

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
April 29, 2011**

John McBride, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 29, 2011, 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 Stephanie Nassrah, Kristin Wiedemann, Rebecca McDaniel, Taylor Thompson, Alison Miller, Meagan Curtis, Kristin Marrs, Kristin MacRae, Joe Montaldi, Lucy Cordts, and Melissa Smithee.

Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW, conducted roll call. Board members present included Evelyn Jenkins, LCSW, John McBride, LCSW, Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW, Michael Hickerson, RSW, Lisa Lipsey, LCSW, and Naaman Stewart, LMSW.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rebecca McDaniel, NASW Intern, informed the board that Senator Mount has introduced a bill to combine the LPC board and Psychology board. The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners has not been included in the bill. However, NASW will continue to monitor the bill.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Naaman Stewart and unanimously carried, to table item 8e, Public Education, until the June 10, 2011 meeting and to accept the agenda as amended.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS

Emalie Boyce, Assistant Attorney General, presented the board with a Consent Agreement and Order for **Ashley Kinman**, RSW, which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Ms. Kinman in resolution of Complaint #2011-10. Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order as presented.

Jessica Donaho, LMSW, was unable to attend the meeting. The presentation of her Consent Agreement and Order has been rescheduled for June 10, 2011.

Emalie Boyce, Assistant Attorney General, presented the board with a Consent Agreement and Order for **Charisse Spland-Gray**, CSW, which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Ms. Spland-Gray in resolution of Complaint #2011-49. Motion was made by Naaman Stewart, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order as presented.

Emalie Boyce, Assistant Attorney General, presented the board with a Consent Agreement and Order for **Judy Soileau**, LMSW, which had been previously

negotiated and agreed to by Ms. Soileau in resolution of Complaint #2010-149. Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Naaman Stewart and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A hearing in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2009-60 against Juanita Anderson-Hilton was conducted. George Papale was present as legal counsel for the Board. Emalie Boyce, Assistant Attorney General, was present as prosecution on behalf of the State of Louisiana. A court reporter from Baton Rouge Court Reporters was present to record the proceedings. The hearing panel consisted of board members, Michael Hickerson, RSW, Naaman Stewart, LMSW, and John McBride, LCSW. John McBride served as the Presiding Officer.

A hearing in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2011-24 against Stacy Hillestad was conducted. George Papale was present as legal counsel for the Board. Emalie Boyce, Assistant Attorney General, was present as prosecution on behalf of the State of Louisiana. A court reporter from Baton Rouge Court Reporters was present to record the proceedings. The hearing panel consisted of board members, Michael Hickerson, RSW, Naaman Stewart, LMSW, Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW, Evelyn Jenkins, LCSW, and John McBride, LCSW. John McBride served as the Presiding Officer.

A hearing in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2011-25 against Shannon McDaniel was conducted. George Papale was present as legal counsel for the Board. Emalie Boyce, Assistant Attorney General, was present as prosecutor on behalf of the State of Louisiana. A court reporter from Baton Rouge Court Reporters was present to record the proceedings. The hearing panel consisted of board members, Michael Hickerson, RSW, Naaman Stewart, LMSW, Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW, Evelyn Jenkins, LCSW, and John McBride, LCSW. John McBride served as the Presiding Officer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Naaman Stewart and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 12:06 a.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; Evelyn Jenkins, yes; Hope Himel-Benson, yes; Michael Hickerson, yes, and Naaman Stewart, yes.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. to make the following motions:

MONITORING REPORTS-IMPAIRED PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM (IPP)

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson 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 summarily suspend LMSW#8248 held by Gary Cantrell and to send notice to the Attorney General's office of the summary suspension and request that an Administrative Complaint be sent to Mr. Cantrell. The administrative hearing is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2011.

Members of the board requested the IPP manager submit a letter to **JD-10** requesting documentation from his physician updating her on his medical condition and to inquire if he is planning on returning to the field of social work.

Members of the board requested the IPP manager to find out if **JG-09** is working. Her Consent Agreement and Order requires her to be supervised while practicing social work.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to summarily suspend LMSW#7119 held by Charles Netterville, Jr. "Billy" and to send notice to the Attorney General's office of the summary suspension and request that an Administrative Complaint be sent to Mr. Netterville. The administrative hearing is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2011.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to allow the Assistant Attorney General to renegotiate a Consent Agreement and Order for **JM-10** to include suspending his license for six consecutive months and to limit his social work practice to an agency setting. Additionally, participant is to be advised that 100% compliance is required or time required for participating in the IPP starts over.

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to deny the request made by **MS-08** and to uphold their previous decision that MS-08 is required to participate in the IPP an additional three months due to missed call-ins.

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to begin counting the twelve months for **JT-09**, from the date that he has resumed compliance. The twelve months will begin as of April 29, 2011.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to send notice to **DW-09** that his license will be summarily suspended should he not become compliant with the program within 30 days.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes as presented for the March 18, 2011 board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Members of the board reviewed correspondence submitted by **Danny Johnson**. Mr. Johnson asked the board what is the generally accepted and/or legal terminology used for the process by which social worker's establish a mental diagnosis. Mr. Johnson was referred to Rule 109A(1), 109C and Rule 111, of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Members of the board reviewed correspondence submitted by **Brandie Bruno, LMSW**. Ms. Bruno asked the board if she should allow someone to observe her group and family sessions if she is provided with a court order. Members of the board advised Ms. Bruno that she should comply with the court order. Members of the board advised Ms. Bruno, that as the situation has been presented, it does not appear that she would be in violation of the Rules, Standards and Procedures or the Practice Act

Members of the board reviewed correspondence submitted by **Ronald Schneider, LCSW**. Mr. Schneider requested the board to consider allowing him to obtain continuing education hours by way of independent study. Mr. Schneider's request was denied and he was referred to Rule 317(M)(11), of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Members of the board reviewed correspondence submitted by **Mary Livingston, LCSW**. Ms. Livingston requested the board to waive her continuing education requirements due to her current medical condition. Ms. Livingston was advised that the board is unable to waive her continuing education requirements. However, the board members agreed to allow Ms. Livingston to complete all 20 of her hours via distance learning and granted her a 6 month extension to complete her hours. Ms. Livingston was advised that she must complete 20 continuing education hours on or before December 31, 2011.

Member of the board reviewed correspondence submitted by **Kimberly Pintado, LMSW**, and **Kristin Richards, LMSW**. Ms. Pintado and Ms. Richards requested the board to consider allowing the work that they have completed in their Ph.D program to count toward their annual continuing education requirement. Members of the board denied the request. The Rules, Standards and Procedures do not allow such coursework to be counted toward the continuing education requirement. However, Rule 317(M)(10), does allow up to five hours of continuing education for preparation of substantial written material with content applicable to social work practice which requires literature search, research, and explication of social work content.

Members of the board reviewed correspondence submitted by **Stacey Griffin, LCSW**. Ms. Griffin requested the board to consider a situation where a minor client disclosed to her social worker that she has been smoking marijuana and the minor child's right to confidentiality. Members of the board agreed to provide Ms. Griffin with a copy of an opinion on "Children and Adolescent's Right to Confidentiality" recently submitted by George Papale.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

Participation Agreement for Impaired Professional Program

Members of the board reviewed a draft of the revised Participation Agreement submitted by George Papale, Attorney at Law. The board requested that the draft be provided to the IPP Committee for their review and consideration.

Compliance Hearing for Freddie Williams, MSW

Mr. Williams requested a Compliance Hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny his LMSW application on March 18, 2011. His application was denied because he did not indicate on his application that he had any state or federal charges. However, his criminal background check documented a charge on May 23, 1967. Mr. Williams testified that he received a speeding ticket and paid the fine late. He was unaware that there had been any charges against him.

Compliance Hearing for Joycelyn Haynes

Ms. Haynes requested a Compliance Hearing with the board because they denied her RSW application on March 18, 2011. Her application was denied because she did not indicate on her application that she had any state or federal charges. However, her criminal background check documented a charge on January 12, 1976. Ms. Haynes testified that she did not recall the incident at the time that she applied for the RSW. She stated that she was grocery shopping and one of items in her basket was accidentally not paid for when she left the store. She testified that she offered to pay for the item, but was refused.

Compliance Hearing for LaRhonda Duncan, MSW

Ms. Duncan requested a Compliance Hearing with the board because they denied her LMSW application on March 18, 2011. Her application was denied because she did not indicate on her application that she had any state or federal charges. However, her criminal background check documented a charge on October 25, 2006. Ms. Duncan testified that she received a traffic ticket for no insurance. She knew someone at the police department and was told that the ticket would get "fixed." She was later pulled over for a traffic violation and found out that the ticket had not been "fixed" and that her license had been suspended. She missed her court date for the traffic violation. Ms. Duncan testified that she believes that she only had to pay a \$75.00 fine.

2010 ASWB Examination Pass Rates

Members of the board reviewed the 2010 Pass/Fail data submitted by ASWB.

Supervision Consultant

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to move this discussion to Executive Session as item 5e.

Senator Mount's proposal to combine the LPC and Psychology Boards

Members of the board were provided with a copy of the bill authored by Senator Mount.

Carmen Weisner, LCSW, Executive Director, NASW LA Chapter

Members of the board reviewed correspondence from Ms. Weisner. The NASW-LA Chapter has recommended that Carol Miles, LCSW, serve on the IPP Committee.

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to suspend **Angela Randle's** Registered Social Worker credential for failure to complete the terms of her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Randle is required to cease her practice of social worker until her credential is reinstated by the board.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 4:08 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,

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Votes for going in to Executive Session: John McBride yes; Evelyn Jenkins, yes; Hope Himel-Benson, yes; Michael Hickerson, yes, Lisa Lipsey, yes, and Naaman Stewart, yes.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 4:20 p.m. to make the following motions:

MONITORING REPORTS-DISCIPLINARY

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

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision report submitted by Mary Morris, LCSW-BACS, on behalf of **Anissa Horne, LCSW**.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision report submitted by Meredith Harris, LCSW-BACS, on behalf of **Donna Hulsey, LCSW**.

Members of the board instructed staff to send a letter to **Brenda Lewis** a letter stating the terms that must be met to be considered for a credential. Ms. Lewis was also advised that she cannot practice social work in Louisiana until she has a current active credential.

Compliance Hearing for Geoi Hodges, MSW

Ms. Hodges requested a Compliance Hearing with the board because they denied her LMSW application on March 18, 2011. Her application was denied because she did not indicate on her application that she had any state or federal charges. However, her criminal background check documented a charge on November 5, 1999. Ms. Hodges testified that she was arrested but never charged. She also stated that she is currently working on getting her juvenile record sealed. She also testified that her employer told her that she can work as long as she applies for the license within 120 days.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 4:38 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; Evelyn Jenkins, yes; Hope Himel-Benson, yes; Michael Hickerson, yes, Lisa Lipsey, yes, and Naaman Stewart, yes.

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 5:29 p.m. to make the following motions:

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to approve **LaRhonda Duncan** for the Registered Social Worker registration.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to issue **Freddie Williams, MSW**, a Consent Agreement and Order for working over 120 days without a credential. Should Mr. Williams agree to the Consent Agreement and Order he will be issued the CSW along with approval to take the ASWB Masters level examination for the LMSW.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to approve **Joycelyn Haynes** for the Registered Social Worker registration.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to approve **Geoi Hodges, MSW**, for the CSW and approval to take the ASWB Masters level examination for the LMSW.

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to suspend the meeting until 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 30, 2011.

**Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
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John McBride, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 30, 2011, 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.

Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW, conducted roll call. Board members present included Evelyn Jenkins, LCSW, John McBride, LCSW, Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW, Michael Hickerson, RSW, and Lisa Lipsey, LCSW. Naaman Stewart, LMSW, was absent.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 8:30 a.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; Evelyn Jenkins, yes; Hope Himel-Benson, yes; Michael Hickerson, yes, and Lisa Lipsey, yes.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. to make the following motions:

New Complaints

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to request the respondent for **Complaint #2011-92** to submit a written response to the allegations.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2011-93**, for investigation of possible violations of Rule 113A, 113B(6),(9), 115A, 115B, 107B, 155G and La. R.S. 2717A(7).

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2011-94**, for investigation of possible violations of Rule 119 (A),(B),(C) and La. R.S. 37:2709.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to request the respondent for **Complaint #2011-95** to submit a written response to the allegations for possible violations of Rule 119(A)(B), 303A and La. R.S. 37:2709.

Motion was made by Evelyn Jenkins, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2011-96**, for investigation of possible violations of Rule 107(B)(D) and La. R.S. 37:2717A(7)(11).

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2011-97**, for investigation of possible violations of Rule 111H(2), 113(A)(B), 155(A)(G) and La. R.S. 37:2718B.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2011-98**, for investigation of possible violations of Rule 117A and La. R.S. 37:2717A(7)(11).

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2011-102**, for failure to rise to a level of a violation of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures. The individuals the complaint was filed against are not social workers.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2011-103**, for investigation of possible violations of Rule 119(A)(B), 303(A)(B) and La. R.S. 37:2709.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2011-104**, for investigation of possible violations of Rule 303A and La. R.S. 37:2709.

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to request the respondent for **Complaint #2011-105** to submit a written response to the allegations.

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by Hope Himel-Benson, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to accept **Administrative Complaint #2010-151** and to docket the matter for hearing on June 10, 2011.

No action was taken on **Complaint#2011-69**.

Contract Position for Supervision Consultant

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to offer the position of Supervision Consultant to Gina Orihuela, LCSW-BACS.

New Applications

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to deny the Licensed Clinical Social Worker application for **Michael Breaux, LMSW**. Mr. Breaux has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to deny the Registered Social Worker application for **Ursula Chew**. Ms. Chew has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to deny the Licensed Master Social Worker application for **Sarah Coker, MSW**. Ms. Coker has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to deny the Registered Social Worker application for **Derick Dauphin, MSW**. Mr. Dauphin has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to offer a Consent Agreement and Order to **Kimuel Jones** for working without a credential. Ms. Jones has applied for the Registered Social Worker registration.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to deny the Licensed Master Social Worker application for **Garry Lewis, MSW**. Mr. Lewis has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Members of the board have requested that **Molly Moran, MSW**, submit a written explanation clarifying her affirmative response on her application. Her application will be reconsidered once the board has received clarification.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to deny the Licensed Master Social Worker application for **Alison Morgado, MSW**. Ms. Morgado has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to deny the Registered Social Worker application for **Robertinique Williams** because Ms. Williams does not have a degree in social work. She has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to deny the request submitted by **Linda Wright** and to refund her application fee. Ms. Wright was also advised that she is not eligible to practice social work in Louisiana without a credential.

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

Bowman, Deanne	Brue, Diane
Howard, Tenice	Moore, Shareka
Pounda, Asia	Stamps, Tara
Willis, Shalena	Wilridge, Ebony
Wise-Mitchell, Enel	Wise, LaToya

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for **Certified Social Worker** certification and to grant approval for the applicants to sit for the ASWB Masters examination for licensing as a **Licensed Master Social Worker**:

Almore, Michele	Bartholomew-Everett, Natika
Dhaliwal, Tisa	Edwards, Krystle
Edwards, Lawrence	Griener, Gretchen
Feerick, Cecil	Gentry, Elisabeth
Hamm, Lindsay	Miner, Allison
Moffett, Dawne	O'Rourke, Raven
Parish, Alexandria	Peters, Evelyn
Townsend, Shelia	Tyler, Claire
Williams, Lennorah	

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Hope Himel-Benson and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical exam for licensing as a **Licensed Clinical Social Worker**:

Ainsworth, Terry	Blackburn, Cerrissa
Bodine, Tyrette	Carrington, Emily
Davidson, Kristi	Doyle, Jacquelyn
Gravios, Ashley	Juron, Marlene
Kelly, Samuel	Miller, Michael
Moore, Tanisha	Virga, Jennifer
Voorhies, Shane	Wagner, Wanda
Williams, Shameka	Winters, Twilah

John McBride asked that the minutes reflect that he has requested all board members to be prepared for two-day board meetings. Mr. McBride also requested that Regina Breaux, Administrative Assistant, add a schedule of attendance to each board members binder.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Evelyn Jenkins and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

John McBride, LCSW
Chairperson

Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW
Secretary-Treasurer