

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
May 3, 2013**

Lisa Lipsey, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 3, 2013, 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, except for the discussion relative to the agenda item Personnel Committee. Other individuals present for a portion of the meeting included Lyndia Green-Faust, Chris Geske, Damon Lowrey, Sue Taylor, and Martha Wyly.

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

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS**

Emalie Boyce, Assistant Attorney General, presented the board with a Consent Agreement and Order for **Charlotte Schorr, LMSW**, which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Ms. Schorr in resolution of Complaint #'s 2013-19 and 2013-41. **Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore 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 **Pamela Boudreaux-Weems, LMSW**, which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Ms. Boudreaux-Weems in resolution of Complaint # 2013-97. **Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order as presented.

**COMPLIANCE HEARINGS**

**Claude Montegut, MSW**

Mr. Montegut requested a compliance hearing because his renewal application for the LMSW was denied due to his affirmative answer on the application. It also appeared from his application that he had been practicing social work with a lapsed license. Mr. Montegut testified that his attorney advised him that he was not required to give an affirmative answer for the DUI charge on the previous renewal application because he had not been to court at that time and it was a city municipal traffic matter. Mr. Montegut

presented the board with a letter of support from Beverly Favre, Ph.D., RSW. Ms. Lyndia Green-Faust, LMSW, testified that she works closely with Mr. Montegut on a daily basis. She stated that he has never displayed any signs of impairment and feels that this DUI was an isolated incident. Mr. Montegut stated that he believed that he could practice social work as long as his LMSW was renewed on or before February 28, 2013.

### **Brandi Coulter**

Ms. Coulter did not appear for the compliance hearing that she requested nor did she notify the board that she could not attend.

### **MINUTES of the meeting held March 22, 2013**

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the meeting held March 22, 2013 as presented.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Catherine Rossignol, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to deny the request submitted by Ms. Rossignol to obtain continuing education hours for reviewing DVD's and a study book for a workshop she was unable to complete due to illness. Ms. Rossignol was advised that because there is no post-test, it does not meet the requirements for distance learning.

#### **Anne Williams, LCSW**

**Motion** made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to approve the workshop for LCSWs wanting to obtain the Board Approved Clinical Supervisor designation that the LSU School of Social Work plans to sponsor on June 20 – 21, 2013. The board wishes to advise the LSU School of Social Work that future requests for pre-approval should be submitted on the application for pre-approval of continuing education which is available on the board's website.

#### **Jeffery Sheridan, CSW**

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to grant Jeffery Sheridan a 30-day extension to pay the fine for his Consent Agreement and Order.

#### **Daphne Cain, LCSW**

Lisa Lipsey agreed to respond to Daphne Cain's letter of concern regarding the time period between students graduating and the date of the board meeting in which licensure applications can be considered. The letter will request the date of future graduations, so that these dates can be considered when board members vote to set the 2014 meeting dates. In addition, board members agreed to copy NASW-LA Chapter and the Deans of all social work programs.

### **Victory Addiction Recovery Center**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to approve Victory Addiction Recovery Center as a continuing education pre-approval organization. Their approval extends from May 3, 2013 –May 3, 2016.

### **Daniel Scott Campbell, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and carried by majority vote, to deny Daniel Scott Campbell's request that the board accept supervision completed under a Supervision Agreement/Plan of Supervision that was not approved by the board. Judith Haspel opposed the vote.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to require Jyoti Shah, LCSW, to attend the Board Orientation workshop and to submit a written response within ten days addressing why she continued supervision with a plan that was not approved by the board.

### **BOARD/STAFF ISSUES**

#### **Session Evaluation from March 31, 2013 NASW Conference**

Members of the board reviewed the evaluations submitted for the workshop presented for the LABSWE at the 2013 NASW Conference. The workshop received favorable reviews.

#### **Carmen Weisner, NASW-LA- New Graduate Survey Request**

Members of the board agreed that this is not a public protection issue. Therefore, the LABSWE is unable to accept this project. Parker Sternbergh agreed to contact Ms. Weisner to advise that Tulane School of Social Work is possibly interested in assisting with this project.

#### **ASWB- Letter of Agreement with Louisiana**

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to approve the letter of agreement between the Association of Social Work Boards and the jurisdiction of Louisiana for using the ASWB examinations.

#### **FARB Attorney Certification Seminar**

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to send George Papale to the seminar. If George Papale is unable to attend, Emalie Boyce will be offered the opportunity to attend.

#### **Personal Financial Disclosure Statement-Ethics Board**

Members of the Board were reminded that the Professional Disclosure Statements are due in to the office of the Louisiana State Board of Ethics no later than May 15, 2013.

## **Legislation**

Members of the Board received the following pieces of 2013 legislation for their review and information:

SB134 which provides for the licensing of Behavioral Analysts.

SB 212 which requires public meetings to be video or tape recorded.

HB 226 which creates the crime of prohibited sexual contact between a psychotherapist and a client or patient.

HB 281 which provides for the licensing of behavioral health services providers under the Department of Health and Hospitals.

## **CLEAR – Membership Renewal**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to submit the renewal form and fee of \$240.00 to CLEAR for the 2013 renewal period.

## **Potential changes to the Rules, Standards and Procedures**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to forward with revisions to the rules previously distributed and commented on by George Papale relative to expedited licensing of military applicants and the spouses of military applicants, mandates for reporting change of address, arrests and treatment, the scheduling of board meetings, changes to the Impaired Professional Program, and other house-keeping type changes.

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to also change 503(S) to include the sentence, “The supervisor/supervisee will be mailed a letter confirming board approval of the Supervision Agreement/Plan of Supervision and the beginning date of supervision credit.”

## **Continuing Education Pre-Approval Organizations**

### **1. St. Mary’s Residential Training School**

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to request a letter of response from St. Mary’s Residential Training School asking if they are denying outside organizations request for pre-approval.

### **2. Carmen Weisner, NASW-LA**

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the application for continuing education approval pending the comparison of the revised form to the original form. Ms. Sternbergh will submit the final copy to the board office so that it can be posted to the website.

### **3. Laury Bourgeois, LCSW**

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried to approve her supervision workshops titled “Soar to Success in Supervision, Ethics and Cultural Diversity” to become a Board Approved Clinical Supervisor. This workshop will be offered June 14, 2013 at the Tulane School of Social Work and June 28, 2013, in Cadrieu France.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:20 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

to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: John McBride, yes; Michael Hickerson, yes; Carla Moore, yes; and Judith Haspel, yes and Parker Sternbergh, yes.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:00 p.m. to make the following motions:

### **Meeting with Potential IT Providers**

#### **Essential Solutions**

Bob White from Essential Solutions provided the Board with an overview of services that his company offers, along with upgrade recommendations for the LABSWE.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 1:50 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

to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: John McBride, yes; Michael Hickerson, yes; Carla Moore, yes; and Judith Haspel, yes and Parker Sternbergh, yes.

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. to make the following motions:

### **Meeting with Potential IT Providers**

#### **Computer Heaven**

Robin Hyde from Computer Heaven provided the Board with an overview of services that her company offers, along with upgrade recommendations for the LABSWE.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 3:31 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

to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: John McBride, yes; Michael Hickerson, yes; Carla Moore, yes; and Judith Haspel, yes and Parker Sternbergh, yes.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to make the following motions:

### **IPP Monitoring Report**

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to accept the IPP Monitoring Report as presented.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to deny the request submitted by **AH-11** to return all therapy notes. Members of the board have requested that legal counsel draft and send the response.

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to send certified notification to **FJ-11** informing her that a hearing has been set for June 14, 2013.

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to send **JG-09** certified notification that she has 10 days to submit evidence that she has submitted her psychotherapy report and the report from her psychiatrist or nurse practitioner.

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to send **FM-13** certified notification that she has 10 days to submit evidence that she has submitted her psychotherapy report and the quarterly report from her psychiatrist.

### **Disciplinary Monitoring Report**

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the disciplinary monitoring report as presented.

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to grant **Rashain Carriere-Williams** an extension for her supervision report pending official documentation from her employer that she is currently on FMLA. Once that is submitted she is required to keep the board abreast of her medical condition.

### **Compliance Hearing Decision**

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to offer Claude Montegut, MSW, a Level 1 Consent Agreement and Order once the board office has received official documentation of his court order and verified that all requirements of the court have been completed. Should Mr. Montegut sign the Consent Agreement and Order, his LMSW will be renewed.

### **New Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2013-117** and send her copies of her record of supervision. The Board was unsure if the letter submitted was an actual complaint. She has been instructed to complete the proper form if she is filing a complaint against her former supervisor.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2013-118** and send to investigation for possible violation of Rule 111D and LA R.S. 2717A(3),(4),(7),(11).

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to issue cease and desist orders to the social workers named in **Complaint #2013-120**. Both individuals named in the complaint have submitted applications, but have not been approved for a credential.

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to request the respondent for **Complaint #2013-121** to submit a letter of response to the allegations of possible violation of Rule 115A, 115B and LA R.S. 2717A(4),(5),(7), and 2718B.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2013-122** because it is not within the board's authority to investigate complaints against an agency.

