

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
March 17, 2017**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017, 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, Carla Moore, LMSW, John Shalett, LCSW, Marguerite "Peggy" Salley, LCSW, and Paulette Walker, M.Ed., Public Member.

Persons present for the public sections of the meeting included Bobbye Roberts, Emily Vige, Kirstin Brossett, Leija Spikes, Rachel Britt, Ruth Crigler, Chrystal Desselle, Megan Duffy, Hannah Ostoj, Magan Prestridge, Pam Moore, Harry Turner, Jacob Deprimo, and Brett Quantrille.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with the addition of New Complaints 2017-146 and 2017-147.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMPLIANCE HEARING – Patrick Bordnick, PhD

Howard T. Boyd III, attorney, was present with Patrick Bordnick for the compliance hearing. Mr. Boyd submitted an affidavit from Robin Forman, Provost and Senior Vice President of Tulane University, relative to the Dean of Social Work's duties and responsibilities. He also submitted the announcement of the job opening for the Dean of the School of Social Work. Nothing further was requested from Patrick Bordnick and the compliance hearing was concluded.

MINUTES

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2017, meeting as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

James Veillon, PhD

Board members considered correspondence from James Veillon requesting an emeritus status. Board members informed Mr. Veillon that an emeritus status will require a change to the Practice Act, which must be done through legislation.

Casey Robinson, LCSW

Board members considered an email from Casey Robinson about seeing clients in a group setting at a psychiatric facility and on an individual basis in a private practice. Board members responded that this is a conflict of interest.

Cristy James, LCSW

Cristy James submitted an inquiry relative to duty to warn. Board members advised that a social worker must comply with the duty to warn even if the client has been PEC'd. However, there is no duty to warn if the social worker does not know the intended victim.

Baton Rouge General

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Baton Rouge General to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

Allegiance Health Management

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Allegiance Health Management to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

Jessica Jackson

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to deny the request for an extension to collect the continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collection period made by Jessica Jackson.

Rebecca McKee

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the request for an extension to collect the continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collection period made by Rebecca McKee.

Audrey White

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny Audrey White's renewal application and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Shelia Sanders

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the request for an extension to collect the continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collection period made by Shelia Sanders.

Cathy Hopkins

Cathy Hopkins submitted an inquiry about continuing education requirements if she does not want to renew her license. She also suggested that the board consider eliminating or reducing continuing education required by those not practicing social work. Board members responded that continuing education is not required if she is not

going to renew her license. They also advised that a retired status requires a law change, which is done by amending the Practice Act through legislation.

Carolyn Fitzgerald

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny the request for an extension to collect the continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collection period made by Carolyn Fitzgerald.

Jermecia Robinson-Hemphill

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny the request for an extension to collect the continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collection period made by Jermecia Robinson-Hemphill.

Valerie Gordon-Garofalo

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the request for an extension to collect the continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collection period made by Valerie Gordon-Garofalo.

Craig Armand

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny Craig Armand's renewal application and to offer him a compliance hearing.

Tammy Dempsey

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny the request for an extension to collect the continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collection period made by Tammy Dempsey.

Anna McKinnon

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny the request for an extension to collect the continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collection period made by Anna McKinnon.

Julie Shreve, LCSW

Julie Shreve emailed an inquiry about billing for group psychotherapy and a question about a client contributing money to LCSW for the purchase of a manual/booklet. Board members responded to Ms. Shreve that the billing question should be directed to the insurer and advised that it is not permissible for a client to contribute money to a LCSW for the purchase of manual/booklet. Board members also reminded Ms. Shreve that social workers are required to post the fees they charge.

Sheila Gold, LCSW-BACS

Sheila Gold submitted a letter requesting that her classes in the DSW program at Tulane be counted for continuing education. The board responded that while DSW programs are not listed as an acceptable learning situation in §317, they would rate a 10 or higher on the Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education, thus making it

acceptable continuing education. Board members reminded Ms. Gold that she may need to complete an ethics offering if there is not an ethics class as part of the DSW program, and that she must complete three hours of continuing education in clinical supervision before June 30, 2018 to maintain BACS.

Linda Bordelon, LCSW

The board received an email from Linda Bordelon in which she is asking if she needs to report a social worker that tested positive for marijuana. Board members responded that the social worker should be reported to the board.

FINANCIAL

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to pay the FARB membership fee of \$150.00.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

2016 ASWB Exam Pass Rates

Board members were provided with the national and Louisiana's pass rates on the ASWB exams in 2016.

ASWB Finance Committee Appointment

Robert Showers was appointed to the ASWB Finance Committee. This committee is meeting at the same time as the April 21, 2017, board meeting. Therefore, Mr. Showers will not be attending the April board meeting.

Presentation to NASW-LA Chapter Lake Charles Region social workers

Emily DeAngelo presented at the March 3, 2017 meeting of the NASW-LA Chapter Lake Charles Region social workers. She reported that ten social workers were in attendance.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order for Christy Denicola presented by Alex Reinboth, Assistant Attorney General, in resolution of Complaint #2016-156.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order for Michelle Potash presented by Alex Reinboth, Assistant Attorney General, in resolution of Complaint #2016-142.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order for Donnea Collins presented by Alex Reinboth, Assistant Attorney General, in resolution of Complaint #2016-32.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker 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; Peggy Salley, 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 10:45 a.m. to make the following motions:

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the disciplinary monitoring report provided by Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to forward Miriam Aretsky's request to the Attorney General's office.

Impaired Professional Program

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

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to turn the matter of BA-16 over to the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to turn the matter of JL-17 over to the Attorney General's office.

New Complaints

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-92** because the allegations do not fall under the board's purview.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-93** and to send it for investigation of possible violations of La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and Rules 109(A)(1) and (2), 111(F)(1) and (2), 111(H)(2) and (3).

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-94** and to send for investigation of possible violations of La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and (11), 37:2718(B)(1) and Rules 107(B), 113(A), 113(B), and 115(A).

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-99** and to request a written response from respondent and employer relative to allegations of unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-130** and to send for investigation of possible violations of LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(10) and Rules 111(G)(2) and (3).

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-131** because the allegations do not fall under the board's purview.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-132** and to send it for investigation of possible violations of La R.S. 37:2717(A)(10), 2718(B)(1), and Rules 111(G)(2) and (3), 113(B)(6) and 115(A).

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-133** and to send it for investigation of possible violations of La R.S. 37:2717(A)(10), 2718(B)(1), and Rules 111(G)(2) and (3), 113(B)(6) and 115(A).

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-134** and to request a letter of response. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and Rule 111(F)(1) and (2).

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-140** because the allegations do not fall under the board's purview.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-146** and to request a written response and all official court documentation.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-147** and to request a written response. Possible violations include Rules, 109(A)(1), and 119(A) and (B).

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-127** with a letter of education.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-172**.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-35**.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-64**.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-67**.

COMPLIANCE HEARINGS

Eva Lessinger requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to offer her a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice. Eva Lessinger testified that she is not practicing social work in her position of Director of Program Development with New Orleans Family Justice Center. She presented board members with a letter from her supervisor Mary Claire Landry outlining her duties.

Siomara Gittens-Galloway requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny her application for Licensed Clinical Social Work. The application was denied because supervision credit was not issued for supervision completed without a Supervision Agreement/Plan of Supervision form; therefore, causing her supervision to be short of meeting the requirements. Ms. Gittens-Galloway testified that she was not told that a new Supervision Agreement/Plan of Supervision was required when she changed employment. She advised board members that her supervision started in 2003, but different circumstances prevented her from finishing. She resumed supervision on June 2, 2012.

April Allen requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny her application for Registered Social Work due to a default with student loans. State law prohibits the issuance of professional licenses to those in default of student loans. Ms. Allen testified that she is not able to get the Office of Student Financial Assistance to send a release for professional licensure. The reason for this is because after her loan was in default for 2 ½ years it was sold to a collection agent by the name of Pioneer Credit. She further explained that she has been making small, monthly payments to Pioneer Credit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:46 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; Peggy Salley, 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 12:52 p.m. to make the following motions:

Compliance Hearings

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and carried by majority vote, to rescind the Consent Agreement and Order offered to **Patrick Bordnick** and to issue him a license as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker through endorsement. John Shalett abstained from the vote.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to rescind the Consent Agreement and Order offered to **Eva Lessinger** and to issue her a license as a Licensed Master Social Worker through endorsement.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the application for Registered Social Work submitted by **April Allen** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to uphold the previous denial of **Siomara Gittens-Galloway's** Licensed Clinical Social Work application, but to issue her 11.75 more hours of supervised work experience not previously credited.

Public Hearing – Rules, Standards and Procedures

Nine individuals attended the public hearing. Emily DeAngelo went over the proposed changes to the Rules, Standards and Procedures and answered questions. There was no opposition voiced or changes suggested at the hearing.

Applications

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to deny the application for LCSW submitted by **Nancy Cain** because she has not completed 3,860 hours of supervised work experience. Ms. Cain was also offered a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for registration as a Registered Social Worker:

Barbazon, Lori
Holmes, Jasmine
McGary, Ashley
Martin, Jhazzman
Morris, Taylor
Peshoff, Gretchen

Santa Marina, Latosha
Smith, Una
Terrell, Rachel
Tucker, Shantell
Womack, LaCedric

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker 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:

Carter, William F.
DeCuir, Randy Jr.

Filler, Robyn N.
Gulley, RaSheda J.

Hammer, Kristi L.
Hill, Erika A.
Joseph, Milca
Leduff, Roylinda S.
Moore, Shakisha F.

Paris, Alyson C.
Radcliff, Michael A.
Robinson, Aerial F.
Schully, Amy C.
Sims, Suzanne B.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement application for Licensed Master Social Work:

Black, Michelle D. (End-IA)
Honea, Sarah (End-MS)

Norris, Alicia (End-MS)
Scheppf, Paul (End-TN)

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical exam for licensing as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker:

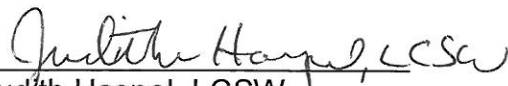
Angelle, Brynne S.
Chancellor, Barnaby J.
Dinecola, Cassie M.
Hilton, Jaime C.
Leahy, Kelly A.
Liles, Jayme A.

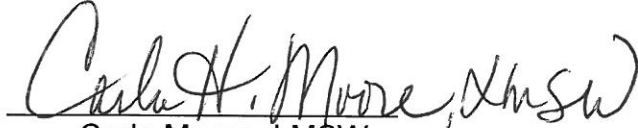
Moore, Kelsey T.
Moreau, Jenny C.
Saville, Robert S.
Tolbert, Roshonda M.
Williams, Arsenno S.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Clinical Social Work:

Evans, Carolyn E. (End-NC)
Falvey, Shirley (End-MS)
Heilner, Nancy A. (End-CA)
Richard, Russell V. (End-TX)
Robbins, Carol A. (End-AR)

Adjourned at 2:02 p.m.


Judith Haspel, LCSW
Chairperson


Carla Moore, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer