

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
May 23, 2014**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 23, 2014, in the conference room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily Efferson, Administrator and Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant, were present for the entire meeting. Carmen Weisner, Chris Geske, Jane Smith, Alexia Carey, Jodi Cain-Mallett, Carla Hooks, Reniece Morrise, Rebecca Herbst, Linda Kelly Woodruff, Jackie Shellington, Patricia Spears, Joan Jeffries and Jennifer Sanchez were present for a part of the public portion of the meeting.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Robert Showers, Judith Haspel, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, and Parker Sternbergh, LCSW.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with the following changes: change item 3.b. to #2014-34 for Passmore Furusa and change item 3.c. to #2014-35 for Robyn Estopinal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA, reported on several bills that they were watching. House Bill #1273 which provides for the issuance of a provisional license for ex-offenders, exempts the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners. The bill authored by Representative Richard which creates a felony for sex with a client was converted to a study committee resolution. House Bill #634 which establishes the licensed profession of art therapist was converted to a study committee resolution. House Bill #1256 which abolishes DHH and DCFS and creates the Department of Health and Social Services died in committee.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

Emalie Boyce, Assistant Attorney General, presented the board with a Consent Agreement and Order for **Jody Harris, MSW**, which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Ms. Harris in resolution of Complaint # 2014-104. **Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers 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 **Passmore Furusa**, which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Mr. Furusa in resolution of Complaint # 2014-34. **Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, 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 **Robyn Estopinal, LCSW**, which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Ms. Estopinal in resolution of Complaint # 2014-35. **Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 8:55 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: Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes and Parker Sternbergh, yes.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 9:45 a.m.

Emalie Boyce, Assistant Attorney General, and Jacqueline Shellington, Complaint Consultant, met with the members of the board to discuss issues involving Complaint #s 2013-63, 2014-05, and 2014-69.

MINUTES of the meeting held April 25, 2014

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the meeting held April 25, 2014 as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

Marie Laurent, LCSW

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny the request submitted by Marie Laurent, LCSW, to approve a supervision workshop she attended in North Carolina towards the requirements to become a BACS in Louisiana

Brenda Zaeringer, LCSW

Ms. Zaeringer submitted a letter to the board regarding the disposition of the release of client records. Members of the board advised Ms. Zaeringer to contact DCFS's legal department for legal advice regarding this matter. It was also advised that in this case, it would be best practice to release the client records once served with a subpoena from a Judge for the records.

Kym Meyer, MBA

Ms. Meyer presented the board with a licensing exam preparation program that her company LEAP offers social workers. Members of the board advised Ms. Myer that the board is unable to recommend her organization as a resource due to Rule 307 D(1) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures, which prohibits the endorsement of a preparatory course. Ms. Myer was advised that she can purchase the mailing list to send out to social workers in Louisiana.

Pamela Boudreaux-Weems, LCSW

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to grant Ms. Boudreaux-Weems a six month extension to complete the continuing education requirement of her Consent Agreement and Order. She is required to complete this requirement on or before November 23, 2014.

William Walker, CSW

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to grant Mr. Walker a six month extension to complete the continuing education and fine payment requirement of his Consent Agreement and Order. He is required to complete all of the requirements of the Consent Agreement and Order on or before November 23, 2014.

Loretta Braudaway, LCSW

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore and carried by majority vote, to deny Ms. Braudaway's request to complete all of her continuing education hours via distance learning and grant her an extension through July 31, 2014 to complete the additional four hours of face-to-face continuing education. Members of the Board encouraged Ms. Braudaway to review Rule 317M, of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Constance Konikoff, LCSW

Ms. Konikoff submitted a question to the board asking if a retired social worker who has allowed his license to lapse can do volunteer work. Members of the board agreed that an individual practicing social work, regardless if they are getting paid for the services, must hold a credential issued by the LABSWE. Ms. Konikoff was referred to §2703 (15)(a) of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act for the definition of social work practice.

Linda Andrews, LCSW

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny Ms. Andrews' request to complete all of her continuing education hours via distance learning. Members of the board have granted Ms. Andrews an extension through July 31, 2014, to complete her face-to-face hours.

Claudia Abell, LMSW

Ms. Abell presented the board with a situation where a caller was making "suicidal threats on the phone" but had given no identifying information when the caller

disconnected the call. Ms. Abell stated that the crisis line does have caller I.D. Members of the board advised Ms. Abell that best practice would be to call the caller back. If the social worker is unable to engage the caller, then she should contact the police and advise them of the situation.

