

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
December 2, 2016**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 2, 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.

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, John Shalett, LCSW, and Paulette Walker, M.Ed., Public Member, Marguerite "Peggy" Salley, LCSW, was absent.

Persons present for the public sections of the meeting included Melanie Faust, Hayley Murphy, Caitlin Carwile, Mary Heintz, Natalie Ingles, Jean Hutchinson, Pam Moore, Jodi Cain-Mallett, James Veillon and Linda Kelly Woodruff.

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**FINANCIAL**

Susan Sevario, CPA, met with board members to present the report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, as well as the current year through month end September 30, 2016. Ms. Sevario reported that the fiscal year ended with \$581,000 in total revenue, \$646,000 in total expenditures, and \$1,318,000 in total cash available. For the current fiscal year, month ending September 30, 2016, there is \$428,000 in total revenue, \$154,000 in total expenditures, and \$1,605,000 in total cash available.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the financial reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and for the current year through September 30, 2016, as presented by Susan Sevario, CPA.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the October 7, 2016, and October 21, 2016, meetings as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Laury Bourgeois, LCSW-BACS**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to table Laury Bourgeois' request until they are able to consider how sessions

will be kept confidential, how agency supervision will be coordinated, how will emergencies be handled, as well as a statement from Zoom regarding confidentiality of their program.

**Lou Irwin, LCSW-BACS**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to deny accepting Noelle Hernandez's Supervision Agreement/Plan of Supervision late, and to require Mr. Irwin to attend the Board Orientation Workshop.

**Surveen Klein, LCSW-BACS**

Board members advised Ms. Klein that it is within the scope of practice of a CSW to conduct a psychosocial as long as they are being supervised by a LCSW in accordance with §505 of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

**Lisa Lipsey, LCSW**

Board members received positive feedback from Lisa Lipsey relative to reporting continuing education prior to renewing.

**Southern University at New Orleans**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the application SUNO submitted to renew their pre-approval status for social work continuing education.

**Leigh Ann Hoover, JD, LMSW**

Board members advised Ms. Hoover that she is required to report pre-natal positive drug screens to DCFS in accordance with §111(D) and §115(D)(2).

**Sarah McElwee, LCSW**

Board members advised Ms. McElwee that it is not aware of a requirement that principals are obligated to allow counselors/service providers of outside agencies to be on campus to meet with at-risk students. They do recommend that the school social workers try to coordinate services with the at-risk student's primary therapist, and fulfill their function as a school social worker when there are emergencies or a problem during the school day.

**GLO Therapeutics**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the application to be a Pre-approval Organization for social work continuing education submitted by GLO Therapeutics.

**Richard Jackson, LMSW**

The board advised Mr. Jackson that he is not authorized to be supervised towards LCSW while independently employed as a Licensed Addiction Counselor.

### **Ashley Partridge, LMSW**

Board members advised Ms. Partridge that the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Rules, Standards and Procedures do not address what a social worker should do if a former client sends an inappropriate message via Facebook. As the situation was explained, Board members do not believe the matter should be reported to the police.

### **Fairly Edrington, LMSW**

Ms. Edrington inquired as to a social worker's authority to make a child go to the hospital against his/her will because of suicide ideation or plans for suicide. The board advised that the social worker should report the incident to the child's parents. If the child is in imminent danger, strongly recommend that the child be brought to the nearest emergency room. If the child is not in imminent danger, refer the parents to a psychiatrist.

## **BOARD/STAFF ISSUES**

### **Sponsorship of NASW-LA Conference**

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

### **Report on ASWB Fall Delegate Assembly**

Judy Haspel advised that the following individuals were elected:

President-Elect: Tim Brown

Secretary: Lisa Crockwell

Director at Large, Licensed Social Worker: Harold Dean and Robert Payne

Director at Large, Member Board Staff: Florence Huffman

Director at Large, Public Member: Ken Middlebrooks

Director at Large, Open: Richard Silver

Nominating Committee, 1 year: Claude Leblond

Nominating Committee, 2 years: Greg Winkler, Karene Levesque and Jennifer Fulcher

### **ASWB Mobility Readiness Team**

Judith Haspel will ask Carmen Weisner if she will participate in a mobility readiness team to focus on social work practice mobility and license portability.

### **IOC**

Board members requested that Carmen Weisner be contacted to inquire when will be a good time to reconvene the IOC.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 9:33 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: John Shalett, yes; Paulette Walker, yes; Yolanda Burnom, yes; Robert Showers, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 10:29 a.m.

**Disciplinary Monitoring Report**

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

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Kimberly Duncan** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Lashegal Cannon** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release **Robyn Estopinal** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Laura Andrus** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Davleen Deloney** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to release **Thelma Chopin** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release **Pamela Mitchell** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Tremeka Coleman** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Arthur Williams** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

### **New Complaints**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-56** and to send for investigation. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(2),(4),(7),(11) and Rules 107(B), 111(H)(1),(2),(3), 117(A), 113(A)(1),(5),(7), and 113(B)(1) and (3).

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-57** and to request a written response and administrative investigation. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2709, 2717(A)(4),(7),(11) and Rules 119(A), 119(B) and 303(A).

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-58** and to request a written response and an administrative investigation. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(4),(7),(10),(11) and Rule 111(G)(1),(2),(3),(5).

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-59** and to request a written response. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2709, 2717(A)(4),(7),(11) and Rules 107(B) and 303(A).

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-60**.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-61** and to request a written response and all official court documentation. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(5) and Rule 117E.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-62**.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-64** and to request a written response. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2718(B)(1) and Rule 115(A)(5).

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-65**.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-66** and to send it for investigation. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(4),(7),(10),(11) and Rules 107(B), 107(D), and 111(G)(5).

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-67** and to request a written response. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(7),(11) and Rule 107(B).



**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-68** and to request a written response. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and Rule 107(B) and 107(D).

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-69** and to request a written response and all official court documents. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(1),(11).

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-70** and to request a written response and all official court documents. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(4),(5),(8) and Rule 117(E).

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-71** and to request a written response and all official court documents. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(4),(5),(8) and Rule 117(E).

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-72** and to request a written response and all official court documents. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(4),(5),(8) and Rule 117(E).

#### **Pending Complaints**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-175**.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-49**.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaints #2016-93 and 2016-93.1** with a letter of education.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-121**.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-141**.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-173**.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-177**.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-1**.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-23**.

### Applications

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the application for LMSW submitted by **Lauren Michel** pending receipt of documentation that charge was dismissed.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny the application for RSW submitted by **Deric Jones** and to offer him a compliance hearing.

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

Abdin, Kailyn G.	Morris, Roy A.
Chase Sr. Jimmy C.	Parson, Duane M.
Cowart, Catrice L.	Rainer, Janet M.
Crain, John	Saunders, Francine L.
Crompton, Tammy L.	Singleton, Kelli N.
Hampton, Brigid J.	Smith, Crystal G.
Henderson, Pamela R.	Taylor, Lauren B.
Hudson, Kadija Y.	Veal, Markeyla C.
Kelly, Halltonya M.	Walker, Robnisha L.
Leonard, Tashonda L.	White, Tyesha

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore 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:

Augustine, Windy M.	Moore, Jasmine M.
Cunningham, Muriel	Rubenstein, Shana
Estrada, Abby	Schneider, Jennifer L.
Hunt, Colin F.	Sheppard, Tangelo N.
Joyce, Timothy J.	Tademy, Charnell D.
Kausar, Hena	

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to issue LMSW through endorsement to the following applicants:  
King, Natasha (END-MS)

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for Registered Social Work pending receipt of their transcript:

Alexander, Marie A.

Baudoin, Bethany M.

Blattenberger, Sarah E.

Citizen, Tartiana S.

Conner, Blessin B.

Dillon, Katlynn I.

Frazier, Kianna M.

Gorham, Terrell W.

Hendrix, Whitney N.

Hennes, Stephanie M.

Mumphrey, Brittnee L.

Rosette, Kaylan L.

Sam, Heather K.

Simms, Heather R.

Temple, Sara A.

Weston, LaQuita Q.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom 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 transcript:

Anderson, Sean T.

Bauske, Catherine G.

Bagneris, Jessica R.

Behrens, Elizabeth A.

Bierster, Sage L.

Bonaventura, Daniel N.

Clarke, Paige A.

Dailey, Isabelle A.

Deltufo, Noelle B.

Durand, Ryan T.

Fielding, Catherine E.

Fitzpatrick, Katelyn E.

Fuhrman, Sarah E.

Glynn, Michael S.

Harrison, Isabelle W.

Heurtin, Paige L.

Hoffpauir, Valerie L.

LeCorgne, Elizabeth H.

Littlepage, Elizabeth C.

McCormick, Kayla D.

Melancon, Chelsey L.

Naughton, Mary E.

Norton, Claudia A.

Ognibene, Kelsey G.

Phillips, John H.

Prather, Victoria B.

Simon, Katie L.

Stuart, Kaitlin M.

Taylor, Cammie C.

Thibodeaux, Kelsey D.

Thomassie, Katy E.

Vigue, Jennifer T.

Williams, Kristen R.

Ziko, Raachel L.

Zwyer, Derek K.

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

Armon, Alexa R.

Backe, Elizabeth (Betsey) S.

Billot, Sherryl Z.

Blood, Candace L.

Gatlin, Shelbi F.

Humble, Misty M.



Lewis-Thomas, Sharla E.  
McBurney, Erin M.  
Morris, Natalie F.  
Muggivan, Sean S.  
Myers, Donna K.  
Peterson, Tanisha F.

Sempasa, Nuruh N.  
Taylor, Elisa B.  
Vaden, Annie B.  
Woods, Jacqueline R.  
Worsham, Claire L.

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to issue LCSW through endorsement to the following applicants:  
Kulick, Laura S. (END-MD)

### **COMPLIANCE HEARINGS**

#### **Kujachalia “Kay” Knapper, MSW**

Kay Knapper requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board’s decision to deny her application for LCSW endorsement. The board denied the application because of the current investigation of Ms. Knapper’s license in Texas. Ms. Knapper testified that her license in Texas is current and in good standing. At the board’s request, she explained that the person who filed a complaint against her was a mandatory participant in a drug court program. She reported the complainant for a positive drug screen of a prescription drug. The participant retaliated against Ms. Knapper by filing a complaint. Ms. Knapper testified that she is currently employed by Ekhaya Youth Project, Inc.

#### **Amanda Oden, BSW**

Amanda Oden requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board’s decision to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice. Ms. Oden testified that she obtained a job with DCFS before she received her degree. She stated that she has been a Child Welfare Specialist 2 for over one year. Ms. Oden testified that she is not practicing social work.

#### **Gregory Salerian, MSW**

Gregory Salerian requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board’s decision to deny his application for LCSW endorsement. His application was denied based on the suspension of his license issued by the District of Columbia. Mr. Salerian explained to the board that he signed an order agreeing to the license suspension rather than testifying against his father, who was under investigation by the DC Psychology Board. Mr. Salerian advised the board that the Texas Social Work Board recently issued him a license.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:30 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: John Shalett, yes; Paulette Walker, yes; Yolanda Burnom, yes; Robert Showers, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:44 a.m.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to issue licensure as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker to **Kujachalia "Kay" Knapper, MSW**, conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to rescind the Consent Agreement and Order offered to **Amanda Oden, BSW**, and to issue her registration as a Registered Social Worker.

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to issue **Gregory Salerian** licensure as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

### **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.

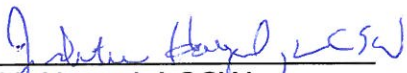
Votes for going into Executive Session: John Shalett, yes; Paulette Walker, yes; Yolanda Burnom, yes; Robert Showers, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

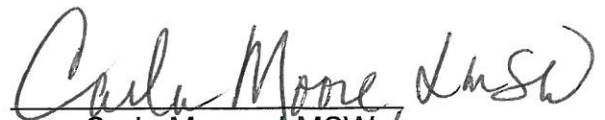
**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 12:20 p.m.

### **Impaired Professional Program**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept the report provided by Kathie Pohlman, LCSW-BACS, IPP Manager.

**Adjourned** at 12:30 p.m.

  
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Judith Haspel, LCSW  
Chairperson

  
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Carla Moore, LMSW /  
Secretary-Treasurer