

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
June 27, 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 Charline Weatherford, Lynell Sanders, Christopher Graham, Rebecca Richard, Jody West, Brenda Roberson, Jacqueline Shellington, Stacia Jemison, Natalie Busillo, Jodi Mallett, Jody Dufren, Scott Duff, Tina Sciambra, Patricia Spears, Anne DeFoe, Megan Curtis, Jo Ann Edwards, Rebecca Richard, Shenitha Smith.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Robert Showers, Judith Haspel, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Peggy Sally, LCSW 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: remove 5.m and add item 7.c election of officers to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA, reported that the state of Louisiana entered into a contract with Alvarez & Martin, a New York based company, to research how the state can save money. Ms. Weisner recommends that the board review the report because it mentions boards and commissions. Ms. Weisner also reported that they will be releasing their comprehensive legislative report in August.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

A hearing in the matter of **Robyn Kincel, LCSW**, was conducted. George Papale was present as legal counsel for the Board. Emalie Boyce, Assistant Attorney General, was present as the 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, Lisa Lipsey, LCSW, Parker Sternbergh, LCSW, Judith Haspel, LCSW, Robert Showers, RSW and Carla Moore, LMSW. Judith Haspel served as the Presiding Officer.

MINUTES of the meeting held May 23, 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

Pine Grove Behavioral

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to approve Pine Grove Behavioral as an approval organization. Their approval extends from June 27, 2014- June 27, 2017.

Northeast Delta Human Services Authority

Members of the board reviewed the application to become a preapproval organization submitted by Northeast Delta Human Services Authority. Members of the board agreed that they will reconsider the application once they submit more individualized letters of reference.

Julie Best, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny the request submitted by Ms. Best to allow continuing education hours received earlier in the year to count towards the collection period beginning July 1, 2014. Ms. Best was referred to Rule 317A of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Dina Rife, LCSW

Members of the board reviewed a request submitted by Ms. Rife to allow her to complete the continuing education requirement to become a BACS via distance learning. Members of the board agreed to consider Ms. Rife's request once she submits a time ordered agenda of the workshop.

LaKisha Penn

Members of the board reviewed a job description submitted by Ms. Penn to determine if it falls under the scope of practice of a social worker. Members of the board agreed that after reviewing the position description of CASA Program Director, her degree in sociology would allow her to work in this capacity.

Michelle Daigle, LCSW

Ms. Daigle presented the board with a situation where a social worker discovered that her encounters were being cross-referenced with a list of clients who had been seen at the school based health center. Members of the board agreed that this is an agency issue.

Natalie Morris, LMSW

Ms. Morris presented the board with a situation where she has been asked to perform bathroom assistance, if needed, with her clients. Members of the board agreed that the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and Rules, Standards and Procedures do not prohibit her from providing these services. Ms. Morris was referred to Rule 109 and 107(b) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Thomas Nielsen, Jr., LCSW

Members of the board reviewed correspondence submitted by Mr. Nielsen. Mr. Nielsen asked the board if Parent Coordination Services is within the scope of practice of a

social worker. Members of the board agreed that it is within his scope of practice and referred him to 37:2708(B) and 109A(3) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Mary Bartel, LCSW

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny Ms. Bartels request for an extension to complete her continuing education hours to renew her BACS status.

Ty Bartel, LCSW

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny Mr. Bartels request for an extension to complete his continuing education hours to renew her BACS status.

Cynthia Marbs, RSW

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to grant Ms. Marbs an extension through July 31, 2014, to complete her continuing education hours.

Lisa Farnsworth, LCSW

Ms. Farnsworth submitted a request to the board to grant her an extension to complete her continuing education hours. Members of the board agreed to consider her request once she submits evidence of an extenuating circumstance that prohibited her from completing her hours.

Katherine Poulin, LPC

Ms. Poulin submitted a request for the LABSWE to post a Magellan Certified Provider Announcement on their website. Members of the board advised Ms. Poulin that they are unable to post advertisements on the website. Ms. Poulin was further advised that she can purchase a mailing list of the social workers in Louisiana and she can contact the professional organizations to inquire if they are able to post advertisements on their websites.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

Senate Bill 539-Training in Suicide Prevention

Members of the board were advised that SB 539 will not require the LABSWE to change the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Election of Board Officers

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to nominate Judith Haspel for chairperson.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to nominate Parker Sternbergh for vice chairperson.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to nominate Carla Moore for secretary-treasurer.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to accept slate as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:24 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; Peggy Sally, yes; Lisa Lipsey, yes, and Parker Sternbergh, yes.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:05 p.m.

DISCIPLINARY MONITORING REPORT

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

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

NEW COMPLAINTS

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2014-143** for failure to rise to the level of a violation of the of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-144** and to request a criminal background check and a letter of response to the allegations.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2014-145** for failure to rise to the level of a violation of the of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-146** and to request a detailed job description and a letter of response to the allegations.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-147** and to request a criminal background check and a letter of response to the allegations.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2014-151** the LABSWE database does not have a social worker with the name presented in the complaint.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-152** and to request official court documentation and a letter of response to the allegations.

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2014-153**. The individual named in the complaint is not a social worker and it is outside of the boards purview to accept a complaint against an agency.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Sally and unanimously carried, to request additional information for **Complaint #2014-154**. Complainant is being requested to submit specific allegations against specific individuals.

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Sally and unanimously carried, to set a hearing for **Complaint #2014-42** for September 5, 2014.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-74** for failure to rise to the level of a violation of the of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-89** and grant her approval to continue to pay her fine for the Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-91** for failure to rise to the level of a violation of the of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-93** for failure to rise to the level of a violation of the of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Peggy Sally and unanimously carried, to send **Complaint #2014-99** to the AAG for a Consent Agreement and Order to voluntarily relinquish his license.

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-133** for failure to rise to the level of a violation of the of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

COMPLIANCE HEARING

Shenitha Smith, MSW

Shenitha Smith, MSW, requested a compliance hearing because her LMSW retake application was denied and she was offered a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice. Ms. Smith testified that she has held several positions since her CSW lapsed. She further testified that she did not feel that those positions were social work positions. She provided board members with job descriptions and qualifications of the positions that she held for their review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 1:28 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: Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Peggy Sally, yes; Lisa Lipsey, yes, and Parker Sternbergh, yes.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:03 p.m.

Impaired Professional Program Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the IPP monitoring report.

Meeting with Beverly Hunter, Provider Training Specialist

Board members met with Beverly Hunter and Janice Fruge, with the Department of Education, to discuss services provided by social workers within the school system.

Compliance Hearing Deliberation

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried to uphold the board's original decision to offer Ms. **Shenitha Smith, MSW**, a Level 4 Consent Agreement and Order. Members of the board agreed that the current position that Ms. Smith is in is not social work practice. However, the previous positions fall under the scope of practice of a social worker.

Continuing Education Extension Requests- Extenuating Circumstances

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Sally and unanimously carried, to grant **Diane Gallagher, LCSW**, an extension once she has provided the board office with a copy of a death certificate. Once the death certificate has been received she will be granted an extension through June 30, 2015, she will be required to submit 40 hours of continuing education at that time.

Motion was made by Peggy Sally, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to grant **Linda Andrews, LCSW**, an extension to complete her continuing education hours on or before June 30, 2015. Her continuing education hours will be audited, she is required to submit 40 hours for the collections periods of 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. Members of the board were unable to grant her request to complete all of her continuing education hours via distance learning.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Sally and unanimously carried, to grant **Caroline Fleiner, LMSW**, an extension to complete her continuing education hours on or before June 30, 2015. Her continuing education hours will be audited, she will be required to submit 40 hours for the collection periods of 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

Motion was made by Peggy Sally, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to grant **Abbe Garfinkel, LCSW**, an extension to complete her continuing education hours on or before June 30, 2015. Her continuing education hours will be audited, she will be required to submit 40 hours for the collection periods of 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to grant **Laura Malone, LCSW**, an extension to complete her continuing education hours on or before June 30, 2015. Her continuing education hours will be audited, she will be required to submit 40 hours for the collection periods of 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

Motion was made by Peggy Sally, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to grant **Eugenia Stern, LCSW**, an extension to complete her continuing education hours on or before June 30, 2015. Her continuing education hours will be audited, she will be required to submit 40 hours for the collection periods of 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Sally and unanimously carried, to grant **Beth Mouton, LCSW**, an extension once she has provided the board office with a copy of her medical documentation. Once the requested information has been received she will be granted an extension through June 30, 2015, she will be required to submit 40 hours of continuing education at that time.

Motion was made by Peggy Sally, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to grant **Willye Turner, RSW**, an extension once she has provided the board

office with a copy of her medical documentation. Once the requested information has been received she will be granted an extension through June 30, 2015, she will be required to submit 40 hours of continuing education at that time.

Motion was made by Peggy Sally, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to grant **Danny Allen, LCSW**, an extension once she has provided the board office with a copy of her medical documentation. Once the requested information has been received she will be granted an extension through June 30, 2015, she will be required to submit 40 hours of continuing education at that time.

Applications

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

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to offer **La'Dawn Parker, MSW**, a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Peggy Sally, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the application submitted by **Valarie Selders**. Ms. Selders did not graduate with a degree majoring in social work from a CSWE accredited program. Ms. Selders has been offered a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Peggy Sally and unanimously carried, to approve the LMSW application submitted by **Roshoundra Barnes**, once she submits documentation of her completion of the diversion program.

Motion was made by Lisa Lipsey, seconded by Peggy Sally and unanimously carried, to offer **Shirley Calhoun, MSW**, a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice and require her to complete an evaluation for the IPP.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Lisa Lipsey and unanimously carried, to approve the LMSW application submitted by **Kalenthia Hunter, MSW**, once she submits documentation that her charges have been expunged.

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:

Austin, Rita	Cabral-Peters, Sharon
Davis-Guidry, Tyesha	Dominique, Regina
Ducote, Angel	Granville, Tonya
Hunter, Tamara	Lewis, Meaquell
McClaskey, Jennifer	Moses, Tyronik
Taylor, Bernice	Toussaint, Candace
Williams-Hill, Pamela	

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:

Alexis, Blair	Anio, Ashtin
Benion, Jaquel	Bologna, Melissa
Brown, Joysaline	Dawson, Darrian
Day, LaDonna	Edwards, Joycelyn
Gerra, Emily	Greer, Marissa
Griffin, Ashley	Hawkins, Kimberly
Hixon, Christene	Holmes, Tyra
Hussain, Shamela	Jackson, D'Lisa
Jackson, Jameeka	Kelly, Tamara
Lloyd, Connie	Mackey, Nicole
Madden, James	Maxwell, Teresa
Murphy, Lorraine	Murray, Angela
Nicholas, Ethan	Payne, Thomas
Ratcliff, Betty	Rosenwade, Lauren
Sigur, Rechelle	Solcum, Chelsei
Smith, Latonya	Stiles, Amanda
Terrell, Emily	Thibodeaux, Johnna
Thompson, Ashlyn	Vehnekamp, Courtney
Vessel, Darlene	Washington, Sandra

Approval pending the receipt of official school transcript:

Francis, Alicia	McKinnies, Janier
Murphy, Megan	

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:

Brown, Robin	Cosper, Mary
Floyd, Deann	Ham, Mary
Hunt, Ellis	Lanclos, Courtney
Little, Kristina	Miller, Valerie
Pierce, Craig	Seaman, Christopher
Strain, Michael	

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Judith Haspel, LCSW
Chairperson

Carla Moore, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer