

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
January 11 – 12, 2019**

John Shalett, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2019, 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, Robert Showers, RSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Brent Villemarette, LCSW, Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, and Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member. Jennifer Burch, LCSW, arrived at 8:33 a.m.

Robert Showers, RSW, left the meeting on January 11, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

Members of the public in attendance on January 11, 2019, included Ayn Stehr, Jennifer Dobies, Eva Slater, Pam Moore, Lakeisha Jarrett, and Patricia Carter. Erin Day was the only member of the public on January 12, 2019.

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2018 meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS**

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented an addendum to Consent Agreement and Order #2016-100 CW 2016-117, which was accepted by **Candace Magalhaes**.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept the addendum to the Consent Agreement and Order for Candace Magalhaes.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order, which was accepted by **David Reehmann** in resolution of Complaint #2018-174. **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order for David Reehmann.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order, which was accepted by **Susan Johannsen** in resolution of Complaint #2018-297.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order for Susan Johannsen.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

#### **Hearing in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2017-57 against Courtney Polk**

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the state and presented evidence in support of the complaint. Board members John Shalett, Jennifer Burch, Carla Moore, Ruth Weinzettle and Evan J. Bergeron served on the hearing panel. George Papale served as hearing officer as the Board's Independent Legal Counsel. Courtney Polk appeared unrepresented by legal counsel. A court reporter with Baton Rouge Court Reporters was present to document the proceeding.

#### **Hearing in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2017-98 CW 2018-204 against Judellia Cole**

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the state and presented evidence in support of the complaint. Board members John Shalett, Jennifer Burch, Carla Moore, Ruth Weinzettle and Evan J. Bergeron served on the hearing panel. George Papale served as hearing officer as the Board's Independent Legal Counsel. Judellia Cole did not appear. A court reporter with Baton Rouge Court Reporters was present to document the proceeding.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Donna Matthews, LCSW**

Board members advised Donna Matthews that the custodian of records for an agency is who receives the request for releasing records and who has the authority to release the record. They further advised that she can request that she be notified, but they are not aware of a mandate that she be notified.

#### **Asiyah DeGruy, LCSW-BACS**

Board members received an inquiry from Asiyah DeGruy regarding treating a child under the care of an extended family member due to the inaccessibility of the parents. Board members advised that a clinician, outside of life threatening emergencies, is not authorized to provide treatment unless there is consent from a legal guardian.

#### **Terika Speights-Webb, MSW**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to reinstate Terika Speights-Webb's LMSW without passing the Masters exam.

#### **Morgan Fry, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to accept the copy of the Supervision Agreement and to issue credit for supervision between Morgan Fry and Kelly Waterman from August 24, 2017.

**Carol Miles, LCSW**

Carol Miles submitted an inquiry relative to documents required in a record. Board members advised Ms. Miles there is no obligation on the part of the social worker to include more in a record than what is required by Rule 111(G)(1).

**Paul Voorhies, LCSW-BACS**

Paul Voorhies advised the Board that he believes his cellphone is being hacked and asked for guidance as to his responsibilities. Board members referred Mr. Voorhies to cybersecurity and HIPAA laws for guidance.

**Jill DeLuca-DiMarco, LCSW**

Board members received an inquiry from Jill DeLuca-DiMarco as to whether she can write a professional personal reference for a client. Board members advised that she will break confidentiality by writing the letter, in addition to the appearance of impropriety.

**Wilneisha Jakes, LMSW**

Wilneisha Jakes advised the Board that she is unsure if the agency she is working for is still open. Board members advised that she needs to refer her clients to other resources immediately, to file a complaint with the Board and perhaps with the Louisiana Department of Health.

**FINANCIAL**

**Financial statement for the period ending November 30, 2018**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the financial statement prepared by Robert Furman, CPA, for the period ending November 30, 2018.

**Proposed Budget for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to approve the Budget for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 as follows:

<b>Revenues</b>		
LCSW	250 * \$103	25,750
LMSW	500 * \$78	39,000
RSW	440 * \$53	23,320
Retake Applications	500 * \$53	26,500
LCSW Renewals	4015 * \$78	313,170
LMSW/CSW Renewals	2700 * \$53	143,100
RSW Renewals	1579 * \$28	44,212
Enforcement Actions		40,000
Interest		1,000
Miscellaneous		10,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>666,052</b>

**Other Assets**

Cash in Checking	400,000
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Invested Funds	948,000	
<b>Total</b>		1,348,000

**TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER ASSETS \$2,014,052**

**EXPENSES**

<b>Salaries</b>		215,667
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**Related Employee Benefits**

Retirement (37.9% ER contribution)	79,077	
FICA	3,562	
Er portion of life insurance (Pevey)	372	
Health Ins	35,689	
Other	36	
<b>Total</b>		118,736

**Total Salaries & Benefits \$334,403**

**Expenses/ Travel**

Administrative (in-state mileage)	2,000	
Administrative (in-state other)	2,000	
Board (in-state mileage)	8,000	
Board (in-state other)	3,000	
Administrative (out-state mileage)	0	
Administrative (out-state other)	5,000	
Conference Registration Fees	3,000	
Board (out-state mileage)	0	
Board (out-state other)	10,000	
Board Meeting Expense	10,000	
<b>Total</b>		43,000

**Expenses/ Operating**

Advertising/Public Relations/CE	5,000	
Offerings		
Supplies	8,000	
Rent	55,000	
Printing	10,000	
Postage & Delivery	30,000	
Dues & Subscriptions	2,000	
Maintenance	3,000	
Insurance	2,000	
Bank Charges/Fees	15,000	
Telephone	3,500	
Security	1,000	
Equipment Rental	18,000	
Miscellaneous	1,000	
<b>Total</b>		153,500

**Professional Services**

Accounting	4,050	
AG Representation	125,000	
Auditor	3,000	
ASWB	5,000	
Complaint Consultant	15,000	
Computer Consultants	40,000	
Continuing Education Consultant	5,000	
Court Reporter	5,000	
Impaired Professional Program	40,000	
Supervision Consultant	15,000	
Investigators	40,000	
Legal Counsel	40,000	
Newsletter	1,000.00	
Payroll	2,000.00	
Westaff	10,000	
<b>Total</b>		<b>350,050</b>

**Acquisitions**

Computer/Office Equipment	10,000	
License Renewal	5,000	
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,000</b>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$895,953**

**Total Available Funds over Expenditures \$1,118,099**

**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 23 retakes processed, 74 score reports processed, 37 new applications, and 5 BACS applications approved. 26 verifications have been processed. Board members were provided with a list of the new and revised Supervision Agreement/Plans of Supervision forms received. Regarding the Continuing Education Audits, a courtesy email was sent to those that haven't completed the audit. There are 9 incomplete audits and 6 people who haven't responded to the audit. Regarding renewals, a courtesy email was sent to the 431 people who haven't renewed.

**IOC Update**

Emily DeAngelo provided an overview of the meeting held December 20, 2018.

1. Cultural competency continuing education requirements – decided this should be added to Rules not Law. Need a committee to define cultural competency and decide what this type of continuing education “looks like”.
2. Going to use gender neutral language as much as possible.
3. Recommendation that we look at Minnesota language for model of inactive status.

4. Discussion about the importance of understanding the demographics of the profession. Wants LABSWE to add a statement that will encourage people to complete the ethnicity section of the application. Will follow up with Covalent on cost.
5. I advised that the Board will continue discussions about 117(E) and the implications of false arrests, etc.
6. Committee likes recommended changes to 2712 (endorsement).
7. I advised that the Board wants to discuss 2708(A)(3) at the January meeting. Committee strongly advises that we use ASWB Model Social Work Practice language for mobility purposes.
8. Ayn recommends that Board call a Rules committee together to start on changes so that they can be presented with the proposed law changes that will be presented at Town Hall meetings. Jennifer Hannon, Carmen Weisner and Rebecca Chaisson have volunteered to serve on committee.
9. Goal is to have initial draft of law changes finished by end of March 2019.
10. Town Hall meetings in June & July 2019. Carmen will send an email to committee members to volunteer to host/lead a Town Hall meeting. Meetings will be held in every region of the state. Board will send a notice by mail and email blast to all licensees with the meeting schedule.

#### **Rule Committee**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to convene a rules committee. John Shalett will serve a Chair of the committee. He appointed Evan Bergeron and Emily DeAngelo to the committee.

#### **Child Custody Evaluation Guidelines**

Board members agreed to keep the guidelines how they were published in 2018.

#### **2018 Online Exam Statistical Report**

This report was provided to board members for information only. No action was taken.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 12:06 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: Robert Showers, yes; Jennifer Burch, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, yes; Brent Villemarette, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:06 p.m. to conduct compliance hearings.



## **COMPLIANCE HEARINGS**

**Brian Applewhite, MSW** – no show

### **Norvell Watts, BSW**

Norvell Watts requested a compliance hearing to appeal the denial of the RSW application he submitted. Mr. Watts described the incident with a neighbor that resulted in charges. He explained he was ordered to complete an anger management class, pay a fine and complete 10 hours of volunteer work. He advised that he went to court on January 2, 2019 and was told the charges were lessened to disturbing the peace.

### **Dapege Doucet, MSW**

Dapege Doucet requested a compliance hearing to appeal the denial of the RSW application she submitted. Ms. Doucet and board members discussed her arrests and most recent treatment. She explained that she attends one AA meeting per week and has a good support system.

### **Anitra Jefferson, MSW**

Anitra Jefferson requested a compliance hearing to appeal the denial of the LMSW application she submitted. Ms. Jefferson previously held the CSW. During that time she was arrested, but failed to report the arrest or respond to the board's requests for information. She allowed her CSW to lapse August 31, 2017. Ms. Jefferson explained to members of the board that she was not aware of the requirement to report an arrest. She further explained that due to the arrest she was required to use a portable breathalyzer device, attend a MADD class and meet with a counselor one hour per week for 90 days. She completed all requirements.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 1:53 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: Jennifer Burch, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, yes; Brent Villemarette, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 3:41 p.m.

### **Impaired Professional Program**

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

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to release JK-15 from the Impaired Professional Program.

**Disciplinary Monitoring Report**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept the report submitted by Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to release Lauren Apple 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 Terry Braud from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to release Meagan Breaux from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

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

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to release Serena Chaudhry from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to release Dapege Doucet 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 Marsha Fasullo from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to release Sierra Foley from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to release Shannie Goldstein from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to release Brittany Green from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.



**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to release Susan Josephson 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 Jessica Lovell 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 Mary Munger from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to release James Wright from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to release Daniel Yeager from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to release Kisha McCoy 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 Keisha Laville from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to release Derick Dauphin 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 Marjorie Booty from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve Debbie Elliott's request for an extension through January 31, 2019, to complete the terms of her Consent Agreement and Order.

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve Gail Pesses's request for a 45-day extension to complete the terms of her Consent Agreement and Order. John Shalett abstained from discussing this request.

### New Complaints

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2019-142**.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2019-160** and to send it for investigation. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(5), (7), (10) & (11) and Rules 107(B), 111(G)(5), 113(A), 115(A) and 121(B).

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2019-161**.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2019-162** and to request a written response. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(5) & (10) and Rule 121(B).

### Pending Complaints

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to set **Administrative Complaint #2016-97 CW 2017-201 CW 2018-14** for hearing on April 5, 2019.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to require the respondent in **Complaint #2016-146** to submit official court record of dismissal.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to close **Complaint #2017-5**.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to set **Administrative Complaint #2017-24** for hearing on April 5, 2019.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-97**.

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2018-8**.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2018-138**.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2018-377**.

**Applications**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to reinstate Valerie Gordon-Garofalo’s LCSW without retesting.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the RSW application submitted by Wenona Walters-Milus conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing social work without a license.

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

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| Bader, Noaf          | James, Alicia      |
| Bartley, Jacqueline  | Jones, Monyelle    |
| Bryant, Jasmine      | Matthews, Chasity  |
| Buchanan, Colin      | McGhee, Shantellia |
| Campbell, Brenda     | Mulvain, Paige     |
| Colbert, Nia         | Nelson, Ted        |
| Ferguson, Ebone      | Peterson, Essence  |
| Harper, Cindy        | Shaffer, Diana D.  |
| Iles-Scott, Brittany | Spearman, Jarvis   |
| Ingram, Duane        | Thomas, Rachelle   |
| Jackson, Megan       | Williams, Jakyra   |

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron 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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| Balsamo, Caleigh S.     | Jordon-Edmonds, Aoko R. |
| Bolte, Lauren           | Myers, Kasey L.         |
| Boykin, Chelsea E.      | Okoth, Mary J.          |
| Britt, Rachel O.        | Payton, Courtney A.     |
| Chisesi, Kimberly       | Peal-Lawson, Donna R.   |
| Crooks, Heather B.      | Raines, Sarah L.        |
| Delrie, Daisy E.        | ReQua, Jamie N.         |
| Dickerson, Dominique A. | Sanders, Nicolas T.     |
| Dickinson, Laura A.     | Self, Abby C.           |
| Doyle, Emily J.         | Tebbe, Sarah E.         |
| Forbes, Amanda R.       | Terzis, Lauren D.       |
| Hubbard, Kenessa        |                         |

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, 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 pending receipt of official MSW transcript:

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| Arguello-Abramson, Gabrielle | Washington, Titus |
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**Motion** was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to issue Licensed Master Social Work through endorsement to:

Cushey, Laurel (End-PA)  
Tourere, Kelly M. (End-TX)

**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 for Licensed Clinical Social Work:

Apple, Lauren M.	Duplechin, Addison C.
Arvelo, Carmen	Hall, Shavon N.
Baker, Ebony L.	Iles, Bryanna M.
Blanton, Jonathon R.	Kosofsky, Elizabeth M.
Bond, Melissa K.	Lasseigne, Mary E.
Banchs, Stephanie B.	Lowe, Lynette K.
Campbell, Cicely D.	Pace, Leah L.
Cheatwood, Katelyn E.	Sotile, Christine D.
Dabrowski, Shona M.	Wilson, Dawn M.
deNux, Stephanie F.	

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

Carey, James (End-PA)  
Jeffcoat, Danielle (End-NY)  
Smith, Gwendolyn (End-FL)

### **Compliance Hearings**

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve Norvell Watts's application for RSW.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to issue a RSW to Dapege Doucet under a probationary status and to refer her to the Impaired Professional Program for an evaluation, which is to be completed within 90 days.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to reinstate Anitra Jefferson's CSW.

Meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. Saturday, January 12, 2019.

John Shalett, LCSW, Chairperson, called the Strategic Planning meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019, in the conference room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant, and Holly Freeman, Administrative Coordinator 4, were present for the entire meeting. Jasmine Offord, Administrative Coordinator 3, was present for part of the meeting.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included John Shalett, LCSW, Robert Showers, RSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Brent Villemarette, LCSW, Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, and Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member, and Jennifer Burch, LCSW.

### **AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **ASWB STRATEGIC PLAN**

John Shalett presented the ASWB Strategic Plan and noted one of the important pieces is keeping a pulse on the climate of special interest groups and encroachment on Board function.

### **ASWB MOBILITY PLAN**

John facilitated a discussion relative to the Mobility Report (Readiness for Clinical Licensure). This discussion was prompted by the November 1, 2018 ASWB Member Services report. Highlights of the discussion focused on the following: 1) *Mobility Readiness Categories*, and 2) *Summary of Findings*

The ASWB report identified 21 U.S. States as Mobility Ready. Louisiana was identified as one of the 13 States assigned the *Restrictive Category*. This designation was based on supervision requirement, particularly *supervised practice experience*. Our discussion recognized the above; however, the Board is cognizant of the work of the IOC and its examination and discussion of specific statutes. In addition, the Board uses broad discretion in evaluating supervised experience despite the prescriptive nature of regulations.

Discussion was entertained regarding the positive impact of our "*Outreach Presentations*" across the State. A suggestion was received relative to producing a recorded standard presentation to be made available on the LABSWE website. In addition, there was discussion about the value of intermittently convening Board meetings in other locations in Louisiana.

**IOC RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Rule 117(E)**

IOC requested that the Board suspend Rule 117(E). The Board is going to add this to the Rules Committee work.

**La R.S. 37:2708(A)(3)**

Board wants IOC to consider changing the requirement to "Has completed at least 3,000 hours of postgraduate social work practice under the supervision of a BACS."

**INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AT ALL LEVELS**

Board members want the IOC to consider allowing contract work within the person's expertise and scope of practice for RSWs, CSWs and LMSWs.

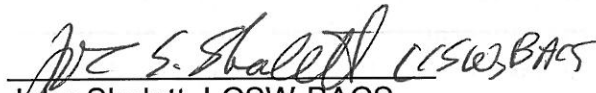
**RSW TEACHING MSW LEVEL UNIVERSITY COURSES**

Board members want the IOC to consider adding education to the scope of practice of RSW and delete the language relative to advanced practice within the scope of practice of RSW.

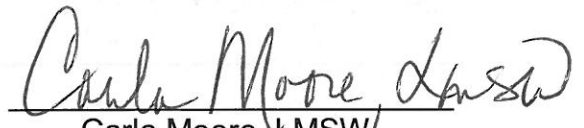
**UPDATE ON MEETING WITH AAGS ON DECEMBER 7, 2018**

Board members were made aware of a meeting requested by Emily Andrews, Assistant Attorney General, with Emily DeAngelo and John Shalett on December 7, 2018. Ms. Andrews had questions relative to the practice of social work while a person's license is lapsed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



John Shalett, LCSW-BACS  
Chairperson



Carla Moore, LMSW  
Secretary-Treasurer