

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
July 17, 2020**

John Shalett, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2020. The meeting was conducted at the board office and by 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 that attended all or a portion of the public meeting are on the attached list.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

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 June 12, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mali Gnau, LMSW

Mali Gnau submitted an inquiry regarding confidentiality of patients who will be discharging and are being referred for other services. Board members referred Ms. Gnau to Rule 115(A) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures and encouraged her to speak to the leadership at her agency.

Therese Kirkpatrick, CSW

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to approve Therese Kirkpatrick's request to waive the 90-day wait between exams.

Kei Ri, LMSW

Board members considered a request for Kei Ri that she be allowed to sit for the LCSW exam although she is not finished her supervision and supervised work experience. In her request she references clinical supervision and clinical work experience, so board

members are requesting more information to clarify how many supervision and work experience hours she has because clinical hours are not required.

Candance Valteau, LCSW

Candace Valteau submitted an email relative to seeing clients that received services from her at LSU Health Sciences Center in her private practice. Board members warned that while the situation of a client receiving counseling from her at LSU Health Sciences Center and then in her private practice is not specifically prohibited, that it could be perceived as exploitation. Ms. Valteau was encouraged to review Rule 107(B), 107(C) and Rule 113(A) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Natalia Promoslovsky, LMSW

Natalia Promoslovsky submitted a letter to the board relative to the requirement that a LMSW must be a W-2 employee. She recommends that the Practice Act be changed to allow LMSWs to provide services via contract. She also asked the board if she can continue supervision towards licensing in Louisiana if she is practicing social work as a 1099 employee in another state. Board members confirmed that she can continue to work towards licensure in Louisiana.

Shelia Sanders, LMSW

Board members considered an email from Shelia Sanders relative to providing faith-based counseling. Board members advised that as an LMSW, she is not authorized to provide any private individual counseling until you are an LCSW.

Arleen Matthews Dee, LCSW-BACS

The board clarified for Arleen Matthews Dee that LMSWs and CSWs can provide telehealth as a W-2 employee of an agency. LMSWs (not CSWs) can also contract with a governmental agency to provide telehealth services.

Ciera Davis, LMSW

Board members find no ethical concerns with her job description as it relates to counseling and discharging patients. There is nothing in her job description that is prohibited by the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or the Rules, Standards and Procedures. They find that the duties fall within the scope of practice of an LMSW.

Pine Grove Behavioral Health & Addiction Service

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve their application to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

Tamica Dickson

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to remove disciplinary action from Tamica Dickson's record.

Julie Shreve, LCSW

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to deny Julie Shreve's request to remove disciplinary action from her record.

Carol Miles, LCSW

Board members considered an email from Carol Miles in which she recommends that the board revisit telemedicine regulations and consider what has been developed by psychologists for remote practice.

Florida Parishes Human Services District

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Florida Parishes Human Services District to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

Enijah Smith-Joe, LMSW

The board considered an email from Enijah Smith-Joe regarding a Behavioral Health Advocate position with United Healthcare. Board members confirmed that this is a social work position that can be used towards obtaining an LCSW. They confirmed that she can provide telehealth services and reminded her that she must be a W-2 employee of the agency.

Nita Baucom, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the 6.5-hour BACS supervision workshop being offered on August 21, 2020 by Benita Baucom.

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 51 retakes processed, 47 licenses issued/reissued due to score reports, 85 new applications, and 8 BACS applications. There are 137 licenses being monitored following disciplinary action. 7 Consent Agreement and Orders have been issued for unlicensed practice. 43 license verifications have been processed. Board members also reviewed the turn-around time for the latest set of Supervision Agreements and Plans. Between June 5 and July 14, 13 complaints were received, 4 of which were not accepted. There are currently 25 cases pending a written response or court documents, 4 cases under investigation, 4 cases under review of the Complaint Consultant, 5 complaints pending discussion at a team meeting, 33 complaints under review of the Assistant Attorney General or Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Attorney General's office, 11 complaints under review of a board member, and 7 complaints pending hearing. Board members were also advised that 2,204 social workers renewed between June 1 and July 14.

Hearing Dates

Emily DeAngelo advised board members that there may be a need to schedule an additional meeting date to hold administrative hearings due to the number of docketed complaints.

ASWB amendment and resolution deadline July 23, 2020

There was no action taken in this matter.

FARB 2020 Regulatory Law Seminar

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to table to the August 21, 2020 board meeting.

CLEAR 2020 Annual Conference

Members of the board and staff are not able to attend the virtual conference.

Traci Lilley, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by LaTonya Charles, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to forward Traci Lilley's recommendation that continuing education credit be issued to supervisors for supervising (in certain circumstances) to the Rules Committee for consideration.

FINANCIAL

Financial Statement for the period ending May 31, 2020

Board members reviewed the financial statement for the period ending May 31, 2020 prepared by Rob Furman, CPA.

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

Certemy Licensing Management Solution Proposal

Board members were presented with information about Certemy's licensing management system. There was no action taken in regard to the proposal.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to approve Consent Agreement and Order #2020-5 for Mary Devlin, LCSW.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:08 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 Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:53 p.m.

Hearing in the Matter of Administrative Complaint #2018-335 CW 2017-147 against Catrice Cowart

Motion was made by LaTonya Charles, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to issue an Order that prohibits Catrice Cowart from reapplying for a social work credential for three years from the date of the order, that requires all terms of the order which will include the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order that she did not complete be successfully complete before an application can be approved, to complete six hours of continuing education, 3 hours must be in ethics and 3 hours must be in the area of legal implications, pay a \$250.00 fine and all legal costs.

Consent Agreement and Orders

Motion was made by LaTonya Charles, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to approve Consent Agreement and Order #2019-59 with an amendment to allow for online continuing education.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve Consent Agreement and Order #2020-108.

Motion was made by LaTonya Charles, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve Consent Agreement and Order #2020-118.

Motion was made by LaTonya Charles, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve Consent Agreement and Order #2020-132.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

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

- Julia Cantrell
- Suzanne Loeb
- Sharon Singleton
- Shanelle Staten
- Tiffanie Jones

Impaired Professional Program

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

Complaints

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to docket the hearing of Administrative Complaint #2015-146 for October 2, 2020.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2018-388.

Motion was made by LaTonya Charles, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to refer Complaint #2019-10 to Madeline Carbonette, AAG.

Motion was made by LaTonya Charles, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2019-23.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2019-233.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to docket the hearing of Administrative Complaint #2019-272 for October 2, 2020.

Motion was made by LaTonya Charles, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2020-117.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2020-133.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2020-142 CW 2020-155.

Applications

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the LCSW application submitted by Sandra Christophe conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the LMSW application submitted by John O'Shee and to reinstate without retesting.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application submitted by Kermit Brual and to offer a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by LaTonya Charles, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for Registered Social Work registration:

Batiste, Brianchelle
Batiste, Kimani
Bolton, Deveon
Cook, Shelby
Crowley, Christon
Dixon, Demetrice
Edgar, Loni
Ford, Shaneka
Franklin, Bryanna
Holliday, Kayla
Holman, Maggie
Jackson, Vanesha
Johnson, Isis

McCloud, Kaeleen
Lancaster, Nanette
Lewis, D'Javan
Nash, Destiny
Quinn, Yushequa
Ridley, Sasha
Ross, Alexis
Taylor, Jazmine
Thomas, Dionne
Vessell, Adriana
Walton, Sha'Dreka
Workman, Jody

Motion was made by LaTonya Charles, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the Masters exam and to issue Certified Social Work certification:

Ardoin, Kayla G.

Bowie, Rodney

Calvey, LaTonya M.

(MSW Testing-M exam only)

Cannon, Shannon M.

Caston, Joyce

Coleman, A'leisha L.

Collins, ShaRonda N.

Carroll, Katherine

Daniels, Jada R.

Dunn, Rachel N.

Hartley, Jessica M.

Henderson, Ida N.

Hill, Antoinette L.

Holmes, Krystal L.

James, Jarella S.

Juneau, Hannah L.

LeJeune, John

Maurice, Mariah D.

Nickelson, Diamond P.

Robinson, Patrina L.

(Reissue CSW until 02/19/21)

Sherrill, Jessica E.

Spearman, Jarvis

Tanner, Travis

Williams, Lineisha

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the Masters exam and to issue Certified Social Work certification upon receipt of official masters transcript:

Eggie, Sarah

Gordon, Alexa

Nguyen, Khang

Ortiz, Moira

Toney, Ashley

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by LaTonya Charles and unanimously carried, to issue Licensed Master's Social Work through endorsement to the following applicant:

Billingslea, Renita (End-TX)

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

Anthony, Skylar P.

Banks, Trendalyn S.

Borgmeyer, Ashleigh R.

Bullard, Olivia N.

Cousin, Sheryl D.

Dean, Jasmine A.

Ehrhard, Nicholas E.

Estrada, Abby

Harper, Angela L.

Johnson, Frankie N.

London, Laura L.

Naquin, Michael D.

Nelson, Anisha N.

Prohaska, Kimberly (Rein)

Sanders, Sara E.

Williams, Kimberly

Wright, Amy (Rein)

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

Alexander, Mitzi (End-MI)

Jessup Peterson, Julius (End-GA)

Robinson, DeAnna (End-TX)

Personnel Matters

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to grant Regina DeWitt a 4% merit increase.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to grant Emily DeAngelo a 4% merit increase.

Board members were advised that the Department of Civil Service directed a 2% merit increase for Holly Freeman and a 3% merit increase for Jasmine Offord.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.


John Shalett, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer

Armentor	Autumn
Armstrong	Suzanne
Ayo	Jean
Barnes	Danielle
Basinger	Sarah
Beck	Gina
Bergens	Dianne
Betford	Tangela
Bishop	Christopher
Bolding	Trinette
Bridgewater	Angela
Briggs	Keila
Brown	Kevin
Brown-Williams	Courtney
Bunner	Natalie
Calvin	Clarence
Carter	Patricia
Carter	Alfreda
Ceasar	Monique
Chivers	Tamara
Cole	Vivian
Collins	Shyneisha
Corbello	Rebecca
Crump	Kim
Davis	Jutorrean
Davis	DeeDee
DeWitt	Regina
Dean	Jasmine
Delmore	Whitney
Dickson	Tamica
Dill	Christina
Doucette	Cafie
Dressel	Julia
Duffy	Sheri
Faust	Melanie
Feldt	Tina
Ford	Almarie
Frances	Lacey
Freeman	Holly
Garnier	Lauren
Garrison	Denise
Gautreau	Nancy
Gilmore	Celia
Glasper	JoAnn
Graves	Vanessa
Gross	Ernest
Hakeem	Lyn

Hale	Kythaia
Harrell	Stacey
Hartman	Flossie
Hill	Nidia
Hill	Mary
Hollier	Deborah
Jackson	Tamara
Johnson	Yolanda
Johnson	Frankie
Johnson	Deon
Jordan	Stacie
Jourdan	Sharday
Kelly	Halltonya
Kiyanfar	Leslie
Latchie	Leona
Lawrence	Christin
Lee	Charles
Levier	Amy
Lewis	Anita
Lewis	Daven
Lewis	Tiffany
Lilley	Traci
Linam	Marsha
Long	VaKendell
Loston	Nebra
Malpass	Trella
Marin	Jacqueline
Martin	Jania P
Martinez- Levy	Jancy
Mayes	Barbara
McCoy	Leslie
McDermott	Cherie
McKenzie	Jaimee
Meyerer	Lisa
Miles	Rena
Miller	Bonnie
Mount	Lisa
Myers	Rena
Nelson	Lauren
Norwood	Adrienne
PAUL	ASHLEY
Parquet	Elois
Peeler	Melissa
Peterson	Kimberly
Pierre	Teriana
ROBICHAUX	PATRICIA LAJAUNIE
Reed	Quinton

Reese	Dottie
Reine	Deanna
Robertson	Michelle
Rollins	Shari
SEETS	ANGELA
Saizan	Sonja
Salus	Rob
Sanders	Sara
Scere	Sangbahn
Scott	Charniece C.
Seaman	Christopher
Severson	Margaret
Silvestri	Mary
Simon	Antionnette
Smith	Scott
Smith	Cassandra
Spears	Amna
St. Germain	Lauren
Stehr	Ayn
Taylor	Shoneka
Taylor-Berryhill	Lakeisha
Teran	Kristina
Thomas	Debbie
Trice	Karen
Turner	Shameka
Walker	Christopher
Walton	Sharon
Walton	Natalie
Washington	Karen M.
Weaver	Shelly
Wheeler	Ashley
Wiggins Harris	Angela
Williams	Asandria
Williams	Dawn
Williams	Carmen
Wimberly	Donna
Winn	Deonka
Young	Merlin
Zeno	Julie
rossi	gina
showers	robert
shreve	julie