

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
June 12, 2020**

John Shalett, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. on Friday, June 12, 2020. The meeting was conducted via video conference and all interested parties were provided the information to join the meeting. The allowance of a video conference is authorized by Proclamation 30 JBE 2020, Section 4 as extended by subsequent executive proclamations including 75 JBE 2020. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, and Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, were present for the meeting.

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, John Shalett, LCSW, Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member, Brent Villemarette, LCSW, LaTonya Charles, LMSW, Ada Nelson, RSW, and Jennifer Burch, LCSW.

Members of the public in attendance that we are aware of are on the attached list.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda with the addition of a report on the NASW Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 8, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lakeytha Clayton, LCSW

Lakeytha Clayton submitted an inquiry relative to providing therapy to members of her husband's congregation. Board members advised against the dual relationship.

Amanda Carroll, LCSW

Board members considered an email from Amanda Carroll relative to transportation for an after school social skills program/psychoeducation group for youth. Board members advised that besides obtaining written consent for the services (to include transportation), this is not an issue that falls under the Social Work Practice Act or the Rules, Standards and Procedures. It was recommended that she discuss liability with her attorney and insurance company.

Jennifer Patterson, LCSW (AR)

Jennifer Patterson requested approval to provide services for more than 60 days as allowed by La R.S. 37:2722(C). The board advised that they are not authorized to

extend the time allowed and recommended that she either apply for a license or assist the client in finding a therapist licensed in Louisiana.

Emily Tilley, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to approve Emily Tilley to provide Michele Guidry with supervision.

Ira Coleman, RSW

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to deny Ira Coleman's request to be grandfathered.

Jasmin Wilson, LMSW

Jasmin Wilson is requesting to complete supervision via remote means.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to defer considering the request until the July 18, 2020 strategic planning meeting. Remind Ms. Wilson that she is currently approved for remote supervision through September 30, 2020.

Kimberly Bainguel, DSW, LCSW

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to remove disciplinary action from Kimberly Bainguel's record.

Stacey Whittemore, LCSW

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to remove disciplinary action from Stacey Whittemore's record.

Brett Quantrille, LCSW

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to deny removing disciplinary action from Brett Quantrille's record due to the violation involving a client.

Nubian Sun, LCSW

Board members request that Nubian Sun submit the time-ordered agenda for the workshop she completed called Best Practices in Social Work Supervision so that they can review the topics presented.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

Report on Office Workflow

Board members reviewed a report provided by the staff of the workflow since the last meeting. There have been 39 retakes processed, 54 licenses issued/reissued due to score reports, 111 new applications, and 16 BACS applications. There are 136 licenses being monitored following disciplinary action. 5 Consent Agreement and Orders have been issued for unlicensed practice. 30 verifications have been processed. Board members also reviewed the turn-around time for the latest set of Supervision Agreements and Plans. Between May 5 and June 4, 2 complaints were received. There are currently 35 cases pending a written response or court documents, 7 cases under investigation, 4

cases under review of the Complaint Consultant, 1 complaint pending discussion at a team meeting, 21 complaints under review of the Assistant Attorney General or Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Attorney General's office, 5 complaints under review of a board member, and 6 complaints pending hearing. Board members were also advised that 99 social workers have renewed since June 1, 2020.

Elections

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to nominate John Shalett to serve as chairperson.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to close nominations for chairperson.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to nominate Brent Villemarette to serve as vice-chairperson.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to close nominations for vice-chairperson.

Motion was made by Ada Nelson, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to nominate Ruth Weinzettle to serve as secretary-treasurer.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to close nominations for secretary-treasurer.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to approve the slate.

Legislation Review Committee Report

Evan Bergeron advised that the legislature did not take up SB389 due to changes that were made because of COVID-19. There is a special session occurring now and there may also be one in October, but there is no guaranty that SB389 will be heard during the special sessions.

Continuing Education for 2020-2021

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to allow social workers to obtain all continuing education hours for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 collection period via distance learning.

John Shalett requests that this matter be added to the July strategic planning agenda to be discussed on a larger scale.

Palliative Care Committee Update

Edgar Guedry reported that the committee has met once in-person and are currently staying connected by email. There has been one conference call and another one may be scheduled for July. One of the things the committee talked about is to redefine "Palliative" to not only be referred to as terminal but chronic conditions like sickle cell, hemophilia, etc.

NASW-LA Conference

John Shalett, Brent Villemarette and Emily DeAngelo provided their feedback regarding the board's ethics presentation that was delivered via interactive webinar.

FINANCIAL

Financial Statement for the period ending April 30, 2020

Board members reviewed the financial statement for the period ending April 30, 2020 prepared by Rob Furman, CPA.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the financial statement.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to approve Consent Agreement and Order #2020-72 for Wilneisha Jakes, LMSW.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:11 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, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Brent Villemarette, LCSW, yes; Ada Nelson, yes; Jennifer Burch, LCSW, yes; and LaTonya Charles, yes.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:02 p.m.

Consent Agreement and Orders

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to approve Consent Agreement and Order #2018-367 with an amendment to allow for online continuing education.

Motion was made by Ada Nelson, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve Consent Agreement and Order #2018-369 with an amendment to allow for online continuing education.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to approve the amendment to Consent Agreement and Order #2019-292 CW 2019-293.

Compliance Hearing

The hearing panel for the compliance hearings included John Shalett, Ada Nelson and Ruth Weinzettle.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to defer decision and to reconvene compliance hearing after receipt of reports from previous treatment providers and from current therapist.

LaTonya Charles left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to release the following individuals from their Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete:

Flora Cockerham,
Kortney Hickenbottom,
Michael Gaines,
Sheryl Marshall, and
Patricia Anderson-Alicea.

Impaired Professional Program

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

Complaints

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to docket the hearing of Administrative Complaint #2017-34 for August 21, 2020.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to docket the hearing of Administrative Complaint #2019-203 for October 2, 2020.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to docket the hearing of Administrative Complaint #2019-249 for October 2, 2020.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to refer Complaint #2018-388 back to Madeline Carbonette.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2020-59 with a letter of education.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2020-98.

Motion was made by Ada Nelson, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2020-99.

Motion was made by Ada Nelson, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2020-112 with a letter of education.

Applications

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the LMSW application submitted by Melissa Newman and to reinstate her license without retesting.

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

Alise, Cassidy	Issac, Nacia
Armstrong, Briana	Jones, Tiawana
Baker, Tionna	Levier, Amy
Barnes, Danielle	Lewis, Jacoreon
Bernard, Rosie	Marin, Jacqueline
Bolds, NaTyra	Martin, Ingrid
Bouie-Eddie, Jamie	Mathis, Dyasijah
Brown, Justyn	Mingo, Altrecia
Craten, Courte'Na	Osborne, Latonya
Dawson, Joycelynn	Perkins, Megan
Edmiston, Meghan	Pigott, Brittney
Edwards, Kierra	Taylor, Jordan
Evans, Kyeshia	Walker, Lynette
Hargrove, Kanisha	White, Armesha
Harness, Jaquenetta	Williams, Mekia
Harris, Karasha	Womack-Jenkins, Latricia

Motion was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for Registered Social Work registration pending receipt of official Bachelor's transcript:
Green, Lakronda

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

Batie-Collier, Marissa M.	Dominique, Carmen R.
Benson-Broussard, Amanda C.	Dryden, Candice H.
Boyington, Shane G.	Edmonds, LeJeanne D.
Brown, Brianna L.	Fleming, Erin N.
Burr, Hosanna M.	Flowers, Taylor L.
Bushnell, Mary L.	Fullwood, Albert J.
Butler, Anjalik M.	Hagan, Morgan R.
Butler, Kourtney K.	Harris, Vic D.
Caballero, Sara	Hebert, Amber L.
Collins, Eric J.	Hood, Karington L.
Daigle, Alexis M.	Hughes, Jovan A.
Day, Destiny N.	

John, Brianna C.
Johnson, Alysia R.
Joseph-Myers, Fabienne
Julian, Antimendora E.
Karr, Amy M.
Kemmerly, Kevin P.
King, T'Anita C.
Lake, Issac Z.
Lattimer, Kaitlyn M.
Layne, Treles K.
Lemoine, Shelby C.
Marshall, Makayla B.
Martin, Zakaris M.
Migliore, Ashley K.
Morgan, Janay N.
Moss, Ashley M.
Morlock, Tami J.
Motley, Carmella M.
Nawash, Keian M.
Olivier, Heidi M.
Pitarro, Katherine S.
Prestridge, Magan N.
Reed, Jamarcus S.
Rhymes, Abigail L.

Rinker, Kaitlyn M.
Robinson, Spencer D.
Rosyion, Tremaine P.
Selmen, Eliza J.
Simmons, Khadijah K.
Smith, Arthur H.
Smith, Traci D.
Spears, Tyler J.
Sylve, Shantrice
Taylor, James
Terrell, Skyler E.
Thompson, Crystal T.
Tobison, Stephanie L.
Torres, Morgan E.
Varnado, Raegan R.
Walton, Sharon A.
Wann, Sarah E.
Washington, Karen M.
Welch, Glenicia C.
Wells, Delilah M.
West, Bartek B.
Williams, Akikka J.
Williams, Cleanelle A.
Womack, LaCedric D.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to issue Licensed Master Social Work through endorsement to:

Chapman, Christian (End-TX)
Fontnette, Ashley (End-TX)
Forrester, Angelle (End-GA)
Griffin, Anna Claire (End-MS)
Marsaw-Evans, Eunice (End-MS)
Petty, Kelsey (End-IN)

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam:

Baker, Hannah R.
Basco, Anthony G.
Baudy, Jennifer P.
Bunner, Natalie L.
Dailey, Isabelle A.
Fuselier, Kellie
Gurievsky, Emily L.
Howard, Christie M.
Madison-Trahan, Kodi M.
Neel, Lyndsay R.
Njapau, Cheryl M.
Oser, Kelly A.
Poree, Shandrieka T.
Robinson, Aerial F.
Robinson, Maria E.
Slaughter, Krysti A.
Smalley, Mary F.
Williams, Kristen R.

Zeno, Julie F.

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

Alexander-Toney, Travanna (End-MO)

Callahan, Colleen (End-FL)

Lapkina, Maria (End-FL/NC)

Personnel Matters

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to deny the request submitted by Kathie Pohlman.

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.


John Shalett, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer