

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
March 16, 2018**

Brent Villemarette, LCSW, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 16, 2018, 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 Carla Moore, LMSW, Brent Villemarette, LCSW, Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Robert Showers, RSW, Jennifer Burch, LCSW, and Evan Bergeron.

John Shalett, LCSW, was absent.

Members of the public in attendance included Joseph Keegan, LeeAnn Coffey, Tricia Tucker, Jacob DePrimo, Elandra Seal, Melissa Shows, Jessica Whitney, Lori Edwards, Michelle Miner, Ernesha Smith, Theodore Davis, and Cherie McDermott.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with the additions of correspondence from Sallye Hampton and Jill Patent, as well as Consent Agreement and Orders for Brittany Lyons, Jimmy Chase and Carey Yazeed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LeeAnn Coffey, LCSW, expressed her dissatisfaction that the complaint she filed in 2016 was set for hearing two years after filing the complaint. She requested an investigation relative to the time it took to get to an outcome.

Joseph Keegan, LCSW-BACS, read his request for a declaratory ruling as his public comment.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order, which was previously accepted by **Dejuana Danzell-Petteway** in resolution of Complaint #2017-43.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and carried by majority vote, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2017-43 for Dejuana Danzell-Petteway. Jennifer Burch and Ruth Weinzettle abstained from the vote.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order, which was previously accepted by **Angie Simonton** in resolution of Complaint #2017-93.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and carried by majority vote, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2017-93 for Angie Simonton. Jennifer Burch and Ruth Weinzettle abstained from the vote.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order, which was previously accepted by **Jamie Barker** in resolution of Complaint #2018-38.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2018-38 for Jamie Barker.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order, which was previously accepted by **Melissa Scheib** in resolution of Complaint #2018-75.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2018-75 for Melissa Scheib.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order, which was previously accepted by **Greg Gleason** in resolution of Complaint #2018-37.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2018-37 for Greg Gleason.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order, which was previously accepted by **Brittany Lyons** in resolution of Complaint #2017-196.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and carried by majority vote, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2017-196 for Brittany Lyons.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order, which was previously accepted by **Jimmy Chase** in resolution of Complaint #2018-26.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2018-26 for Jimmy Chase.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order, which was previously accepted by **Carey Yazeed** in resolution of Complaint #2016-175.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2016-175 for Carey Yazeed.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to add the minutes for the Strategic Planning Meeting to the agenda for approval.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and carried by majority vote, to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 16, 2018, as presented. Evan Bergeron abstained from the vote.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and carried by majority vote, to approve the minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting held February 16-17, 2018, as presented. Evan Bergeron abstained from the vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the application to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education submitted by The Broadmoor Improvement Association.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the application to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education submitted by the Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling.

Board members received a request from Maggie McWilliams, RN, that they attest to a social worker's signature. Board members responded that Ms. McWilliams may make a public records request for a document signed by the social worker, but that they cannot attest to someone's signature.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to approve Priscilla Broussard's request to obtain all 20 hours of continuing education for the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 collection period via distance learning.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to approve Stephanie Shepherd-Kopf to begin supervision towards licensure while employed by RTI International.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve Julie Beard, LCSW-BACS, to provide supervision to Blair Boone Boggs, LMSW, in accordance with Ms. Bogg's Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to grant Udana Green six months to complete the terms of her Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the 2016-2017 renewal application for Terry Judice. Board members request that Mr. Judice be advised that he must reapply for a license; and that the passing score on the exam he passed in 1991 will be accepted when he reapplies.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to approve the application to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education submitted by Laury Bourgeois, LCSW-BACS.

Jessica Wilkes, LMSW, submitted an inquiry about providing a psychoeducational group to families involved with DCFS free of charge. Board members advised that as a LMSW, she must be either a salaried or contract employee with DCFS to provide social work services.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve Deborah Glover, LCSW-BACS, to provide supervision to Michele Guidry, LMSW, in accordance with Ms. Guidry's Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to deny Sallye Hampton's request for an extension to collect the continuing education required during the July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 collection period. Board members request that Ms. Hampton be advised that she must reapply for a license; and that the passing score on the exam she passed in 1999 will be accepted when she reapplies.

Jill Patent emailed an inquiry about writing orders and scope of practice of a social worker. Board members requested additional information to clarify her question.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

Report on Office Workflow

Emily DeAngelo provided a report to board members with information on office activity since the last meeting. The report includes the number of applications processed (initial applications, renewal application and retake applications), licenses issued due to passing the exam and board approval, verifications processed, Plan of Supervision forms handled for approval, and other updates. Board members were advised that so far, 164 complaint files have been opened relative to practicing social work with a lapsed license.

George Papale – response to social workers administering Narcan

Board members reviewed George Papale's opinion relative to social workers administering Narcan. Board members approved making the opinion available to the public.

Report on Annual FARB Conference

Carla Moore gave a report on the 42nd FARB (Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards) conference she attended January 25-28 in Coronado, CA. In attendance were over 100 different boards/associations representing 33 states, District of Columbia, and 3 Canadian provinces.

Recommendation from George Papale regarding inquiry from Caitlin Wankowski

Board members reviewed a draft response written by John Shalett after consulting with George Papale relative to a legal question posed by Caitlin Wankowski. Mr. Papale explained that Article 7 Section 14 of the State Constitution "prohibits the state(or any of its agencies) from loaning, pledging, donating anything belonging to the state to any individual. This prohibition includes donating services at the expense of the state without a contractual obligation to do so." As such and according to George, the Board

cannot provide legal services of its attorney to private individuals seeking legal advice from the board. Board members had no changes to the draft response to Ms. Wankowski.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:13 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: Robert Showers, RSW; Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, yes; Carla Moore, LMSW, yes; Jennifer Burch, LCSW, yes; and Evan Bergeron yes.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 12:06 p.m.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

George Papale – response to request for Declaratory Ruling

Board members reviewed George Papale's legal opinion on the response to Joseph Keegan's request for Declaratory Ruling. **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to issue the ruling that is attached to these minutes.

Rules Committee

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to move forward with the Supervision Committee, but to table initiating another committee to look at the rest of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Outreach Presentation

Board members were advised that there is a presentation request for a Wednesday in June. At the time of this meeting, there are no board members available to present on a Wednesday in June. The requester will be notified.

FINANCIAL

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to amend the contract with the Department of Justice, for a second time, by increasing the maximum contract amount to \$110,000.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:32 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: Robert Showers, RSW; Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, yes; Brent Villemarette, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. to make the following motions.

Impaired Professional Program

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept the report submitted by Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to request that the Attorney General's office prepare a Consent Agreement and Order for SS-17 to relinquish his license.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to grant Sharon Joseph a six month extension to complete three hours of in-person continuing education required by her Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to grant Josie Campbell a six month extension to complete ten hours of in-person continuing education required by her Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to release Nicole Sweet from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to release Bernadette Henry from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to release Shelita Morris-Carter from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to release Carol Austin from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release Patricia Hattier from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release Surveen Klein from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release LaKenya Points from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to release Yezenia Rolle from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to release Carla White from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

New Complaints

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to refer **Complaint #2018-170** to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-175** and to request a written response. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(5), (7) & (11) and Rule 107(B).

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-189** and to send to investigation. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(11).

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2018-190**.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2018-191**.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-224** and **#2018-336** and to send for investigation. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and Rule 107(B).

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-335** and to send for investigation. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(10) and Rules 111(G)(2) and 121(B).

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-242** and request a written response, as well as

send the complaint to DCFS. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and Rule 111(G)(2) & (3).

Motion was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-268** and to send for investigation. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(5), (7) & (11) and Rules 111(G)(5) & (6) and 111(H)(3).

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2018-337**.

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to set **Administrative Complaint #2017-31** for hearing on June 8, 2018.

Applications

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for Registered Social Work:

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| Arceneaux, Destiny | Lewis, Da Ven |
| Bailey, Yaskia | Reynolds-Ivery, Tammy |
| Bonnette, Elizabeth | Sanders, Delreil |
| Green, Ronkeyuna | Verdin, Sade |
| Hoag, Nancy | West, Natalie |
| Johns, Javonne | Whittington, Brittany |

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicant for Registered Social Work pending receipt of her official bachelor's transcript:

Curry, Amanda

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for approval to sit for the Masters exam and to issue Certified Social Work:

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| Blackwell, Christie C. | McDuff, Laurie |
| Booke, Bradly K. | Simmons, Carletta J. |
| Freyder, Mary J. | Simms, Treva M. |
| Green, Latoya E. | Smith, Brandy C. |
| Kaplan, Shelley L. | |
| Kase, Kristina L. | Thomas-Smith, Jada |

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to issue Licensed Master Social Work through endorsement to:

Pesta, Eva (End-TX)
Talley, Christine M. (End-KY)

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to issue approval to sit for the Masters exam and to issue Certified Social Work pending receipt of official Master's transcript:

Bobrycki, Carsyn
Duffy, Megan
Fereday, Jenna
Guidry, Angelika

Lasserre, Megan
Ostoj, Hannah
Pourciau, Haven

Motion was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical exam for Licensed Clinical Social Work:

Alley, Julie V.
Alexander, Camille A.
Brockett, Camille
Cameron, Patrick M.
Cox, Ryan S.
Gilmore, Robyn K.
Grant, Mikki D.
Greconia, Christina A.

Harrell, Stacey N.
Hasenstein, Laura J.
Hill, Janice T.
Hosey, Glenn E.
Lewis, Sheila D.
London, D'Atria S.
Parolli-Barnes, Treva A.
Price, Tammy L.

Motion was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to issue Licensed Clinical Social Work through endorsement to the following applicants:

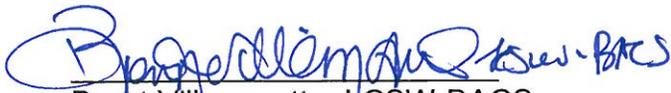
Edgerton, Yolonda (End-NC)

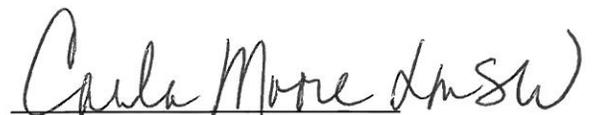
Continuing Education Requests

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to deny **Michael McDougald's** request for an extension to complete the continuing education for the July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 collection period.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny the renewal application submitted by **Josephine Oubre-Cain** because she did not provide evidence of completing the continuing education requirements for the July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 collection period.

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


Brent Villemarette, LCSW-BACS
Vice-Chairperson


Carla Moore, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer

