacher	Nikki Bernard
John Bizette	Rachel Bourgeois
Stacey Bourliea	Brittany Buquoi
Lakeshia Butler	Rashonda Carr
Jessica Casso	Lona Champagne
Nathan Chennault	Adam Clesi
Megan Cobb	Carly Coulon
Whitney Craig	Meghan Daigrepont
Anne Defoe	Sharin Deloach
Kendra Eugene	Cassandra Evans
Regina Faciane	Melanie Faust
Rebecca Fontenot	Lacey Frances
Kimberly Gallien	Terica Gant
Jillian Gautier	Karen Girardot
Brandy George	Luann Gibson
Laura Gonzales	Christopher Graham
Traci Germillion	Matthew Heroman
Mariabarbara Hodge	Nicole LeBlanc
Elizabeth Johnston	Connie Johnson
Erica Johnson	Melody Johnson

Yolanda Jones	Nina Julien
Charlotte Kamiya	Jessica Lasseigne
Molly Malone	Nancy Mathews
Bradly McCollum	Jamika Miller
Christina Mungguia	Bobbie Osterman
Erin Mire	Ciera Perkins
Kathryn Pouncey	Jaime Richardson
Jocelyn Roberts	LaShonna Rose
Alysia Rowel	Michele Thibodeaux
Marvin Thibodaux	Lekiva Wesby
Kenneth White	Angelique Williams
Mia Williams	Tenecha Wilson
Lindsey Woods	B. Gerard Woodrich
Dwan Zenon	Vanessa Baptiste

Motion was made by John McBride, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Advanced Generalist or Clinical exam for licensing as a **Licensed Clinical Social Worker**:

Christina Barrett	Theresa Bennett
Connie Broussard	Bridget Cameron
Iris Davis	Mary Fuhrer
Abbe Garfinkel	Nicholas Guillory
Deborah Hart	Stacia Jemison
Terry Knauf	Jenessia Lambright
Adrienne Norwood	Dacia Odom
Natalie Reed	Amy Riehlmann
Bernice Rodriguez	Julie Schroeder
Carolice Shepherd	Christy Tate
Megan Thiel	

Motion made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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Wade Tyler, PhD, LCSW  
Chairperson

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Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW  
Secretary-Treasurer