

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
November 3, 2017**

John Shalett, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 3, 2017, 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.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included John Shalett, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Robert Showers, RSW, Brent Villemarette, LCSW, Judith Haspel, LCSW, and Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW.

Members of the public who attended the public portions of the meeting included Ayn Stehr and Jodi Mallet.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

FINANCIAL

Rob Furman, CPA, prepared and presented financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and for the quarter ending September 30, 2017. Board members were advised that the fiscal year ended with total expenses exceeding revenues by \$49,813.10; however, \$40,000.00 of that amount is for Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) not spent. The statement of net position showed that the board ended its fiscal year with total assets of \$1,617,036.62. For the quarter ending September 30, 2017, revenue exceeded expenses for net income in the amount of \$335,855.98.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the quote submitted by Downtown Duplicating for new LCSW wall certificates.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to pay \$750.00 to exhibit at the 2018 NASW-LA Annual Conference.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to increase Lisa Lipsey's hourly rate to \$100.00 retroactive to October 1, 2017.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order to the board, which was previously accepted by Lucy Ehrenkranz, LCSW, in resolution of Complaint #2016-95.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2016-95 offered to Lucy Ehrenkranz.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order to the board, which was previously accepted by Cher Broussard, LMSW, in resolution of Complaint #2017-29 CW 2017-32.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2017-29 CW 2017-32 offered to Cher Broussard.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order to the board, which was previously accepted by Surveen Klein, LCSW-BACS, in resolution of Complaint #2016-155.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2016-155 offered to Surveen Klein.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order to the board, which was previously accepted by Patricia Hattier, LCSW-BACS, in resolution of Complaint #2017-75.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2017-75 offered to Patricia Hattier.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order to the board, which was previously accepted by Colette Melancon, LCSW-BACS, in resolution of Complaint #2017-77.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2017-77 offered to Colette Melancon.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the September 29, 2017, meeting as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to deny the refund request made by **Whitney Morris** in accordance with Rule 309(F).

Board members reviewed an application to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education from **Metropolitan Human Services District**. They are requesting that the agency submit the cost for non-affiliates applying for pre-approval.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the application and renew their pre-approval organization for social work continuing education status submitted by **Office of Behavioral Health**.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by **New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers** to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve **Daniel Floyd's** request to complete supervision with Rebecca Hubert, LCSW-BACS, remotely.

Martha Wilson, LCSW, submitted an inquiry relative to mandatory reporting. She explained the situation as a minor female took a screen shot of a minor male's penis while they were on FaceTime and showed the screen shot to others. Board members advised that the incident should be reported to the Department of Children and Family Services. They referenced Rule 111(D).

Dana Rock, LMSW, submitted an inquiry regarding breaking confidentiality if a client who poses serious, imminent danger/risk to themselves with means to carry out the plan. Board members agree, that while not specifically stated, La R.S. 37:2718(B)(3) can include protecting a client against suicide and that Rule 115(B)(2) does not exclude suicide from mandatory reporting.

Amanda Brooke Allen, LCSW, presented the same inquiry as Dana Rock and was provided the same response.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve **Taraz Price** to make monthly payments until her \$500.00 fine is paid, and to require that she have the 12 hours of continuing education in social work ethics completed by January 31, 2018.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by **Grambling State University School of Social Work** to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by **Vermilion Behavioral Health Systems** to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

Motion was made Brent Villemarette, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the 6.5 hour workshop for initial Board Approved Clinical Supervisor training that is being presented by **Laury Bourgeois, LCSW-BACS**, on January 26-27, 2018, in New Orleans, LA.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the request for remote supervision between **Willene Griffin, LCSW-BACS**, and Rochelle Brady, LMSW.

Rozina Freaney-Wright, LMSW, submitted correspondence addressing a question about social workers and prescriptions, a potential ethical conflict, and LMSWs not receiving supervision of their clinical practice. Board members advised that social workers can fill out a prescription as per a doctor's order, and confirmed that they cannot independently write, change, or sign a prescription. Members of the board advised that having a social worker assess both a transplant recipient and donor may not be best clinical practice, but is not a violation of the Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures. Lastly, the board advised that any LMSW or CSW providing clinical social work services must be supervised by a LCSW in accordance with Rule 505.

Jamie Schuler, LCSW-BACS, submitted a scenario where a minor boy recorded a minor girl, without her knowledge, taking a shower. Board members advised that this should be reported to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the application and renew their pre-approval organization for social work continuing education status submitted by **OPS Family Care**.

COMPLIANCE HEARING

Kevin Lopez requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny his application for Registered Social Work. Mr. Lopez's application was denied due to his current probation status. Mr. Lopez testified that he injured two people in an accident while driving intoxicated. He received five years of probation per victim and is ordered to pay \$150,000.00 in restitution. His probation includes 27 stipulations. He advised that he has completed 21. Mr. Lopez told board members that he is currently employed by a hotel and is enrolled in a master's program for criminal justice with a concentration in juvenile delinquency. He intends to obtain his MSW from SUNO in the future.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

Schedule 2018 board meetings

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to set the 2018 board meeting dates as follows:

January 12, February 16, March 16, April 20, June 1, July 13, August 17, September 21, October 26, December 7.

Rubric for selecting potential board members

NASW-LA provided a copy of the rubric used to vet candidates for LABSWE. No action was taken relative to this matter.

Outreach presentation

Board members requested that staff send notice to the regional chapters of NASW-LA and pre-approval organizations that they are available to provide a presentation about LABSWE. They also requested that notice be included in the next newsletter.

Report on annual CLEAR conference

Carla Moore attended the annual CLEAR conference in September 2017. She reported that the topics included ethics, board members and boards. She advised that the main speaker spoke about work with her son by multiple disciplines. Carla said that clear guidelines were provided for board members, which included, exemplary behavior and on-going training.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:09 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/or to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, yes; Robert Showers, RSW, yes; Judith Haspel, yes; Brent Villemarette, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:21 a.m. to make the following motions.

Impaired Professional Program

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the report submitted by Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

Proposed Bylaws Amendments and Resolution 2017-1 (ASWB)

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to support ASWB's proposed bylaws amendments and resolution 2017-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:23 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/or to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, yes; Robert Showers, RSW, yes; Judith Haspel, yes; Brent Villemarette, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:21 p.m. to make the following motions.

Compliance Hearing

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to grant Kevin Lopez registration as a Registered Social Worker.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to accept the disciplinary report prepared by Regina Dewitt, Administrative Assistant.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried to, release David Baze from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried to, release Melissa Carney from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried to, release Clara Scott from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried to, release Darrell Williams from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried to, release Centrell Wilson-Self from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

New Complaints

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-51** and to request a written response. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and Rules 107(B) and 115(A).

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2018-53** and to refer the complainant to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-54** and to request a written response. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7), 2718(B)(1), and Rules 107(B), 109(A)(1) & (2), 109(D), 111(G)(5) and 115(A).

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-55** and to request a written response and all official court documents.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-56** and to request a written response. Possible violations include Rule 107(B).

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-57** and to request a written response. Possible violations include Rule 107(B).

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-58** and to request a written response. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(4), (5), (7) and (11), and Rules 107(B), 109(E), 117(C) & (D).

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-59** and to request a written response. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(10) & (11), and Rules 107(B) and 111(G)(3) & (5).

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-74** and to request a written response and a copy of her record of supervision. Possible violations include Rule 505(A), (B), (F) & (G). Also, request that the complainant forward her record of supervision.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-74** and to request a written response and a copy of her record of supervision. Possible violations include Rule 505(A), (B), (F) & (G).

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-76** and to turn the file over to the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-77** and to turn the file over to the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-78** and to turn the file over to the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-79** and to turn the file over to the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-80** and to turn the file over to the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-81** and to turn the file over to the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-82** and to turn the file over to the Attorney General's office.

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-27**.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-41**.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to turn **Complaint #2017-58** over for investigation.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-148**.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-151**.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-159**.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-164**.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-172**.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-175**.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-176**.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-205**.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2018-5**.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2018-20**.

Applications

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the Registered Social Work application submitted by Debbie Elliott conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the Licensed Master Social Work application submitted by Sherlena Roach due to results of criminal background check and to offer her a compliance hearing.

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

Bloodworth, Tiffany M.
Bruce, Milisia A.
Burton, Nykela C.
Dean, Lashasa R.
Dorsey, Trimity V.
Durr, Ashley N.
Ebarb, Adam C.
Jordan, Gerrica E.
Kambi, Nancy I.
Lafayette, Tanya H.
Lorio, Julie L.

McWeen, Kristen A.
Rideaux, Mikaylia D.
Rue, Dominique
Saulsby, Latoya
Thompson, Sylvonna L.
Underwood-Hooker, Shantrece
White, Gilberta O.
Williams, Brandi D.
Williams, Robyn P.
Winley, Rosalinda M.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for registration as a Registered Social Worker pending receipt of their official bachelor's transcript:

Francis, Valarie R.
Nesheiwat, Christina

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette 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:

Bailey, Ashley M.
Bartholomew, Jaimie M.
Brooks, Danielle A.

Castleman, Tyler A.
Farrow, Jillian D.
Geiger, Jennifer R.

Glasper, Joann H.
Grant, Karissa A.
Jack, Lorie B.
Jarreau, Lauren R.
Lewis, Shereka M.
Martin, Briana S.
Mays, Rechele A.

Navarre, Susan M.
Noah, Saudia
Perry, Whitany D.
Smith, Jessica L.
Stewart-Brown, Catina
Williams, Susan O.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Master Social Work:

Harris, Heather L. (End-OH)

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle 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 pending receipt of their official transcript:

Bernard, Emma E.
Blagden, Katherine C.
Currier, Teele E.
Diaz, Vanesa T.
Frantz, Jamie A.
Johnson, Rebecca L.
Keatley, Tucker T.
Levins, Hope E.

Mangigian, Elizabeth A.
Millaway, Ellye B.
Montano, Karen N.
O'Connor, Brianna M.
Okula, Nell M.
Replogle, Madeleine E.
Sheehan, Ryan M.
Shulman, Michael J.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, 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:

Beaubouff, Chalayne D.
Broussard, Mark R.
Bryant, Danielle H.
Butler, Ve'Vay O.
Cain, Nancy L.
Cancienne, Jeanne H.
George, Nathan J.
Hasha, Margaret H.
Hutchinson, Jody T.
Jones, Elizabeth L.
King, Samantha E.
Landry, Natalie T.

Lazarus, Suzanne G.
Nacoste, Sianna L.
Pinkerton, Jocelyn S.
Plaisance, Brandi K.
Powell, Shobana J.
Robinson, Michael L.
Sanchez, Jennifer L.
Taylor-Washington, Natasha
Vallan, Ashley A.
Whiteside, LaTanya R.
Wiley, Nancy E.
Williams, Sandra R.

Motion was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Clinical Social Work:

Blackmon, Tomekia S. (End-NC)

Dueling, Ashley M. (End-FL)

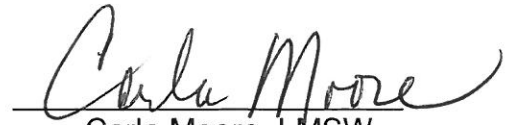
Egerton, Vanessa I. (End-TX)

Emmons, Beth (End-TX)

Haubenstricker, Katelyn E.(End-MI)

Adjourned at 1:31 p.m.


John Shalett, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Carla Moore, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer