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW

Dr. Weinzettle presented the board with a situation where a current student in the social work program has admitted to having an arrest record with several misdemeanor charges. Dr. Weinzettle asked the board if it would be possible for them to review the arrest record and decide if a license could be issued prior to the student progressing any further in the program. Members of the board agreed that they cannot predict what a future board's decision will be regarding the charges. Dr. Weinzettle was encouraged to advise the student when applying for a credential to submit all documentation relative to the charges along with their application.

Kathleen Mader, LCSW

Ms. Mader submitted a request to the board for their approval of a DBT training that she completed to be used towards her clinical contact hours to renew her license. Members of the board agreed that Ms. Mader can use this workshop toward meeting the clinical hours required to renew her license.

Financial

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to renew their subscription for the Professional Licensing Report in the amount of \$318.00.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the financial report for the period ending February 28, 2014.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the financial report for the period ending March 31, 2014.

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the estimate submitted by Essential Solutions for new computer in the amount of \$1,213.00. This computer will replace Regina DeWitt's current computer.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

Audit of Continuing Education Pre-approval Providers

Members of the board reviewed and discussed the protocol for the audit that will be conducted for the pre-approval organizations.

Email from C. Weisner to J. Haspel regarding LABSWE offering continuing education

Members of the board discussed Ms. Weisner's concerns about the LABSWE offering continuing education. Ms. Weisner was present at this meeting and Ms. Haspel

explained to her that the board is only in a discussion phase and that no definite plans to offer continuing education have been made.

2014 NASW-LA Annual Conference- LABSWE workshop evaluation

Members of the board reviewed the workshop evaluation received from the 2014 NASW-LA Annual Conference. The workshop received favorable reviews.

ASWB Spring Education Meeting Report

Emily Efferson reported on ASWB's Spring Education conference. Ms. Efferson specifically spoke about ASWB's new database for comparison guide, the new provider list serve, and informed the board that beginning July, 2015 the examination will incorporate questions relative to the DSM V.

Blue Ribbon Panel

Emily Efferson advised the board that the Blue Ribbon Panel has suggested that a survey be sent to all social workers. SSA Consultants is working on the survey language. Once the panel approves the survey it will be distributed electronically to all social workers.

SSA Training

Emily Efferson, Administrator, advised members of the board that she attended two trainings sponsored by SSA Consultants this week. One titled, "Developing High-Performance Teams" and the other titled, "Performance Management for High-Performing Teams".

Evaluation of Administrator

Members of the board were advised that the evaluation for the board's administrator will be sent out May 27, 2014 and must be returned no later than June 13, 2014.

Susan Hutchinson, Ph.D., LCSW

Ms. Hutchinson submitted a proposed article on professional wills for social workers. Members of the board request that legal counsel review this article prior to publishing this information in the newsletter and website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:03 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: Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Judith Haspel, yes and Parker Sternbergh, yes.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:44 p.m.

DISCIPLINARY MONITORING REPORT

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the disciplinary report.

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to release **Cierra Johnson, RSW**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Johnson has submitted evidence that she has completed all of the terms in her agreement.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to release **Miriam Vincent, RSW**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Vincent has submitted evidence that she has completed all of the terms in her agreement.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release **Jennifer McCleary, LMSW**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. McCleary has submitted evidence that she has completed all of the terms in her agreement.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release **La'Krasia Holloway, RSW**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Holloway has submitted evidence that she has completed all of the terms in her agreement.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release **Mary Strong, RSW**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Strong has submitted evidence that she has completed all of the terms in her agreement.

NEW COMPLAINTS

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2014-132** because it is outside of the boards purview and to contact the Department of Labor regarding this complaint.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-133** and to request a written response from the respondent.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-134** and to request additional information regarding the charges and to be kept abreast of the charges.

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-139** and to send to investigation for possible violation of Rule 107B, 107C, 109A, 109B, 111A, 111B, 111C, 111D and 2717A (7,11).

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-140** and to request a written response from the respondent.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-141** and to request a written response from the respondent.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-142** because it is outside of the board's purview and to forward the complaint to the university.

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2013-63** with a letter of recommendation.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-05** with a letter of recommendation.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-05** with a letter of recommendation.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-65** for failure to rise to the level of a violation of the of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Impaired Professional Program Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to approve the IPP monitoring report.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to dismiss the complaint filed against **MS-13** for her non-compliance of her Participation Agreement. She has produced evidence that she has become compliant since the complaint was filed.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to grant **NR-13's** request for a new evaluation and to put the hearing in abeyance until August 1, 2014 so that participant is able to get an evaluation and results prior to hearing.

Applications

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny the application submitted by **Shirley Calhoun, MSW**. Ms. Calhoun has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to offer **LaTunya Creech**, a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to offer **Melanie Holmes, MSW**, a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to offer **Terrica Stevenson**, a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to request that **Kathleen Williams, MSW**, submit additional information relative to her supervision that was completed in Arkansas.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to offer **Shenitha Smith**, a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the RSW application submitted by **Ricky Peterson**, once he signs his RSW application.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to request that **Audra Cook, MSW**, submit additional information relative to the charges on her background check. Once the requested information has been submitted, her application will be reconsidered.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve **Bobby Tinner, LMSW**, for the LCSW. Members of the board voted to allow the supervision that he completed under a clinical psychologist to be used toward to supervision requirement for the LCSW.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for registration as a Registered Social Worker:

Buzzetta, Joseph	Crawford, Todd
Fisher-Denham, RaKinzie	Gentry, Angela
Glass, Joycelyn	Hardy, Linda
Hardy, Shanice	Henderson, Shearita

Hill, Shayna
Matthews, Solomon
Simmons, Andrea
Wesley, Korisma

Lee, JaLisa
Mizell, Kelly
Tucker, Terrencelyn

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers 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:

Adamski, Neena	Alexander, Marcus
Armon, Alexa	Atkins, Alexis
Backstrom, Sarah	Bates, Samantha
Bertges, Candace	Bilello, Sarah
Bindewald, Chris	Blair, Dietrich
Blood, Candace	Bossley, Lauren
Cherichel, Naromie	Chesne, Cady
Cloyd, Amanda	Cvitanovich, Natasha
Cyprain, Brettneka	Davis, Caitie
Davis, Rita	DeGroat, Taylor
Delcambre, Dominique	Diesi, Sarah
Dotie, Katie	Engemann, Margaret
Falcon, Amanda	Fleming, Natisha
Frazier, Wanda	Gettys, Hannah
George, Nathan	Goff, Amy
Graves, Kaitlin	Harris, Arlishea
Henry, Danielle	Iles, Bryanna
Jackson, Mary	Keegan, Robyn
Kogos, Marnie	Kraemer, Jessica
Kron, Kayla	Landry, Danielle
Landry, Natalie	Lasseigne, Mary
LeJeune, Christian	Lyons, Aimee
McDaniel, Cayce	Magee, Jessica
Martinez, Jancy	Maulden, Chelsea
Micheau, April	Milet, Brynn
Mingo, Nicole	Patin, Catherine
Patterson, Carrie	Pattison, Heather
Phillips, Mark	Pollard, Ayrielle
Provost, Margaret	Puyau, Brittany
Raines, Jennifer	Rathburn, Jill
Rawls, Jessica	Richardson, Maria
Roach, Katie	Rivas Jr., Francisco
Sande, Christine	Says, Ashley
Sepeda, Melissa	Silva, Lacey
Smith, Scott	Strickland, Jennifer
Sullivan, Breanna	Toloudis, Kristen
Tuggle, Megan	Viola, Tracie

Wright, Laura

Approval pending the receipt of official school transcript:

Arnold, Maria	Batiste, Keren
Payton, Courtney	Stevenson, LaToya
Wallingford, Crystal	White, Catherine
Barard, Kailyn	Carter, Anya'
Coelle, Whitney	Cox, Kelly
Davis, Faniki	Edwards, Angelica
Edwards, Phillip	Ellis, Sierra
Favuzzo, Colleen	Green, Kasha
Haile, Crystal	Hall, Shavon
Horton, Kristin	Jones, Elizabeth
Levy, Elise	Locke, Kemja
Malone, DeAndra	Mingo, Ebony
Morris-Carter, Shelita	Myers, Donna
Sartin, Niya	Simmons, Robin
Taylor, Aryonne	Walters, Rosalyn
Westley, LaShai	

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

Clark, Ashley	Dean, Mary
Callien, Kimberly	LaRoche, Danielle
Milton, Kyla	Pechon, Cindy
Roberts, Jocelyn	Schffield, Eliza
Spell, Renee	Wallace, Carla
Wilkes, Mary	Williams, Bobby

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Judith Haspel, LCSW
Chairperson

Carla Moore, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer