

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
January 20, 2012**

John McBride, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., Friday, January 20, 2012, 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, Trey Bicknam, Josie McKnight, Rachel O'Pry, and Dores Cador.

Lisa Lipsey, LCSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included John McBride, LCSW, Michael Hickerson, RSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Lisa Lipsey, LCSW, and Judith Haspel. Parker Sternbergh, LCSW, arrived at the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of the NASW-LA Chapter, reported that the NASW Annual Conference is scheduled for March 15, 2012. The Legislative session will begin the first week in April, 2012. Ms. Weisner reported that there are some concerns within the LPC community that Tri-Care will be making a decision as to whether or not LPC's can provide services under their current scope of practice. Ms. Weisner also reported that their office has received a couple of calls from social workers that are concerned with the "lapsed" status of a credential that they previously held prior to receiving another license issued by the LABSWE.

**AGENDA**

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda as presented.

**PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

Emalie Boyce, Assistant Attorney General, presented the board with a Consent Agreement and Order for Christopher Geske, LCSW, which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Mr. Geske in resolution of Complaint #2012-44. Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order as presented.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes as presented. Members of the board would like to receive the meeting minutes one week after the board meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Ellen Boyer, LCSW** – Ms. Boyer presented a situation to the board where the agency that she is employed by is requesting employees of other departments to meet with

families they do not treat to have them sign updated treatment plans. Members of the board referred Ms. Boyer to 111(G)(2) and (3) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures, and La. R.S. 37:2717A(10). Ms. Boyer was advised to request a written definition of "clinician developing plan with client" and "other clinician" to fully understand what her signature on the updated treatment plan indicates.

**Melissa Hardy, LMSW** – Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to deny the request to accept the supervision. Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Michael Hickerson unanimously carried, to require the BACS to attend the Board Orientation Workshop within six months to be eligible to continue supervision.

**Anne F. Heard, LCSW** – Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve Anne Heard, LCSW, as the supervisor for Michelle Guidry, LMSW. Ms. Heard is required to submit a detailed resume within 30 days.

**Jovel Finney, LMSW** – Members of the board agreed that the supervision log should be signed after each session. Members of the board referred Ms. Finney to Rule 503 (O)(3) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

**St. Mary's Application for Pre-Approval Organization-** Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the application to be a Continuing Education Pre-Approval Organization.

**Dana Rippy, LMSW** – Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to deny the request submitted by ASWB to waive the 90 day waiting period to take the ASWB examination for Dana Rippy, LMSW.

**H. Aaron Ambeau, LCSW-BACS** – Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve H. Aaron Ambeau, LCSW-BACS, to supervise Lesa Sharkey, LCSW, as per her Consent Agreement and Order.

**Louise Bradford, LCSW** – Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve Ms. Bradford's request to grant an extension to complete CEU's. Ms. Bradford has been granted an extension until March 31, 2012, to complete the required 20 hours of continuing education. Members of the board have agreed to allow her to complete all 20 of her hours via distance learning. Ms. Bradford was informed that she must submit her LCSW renewal application on or before February 28, 2012. She was advised to contact NASW for assistance in obtaining her continuing education hours.

### **BOARD/STAFF ISSUES**

**ASWB FINANCE COMMITTEE 2012** – John McBride was asked to serve on ASWB's finance committee. Mr. McBride advised that he accepted the committee assignment.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION APPROVAL ORGANIZATIONS- AUDIT** – Members of the board reviewed the results of the audit of the Continuing Education Approval Organizations. Members of the board instructed staff to contact organizations that indicated that they did not approve any outside agencies and ask them to confirm whether they received any outside applications or were there applications submitted that were not approved from outside of their organization.

John McBride requested that a subcommittee be formed to explore changes to the current policy of becoming and maintaining the status of a Pre-Approval Organization for Continuing Education. Michael Hickerson, Parker Sternbergh and Judith Haspel agreed to serve on the committee. Michael Hickerson agreed to chair the committee.

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER- WORKING WITHOUT A CREDENTIAL**

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to suspend Debra Valentine's RSW, for failure to complete the terms of her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Valentine has been issued a cease and desist order of her practice of social work.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to suspend Laneshia Gammage's RSW, for failure to complete the terms of her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Gammage has been issued a cease and desist order of her practice of social work.

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to reinstate Janice Bradford's RSW. Ms. Bradford has submitted evidence that she has completed all of the terms of her Consent Agreement and Order.

**FINANCIAL**

Motion made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the annual membership fee of \$1500.00 to ASWB.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 11:15 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 into Executive Session: John McBride, yes, Carla Moore, yes, Michael Hickerson, yes, Lisa Lipsey, yes, Parker Sternbergh, yes, and Judith Haspel, yes.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 6:47 p.m. to make the following motions:

### **NEW COMPLAINTS**

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2012-76**, and to send to investigation for possible violations of Rule 107B, 115B(1), 115D(2), and La. R.S. 37:2717A(7).

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2012-77**, and to send to investigation for possible violations of Rule 117A and La. R.S. 37:2717A(8).

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to request the respondent in **Complaint #2012-78** to submit a written response to the allegations to include which tools were used to complete the assessment or how did she arrive at her decision that complainant was competent to participate in disciplinary hearing.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to request the respondent in **Complaint #2012-79** to submit a written response to the complaint.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2012-81**, and to send to investigation for possible violations of Rule 113A(6), 113B(3), and La. R.S. 37:2717A (7), (11), (12).

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to conduct an administrative investigation of the allegations described in **Complaint #2012-86**.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to request the respondent for **Complaint #2012-89** to submit a written response to the allegations.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2012-80**, and send to investigation for possible violations of Rule 111G(5), 113A, 121B, 107C, 503K, 503M, 503Q(3), 505C, 505G, and La. R.S. 37:2707B(2), 37:2717A(10). Complainant alleges that FB was not compliant with the Rules, Standards and Procedures and the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act; therefore, she will be investigated for possible violations of Rule 505A, 121B and La. R.S. 2717A (10). Complainant also alleges that CC, RP, and CT were not compliant with the Rules, Standards and Procedures. Therefore, they will be investigated for possible violations of 505A, 505G, and 117D, of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

### **COMPLIANCE HEARING**

Roland Flemings, Jr., MSW, did not show up for the compliance hearing he requested.

### **MONITORING REPORTS- IPP**

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to accept the IPP monitoring report.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to request that the Attorney General's office file a draft administrative complaint against **OC-11**.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to drop **SD-11**, from the IPP program.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to send **JT-09** certified notification that she must submit evidence within 10 days that she has been in compliance of her Participation Agreement.

### **MONITORING REPORTS- DISCIPLINARY**

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

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision report submitted by Mona Marcum, LCSW-BACS, on behalf of Juanita Anderson-Hilton, LCSW.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Parker Sternbergh, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision report submitted by Joy McElveen, LCSW-BACS, on behalf of Norlarn Hayes, LCSW.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to release Anissa Horne, LCSW, from the terms of her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Horne has successfully completed all of the terms of her agreement.

### **PENDING COMPLAINTS**

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2011-120**. The respondent will be advised that she will be referred to the IPP if she files for renewal of her license.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to set the hearing date for **Complaint #2012-07** on March 16, 2012.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2012-57**, for failure to rise to a level of a violation of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application submitted by **Latanya Jackson**. Ms. Jackson has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW application submitted by **John Michael Cook, MSW**. Mr. Cook has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to deny the LMSW application submitted by **Christopher Kruebbe, MSW**. Mr. Kruebbe has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application submitted by **Mark Phillips**. Mr. Phillips has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

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

Batiste, Catina	Brown, Tabitha
Carver, Bailey	Dillon, Sonja
Irving, Jessica	Jackson, Jameeka
McCaleb, Kristina	Moffett, Dawne
Nieman, Andrew	Oglesby, Stephanie
Slater, Eva	Watkins, La'Quinta

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Michael Hickerson 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**:

Anthony, Ashley	Blair, Amanda
Brauer, Allison	Breaux, Meggie
Bridges, Melissa	Fanguy, Cara
Ford, Tanisha	Frank, Angela
Goodman, Sarah	Gremillion, Maggie
Harris, Denise	Jones, Brandi Lin
Kolze, Ashley	Levinson-Johnson, Jody
Lightman, Louisa	Lightfoot, Estilla
McDonough, Maureen	Royal, Victoria
Scott, Charniece	Sempel, Osha
Stewart, Jacquelyn	Stofira, Susan
Tidwell, Marti	Ward, Carole
Winingder, Diana	Wu, Nadine

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical exam for licensing as a **Licensed Clinical Social Worker:**

Anderson, Dawn	Greer, Gregory
Latter, Shayne	Mendoza, Nina
Rankis, Darlene	Scherr, Laurie
Smith, Amanda	Wallis, Judy
Wilburn, Libby	Ybos, Alecia

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to add the purchase of netbooks to the agenda.

Motion was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to purchase four netbooks for board members to use to conduct board business.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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John McBride, LCSW  
Chairperson

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Lisa Lipsey, LCSW  
Secretary-Treasurer