

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
August 5, 2016**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 5, 2016, in the conference room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, was present for the entire meeting with the exception of Administrator's Evaluation during Executive Session.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Judith Haspel, LCSW, Robert Showers, RSW, Yolanda Burnom, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Paulette Walker, M.Ed., Public Member, Marguerite "Peggy" Salley, LCSW, and John Shalett, LCSW.

Persons present for the public sections of the meeting included Sheila Wilkinson, LCSW, and Jodi Cain-Mallett, LCSW.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments made by the public.

HEARING

A hearing in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2015-122 against Kristen Mallory, LMSW, was conducted. Hearing panel members included Yolanda Burnom, LCSW, Judith Haspel, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, John Shalett, LCSW, and Robert Showers, RSW. George Papale served as Hearing Officer. Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, prosecuted the case. Kristen Mallory, LMSW, appeared and represented herself. A court reporter from Baton Rouge Court Reporters recorded the proceedings.

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order for Chuck Stelly, LCSW, presented by Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, in resolution of Complaint #2016-01.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order for Kathleen Mader, LCSW, presented by Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, in resolution of Complaint #2015-178.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order for Willie Wallace, LMSW, presented by Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, in resolution of Complaint #2016-03.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order for Trejay Stutts, CSW, presented by Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, in resolution of Complaint #2016-29.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order for Courtney Polk presented by Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, in resolution of Complaint #2016-30.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order for Toni Williams, RSW, presented by Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, in resolution of Complaint #2016-40.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2016 meeting as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the request made by **Mona Michelli, LCSW-BACS**, that the board accept Iris Mills' Supervision Agreement/Plan of Supervision without penalty for late submission and to file a complaint against Ms. Michelli. Board members cited Rules 503(N), (O) and (R).

Board members advised **Molly Walsh, LCSW**, that she is able to notify the psychiatric hospital that a patient has a warrant for possible sexual abuse.

Board members advised **Cheryl Tirado, LCSW**, that it is a conflict to serve as both adoption supervisor and pre-surrendering counselor. It was recommended that Ms. Tirado refer to agency policy and procedures.

Members of the board considered the request made by **Ronald Schneider, LCSW**, that LABSWE eliminate the \$3.00 credit card processing fee. Board members responded that the fee is warranted due to the increase in operating expenses.

Joan Scanlan, LCSW, submitted an inquiry about a potential dual relationship. Board members responded that based on the information provided, it was not clear that a dual relationship would exist. Ms. Scanlan was referred to Rule 113(B).

Board members considered an inquiry from **Addie Duval, LCSW-BACS**, relative to a HIV+ client having sexual relations with a partner who is not aware of the diagnosis and advised that a duty to warn does exist. They recommended that she consult with her agency's attorney and with the Office of Public Health.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the BACS supervision workshops submitted by Carmen Weisner, LCSW-BACS, on behalf of NASW-LA Chapter, that are scheduled for December 1, 2016, and May 25, 2017.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the application to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education submitted by **Victory Addiction Recovery Center**.

Jessica Williams, RSW, submitted the job description of Counselor Trainee at Pathways Community Health for the board to determine if it is within the scope of practice of a RSW. Board members confirmed that it does fall within the scope of practice of a RSW and referred Ms. Williams to LA R.S. 37:2706(B).

Paul Tuminello, LCSW-BACS, asked if it is within the scope of practice of a social worker to calculate BMI, and conduct blood sugar and blood pressure readings. The board responded that those activities are not addressed by the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Tom Nielsen Jr., LCSW, submitted information to the board regarding a gun control proposal for legislation. Board members advised Mr. Nielsen that they are not authorized to take a position on legislative issues.

Eva Slater, LMSW, submitted a job description for the board to review to determine if she is required to be supervised by a LCSW. Board members advised Ms. Slater that she is to remain under the supervision of a LCSW because she will be practicing clinical social work.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and carried by majority vote, to deny the request made by **Mary Lasseigne, LMSW**, that the board accept her Supervision Agreement/Plan of Supervision without penalty for late submission and to file a complaint against her supervisor. Board members cited Rules 503(N), (O) and (R). Peggy Salley and Robert Showers abstained from the vote.

Ted Kleamenakis, LMSW, and Sharon Kleamenakis, LCSW, submitted a request to be able to keep their license without the requirement of continuing education because they are both retired. The board advised that the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act does not authorize such accommodations.

Carol Miles, LCSW, submitted an inquiry regarding a situation that appears to be a scam. Board members advised Ms. Miles that she cannot release the client's name to the authorities in the event that the person is an actual client.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to deny **Victor Blanchard's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education and to offer him a Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny **Cierra Brady's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education and to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny **Christine Brewster's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education and to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to grant **Desiree Bridges'** request for an extension to obtain continuing upon receipt of documentation of her extenuating circumstances.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to grant **Sheila Carter-Newton's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education upon receipt of documentation of her extenuating circumstances.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to deny **Barbara Carlton's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education and to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny **Shannon Choate's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education and to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to grant **Stella Colomb's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education upon receipt of documentation of her extenuating circumstances.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny **Debra Everson's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education and to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny **Mary Goss'** request for an extension to obtain continuing education and to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny **Caroline Helm's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education and to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny **Hilda Holder's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education and to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny **Tiffany Johnson's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education and to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to deny **Michele Leblanc's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education and to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to grant **Nancy Mathews'** request for an extension to obtain continuing education upon receipt of documentation of her extenuating circumstances.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to grant **Linda Narcisse's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education upon receipt of documentation of her extenuating circumstances.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny **Shay Saltzman's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education and to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to grant **Mary Smalley's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education upon receipt of documentation of her extenuating circumstances.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to grant **Jaime Smith's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education upon receipt of documentation of her extenuating circumstances.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to grant **Aryonne Taylor's** request for an extension to obtain continuing education upon receipt of documentation of her extenuating circumstances.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the June 2014 workshop **Emelie Wright** completed for BACS.

COMPLIANCE HEARING – Brenda Fisher, MSW

Brenda Fisher requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny her application for LMSW. Ms. Fisher reported being an alcoholic until 2004. The probation violation stemmed from a DUI in 2000. She had fines to pay because of the DUI, which were paid by her parents. The proof of payment was lost in Hurricane Katrina and she was made to repay the fines. It wasn't until she applied for her social work internship in 2012 that she discovered she was in violation of her probation. She finished school and addressed the violation after she graduated.

COMPLIANCE HEARING – Elizabeth Casten, MSW

Elizabeth Casten requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny her application for LMSW. Ms. Casten's father, Theodore Casten, appeared with Ms. Casten and testified on her behalf. Ms. Casten provided proof that she successfully completed a one year pretrial diversion program.

COMPLIANCE HEARING – Dakia Turner, BSW

Dakia Turner requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny her application for RSW. Ms. Turner testified that her arrest stemmed from attempting to speak to the mother of a child that was bullying her daughter. She told board members that she eventually had to remove her daughter from the school because of bullying. She also provided evidence that the District Attorney dropped the charges against her, which is why she stated that she answered "no" on the application to the question about charges.

COMPLIANCE HEARING – LaToya Franklin, MSW

LaToya Franklin requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny her application for LMSW. Ms. Franklin testified that she is a single mother of two children who was caring for a father and uncle with cancer. The pressure of these responsibilities became overwhelming and she forged a prescription. She advised board members that she is currently in counseling and she is completing the requirements to get the charge expunged from her record.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 12:00 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/or to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: John Shalett, yes; Peggy Salley, yes; Yolanda Burnom, yes; Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes; and Paulette Walker, yes.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:28 p.m.

Compliance Hearings

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the LMSW application submitted by **Brenda Fisher**.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the LMSW application submitted by **Elizabeth Casten**.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the RSW application submitted by **Dakia Turner**.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and carried by majority vote, to approve the LMSW application submitted by **LaToya Franlin**. John Shalett voted against the motion.

Impaired Professional Program Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept the report provided by Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

Board Election

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the slate and elect Judy Haspel as Chairperson, Yolanda Burnom as Vice Chairperson, and Carla Moore as Secretary-Treasurer.

Email submitted by Sheila Wilkinson

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to send an email blast to all social workers explaining that LABSWE is the only organization that can use the board seal on correspondence.

ASWB

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to participate in a social work mobility consortium.

FARB

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to support FARB's request for a grant to study social work mobility.

FINANCIAL

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to contract with Bret Funk and Infinite Technology Group for IT work effective August 1, 2016, at a monthly maintenance rate of \$230.00 plus \$90.00 per hour for services not covered under maintenance agreement.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to utilize Westaff for a person to process renewals.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 2:32 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/or to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: John Shalett, yes; Peggy Salley, yes; Yolanda Burnom, yes; Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes; and Paulette Walker, yes.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 3:22 p.m.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the disciplinary monitoring report provided by Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to release the following individuals from their Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms:

Lois Dean
Teresa Bell
Sonya Brown
Evelyn Cass
Stacy Harris
Virginia Hoffman
Yolanda Johnson
Taraybia Nyamayaro
Dana Parker
Tabitha Sepulvado
Patricia Sheppard
Jamie Sucherman
Pittre Walker
LaShai Westly
Latricia Womack-Jenkins

New Complaints

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-1** and to request a written response.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-2** and to request a written response. Possible violations include Rule 107(B).

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-3** and to request a written response. Possible violations include Rule 109(A)(1) and 117(B).

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-4** and to send a letter advising that one can't practice social work without a credential issued by the board.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-5** and to refer the respondent to the Impaired Professional Program.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-6** and to request a written response and all official court documentation.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-14** because complaint is not against a social worker.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-15** and to send a letter advising that one can't practice social work without a credential issued by the board.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-16** and to request a written response. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and Rule 107(B).

Applications

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to issue **Cheven Bonnell** LMSW because she has a passing score on the ASWB Masters exam.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny the application for LMSW submitted by **Jessica Ross** because of her 2013 and 2015 arrests and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the application for LMSW submitted by **Lindsey Green** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the application for LMSW submitted by **Kimberly Lewis** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for registration as a Registered Social Worker:

Adams, LaToya	Jason-Smith, Latoya
Anderson, Sherill	King, Rose
Bernard, Kaylyn	Lefevre, Jeffrey
Brown, Keisha	Lofton, Ingrid
Centofanti, Andrea	Malone, Kamia
Downs, Tamekia	Marts, Erin
Edwards, Rhonda	Nicholas, Tressa
Holmes, Brandy	Webb, January
Hunter, Abriel	White, Darrion
Jackson, Gabrielle	Williams, Mary
Jacobs, Jasmine	Winston, Raemeka

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker 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:

Baumon, Brittany	Jason, LaRanda
Brown, Tiria	Lennox, Darla
Coleman, Sabrina	Ri, Kei
Dean, Sarah	Rogers, Courtney
Duplichan, Melinda	St. Cyr, Shamone (test only)
Eaves, Emily	Takewell, Mary
Garay, Kristin	Willis, Shalena

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to issue LMSW through endorsement to the following applicants:

Ardoin, Kacey END-GA
Barabino, Aundi END-TX

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical exam for licensing as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker:

Allen, Amanda	Kemp, Erin
Burris, Dondria	McDaniel, Kramer
Chernikoff, Jordan	Masset, Megan
Dearborne-Bynog, Georena	Murphy, Kenterea
Freeman, Laurel	Theriot, Paige
Haynes, LaShena	Washaw, Allyson
Jones, Cathryn	

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to issue LCSW through endorsement to the following applicants:

Bowker, Alisha (END-NY)

Brydon, Katie (END-CO)

Emig, Allison (END-IL)

Fox, Marie (END-MI)

Hawkins, Ebony (END-PA)

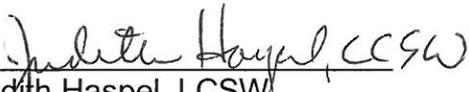
Johnston, Elizabeth (END-SC)

Wildt, Sarah (END-MO)

Personnel Matter – Evaluation of Administrator

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to grant Emily DeAngelo a 4% raise effective for August 25, 2016 payroll.

Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Judith Haspel, LCSW
Chairperson



Carla Moore, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer