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to request the respondent for **Complaint #2013-123** to submit a letter of response to the allegations.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2013-124** because the matters documented in the complaint have already been addressed by the board. The board is unable to respond to the complainant because the complaint was submitted anonymously.

### **Pending Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to issue the respondent in **Complaint #2013-20** a cease and

desist order and to notify his employer that he is not credentialed to practice in Louisiana.

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2013-24** for failure to rise to a level of a violation of the Rules, Standards and Procedures and the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act.

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2013-80** for failure to rise to a level of a violation of the Rules, Standards and Procedures and the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act.

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to send **Complaint #2013-95** to investigation for possible violation of Rule 117A and LA R.S. 2717A (7).

### **Applications**

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to require **Jennifer Agostin** to submit documentation of an additional 840 hours of supervised work experience to be eligible for the LCSW endorsement.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to approve the RSW application submitted by **Ashley Dede, MSW**, conditional of her entering a level 4 Consent Agreement and Order for working without a credential.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to deny the request made by **Crystal Huff, MSW**, to have her LMSW reinstated without requiring her to take the ASWB Master's level examination. Her LMSW application has been approved and she has been granted approval for the Masters level examination.

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the LMSW application submitted by **Melanie Pierre, MSW**, conditional of her entering a level 2 Consent Agreement and Order for working without a credential.

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to deny the application submitted by **Josephine Sisemore** for Registered Social Workdue to notification by the Office of Student Financial Assistance that she is currently in student loan default. She has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW application submitted by **Daniel Scott Campbell, LMSW**. Mr. Campbell's application was denied because the board office did not receive the requested revisions.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to revise the policy regarding sanctions for unlicensed practice to reflect a decrease of 25% in the fine amount issued to applicants for LMSW and to reflect a decrease of 50% in the fine amount issued to applicants for RSW.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for registration as a **Registered Social Worker**:

Blackshire, LeZedrick	Butler, Shasta
Davis, Brittanee'	Harper, Shatarri
Jarrett, Devon	Manuel, Ta'Erica
Nugent, Tonya	Russell, Cheryl
Suazo, Tamioka	Sullen, Redondra
Burris, Lonzetta	
London, Levida	
Rhodes, Amber	
Shepard, Sabrina	

**Approved Pending Official School Transcript**

Barcelona, Jamie	Mellion, LA'Teadra
Sessions, Andi	Wyatt, Mallorie

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for the **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**:

Ben, Monica	Brewer, Terrance
Diaz, Aleyda	Frein, Elizabeth
Lynch, Catherine	Marshall, Jeanne
Ogden, Sonja	Pittman, Samantha
Restituto, Ann	Sucherman, Jamie
Williams, Kaziah	Zepernick, Shelia
Delgado, Jeanette	

**Approved Pending Official School Transcript**

Allen, Ebony	Blackwell, Erica
Bridgewater, Jasper	Brown, Arielle
Corona, Marilyn	DeMagnus, Nadra
Elton, Darcy	Fontenot, Penni
Gordon, Jessica	Green, Lavondra
Jolivett, Latina	Jones, Ashley
Lawrence, Laura	McBurney, Erin
Morgan, Kenethia	Muhammad, Ameerah
Peterson, Tanisha	Prater, Ashley
Roget, Jake	Rosato, Nathan
Smith, Juliana	Waters, Natalie

Young, Melissa  
Morrise, Treniece

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

Bachrach, Anne	Barksdale, Tequila
Basco, Renee	Davis, Steven
Flores, Natalie	Graff, Kristen
Hauben, Erica	Jarvis, Casey
Jones, Christy	McIntyre, Megan
Moorman, Juanita	Payne, Natalie
Roser, Emily	Shirley, Heather
Stein, Christina	Toppeta, Laura
Cummins, Christen	
Raffray, Courtney	

### **Continuing Education Extension Requests**

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to approve **Nina Newman Savoie, LMSW**, to complete all 20 continuing education hours via distance learning for the collection period of 2012-2013.

**Motion** was made by Michael Hickerson, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to grant **Belinda Yoder, LCSW**, a six month extension to complete her continuing education hours. She will be required to complete her hours on or before December 31, 2013.

### **Long Range Planning**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to submit a RFP for the Impaired Professionals Program Manager.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to authorize Lisa Lipsey, Board Chairperson, to send correspondence to the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition and the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology advising them that the LABSWE is seeking to employ their own Administrator and staff.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Michael Hickerson and unanimously carried, to enter into a contract with Essential Solutions for IT needs. Board members agreed to continue using Computer Heaven for this renewal period to maintain continuity of service.

Board members agreed that at this time, it will not pursue holding ethics training throughout the state.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Lisa Lipsey, LCSW  
Chairperson

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Carla Moore, LMSW  
Secretary-Treasurer