

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
Strategic Planning Meeting Agenda
April 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.
18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2022. The meeting was conducted at the Board office and streamed via video conference and all interested parties were provided the information to join the meeting.

Hyacinth McKee conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Bora Sunseri, LCSW, Ada Nelson, RSW, Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member, and Jamie Barney, LCSW. Sheri Morris, Emily DeAngelo, Regina DeWitt, Maddy Andras and Kelly Sicard were also present.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda with the addition of March 25, 2022 meeting minutes.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 25, 2022. Bora Sunseri and Hyacinth McKee abstained from the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah Arnouville read a statement relative to the requirement of passing the ASWB Masters examination to obtain LMSW. She advised the board that she will lose her job if she does not pass the exam by the 3 year deadline to hold the CSW.

CE BROKER

A representative of CE Broker gave a presentation of their platform and answered questions from the board and staff.

Emily DeAngelo was asked to add to the May meeting agenda the topic of a committee to review the requirements for continuing education pre-approval organizations.

SWOT ANALYSIS

Board members and staff spent time identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

PERFORMANCE ACCELERATION THROUGH LEAN – PROPOSALS

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to approve board staff to select the vendor best suited to fit their needs.

ASWB – UPDATE ON EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE DATA RELEASE INITIATIVE

Carla Moore reported that ASWB will be offering free resources to test takers. She also advised that they are working to build relationships with universities and will be offering resources and free training to educators.

TINA GRANGER, LMSW – EMAIL RELATIVE TO REMOVAL OF EXAM REQUIREMENT

Tina Granger addressed the members of the board relative to MSW graduates and examination results. She advised that her studies show there are too many social workers leaving the profession because they can't pass the exam. Ms. Granger suggests that the exam be removed from the requirements to obtain a LMSW.

Public comments:

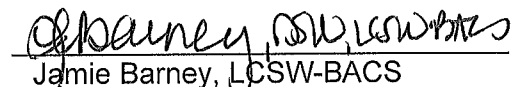
Molly Ducote and Trendalyn Banks are opposed to the removal of the exam requirement.

Linda Casson commented that the exam is only about money.

Board wants to obtain more information particularly from ASWB and put this topic on a future strategic planning agenda.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m.


Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer

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Chat

08:30:51 From JAN WHITAKER-GATEWOOD to Everyone:
Good Morning Everyone. Jan Whitaker-Gatewood here

08:30:53 From ShaKiyla Lindsey to Everyone:
Good Morning ShaKiyla Lindsey MSW, CSW

08:31:05 From Molly Ducote to Everyone:
Good morning! Molly Ducote, LCSW

08:31:10 From Shalonda Golden to Hosts and panelists:
Great Morning! -Shalonda Golden, LMSW

08:31:14 From Sarah Arnouville to Everyone:
Good morning. Sarah Arnouville, MSW, CSW

08:31:17 From Jania P. Martin to Everyone:
Good Morning, to Everyone from Jania P. Martin

08:31:19 From Lyn Hakeem to Everyone:
Good morning

08:31:25 From Jennifer Loli to Hosts and panelists:
Good Morning, from Jennifer Loli, LMSW, LMT, CT

08:31:37 From Ramon Sam to Hosts and panelists:
Good morning. Ramon Sam MSW

08:31:44 From Beryl deMontluzin to Everyone:
Good Morning - Beryl deMontluzin

08:31:57 From Suzette Crayton to Everyone:
Good morning. Suzette Gutter, LCSW

08:31:58 From Brian Larce to Everyone:
Good morning, Brian Larce

08:32:11 From Taneaia Smith to Everyone:
Good Morning

08:32:29 From Tina Granger to Everyone:
Good Morning!

08:32:58 From Chatweeta Francois to Everyone:
Good Morning !!! Chatweeta Francois, LMSW

08:33:23 From Darlene Lewis to Everyone:
Good Morning

08:33:42 From Tiffany Henderson to Everyone:
Good Morning Tiffany Henderson, RSW

08:33:48 From Toya Davis to Everyone:
Good Morning

08:34:00 From Patricia Carter to Hosts and panelists:
Good Morning Everyone!
Pat Carter, RSW

08:34:10 From Shantelle Lockwood to Everyone:
Good Morning, Shantelle Lockwood, MSW/RSW

08:34:36 From Melody Karamanis to Everyone:
Good morning!!

08:35:17 From Ciera Buggage to Everyone:
Good Morning

08:36:29 From Unita Cola to Hosts and panelists:
Good morning 🌻😊🌻 all Unita Cola LMSW

08:36:30 From Sarah Arnouville to Everyone:
I would like

08:36:34 From Karen Price to Hosts and panelists:

From Karen Freeman Price Good Morning to everyone
08:36:36 From Sarah Arnouville to Everyone:
I would like to publicly comment
08:36:45 From Sarah Arnouville to Everyone:
Thank you
08:36:53 From Sarah Arnouville to Everyone:
Will I be able to speak or required to type?
08:37:30 From Debra Austin to Everyone:
good morning,
08:37:55 From Debra Austin to Everyone:
Good Morning, Debra Austin, LCSW
08:43:01 From JAN WHITAKER-GATEWOOD to Everyone:
Thank you Sarah, Very Well Said and needed.
08:44:07 From Unita Cola to Hosts and panelists:
I would like to comment when possible
08:44:32 From Tina Granger to Everyone:
Thank you Sarah for your passionate response.
08:45:08 From Ciera Buggage to Everyone:
Well said, thank you Sarah for speaking on our behalf.
08:45:38 From Tiffany Henderson to Everyone:
thank you Sarah... I have a friend that's dealing with a similar issue
08:45:41 From Karen Price to Hosts and panelists:
Thank you Sarah for advocating for those who feel as passionate about the
profession and struggle with the exam as you do from Karen Price
08:47:42 From Sarah Arnouville to Everyone:
You are most welcome. I humbly ask for continued support and advocacy for
my fellow qualified CSW and RSW members who are no longer able to hold Social Work
positions due to failure of the ASWB exam requirements
09:25:55 From Tiffany Henderson to Everyone:
Tiffany Henderson, RSW
09:27:14 From Janice S. Briscoe to Everyone:
If a Licensee receives CEU's from a source that is not affiliated with CE
Broker, can the CEU be uploaded?
09:32:07 From trendalyn banks to Hosts and panelists:
Good morning, Trendalyn Banks LCSW 13894
09:44:03 From Janice S. Briscoe to Everyone:
I have received the answer to my question. Thanks.
09:46:59 From Taneaia Smith to Everyone:
I would definitely be interested in this platform!!!
09:57:30 From Tina Granger to Everyone:
As an LMSW who has been audited, I would not use this platform. It is just
one more step in our licensing process.
10:06:18 From Unita Cola to Hosts and panelists:
I hate it!
10:06:37 From Unita Cola to Hosts and panelists:
It's an Awful program!!!!
10:06:43 From Jania P. Martin to Everyone:
TryTpn.health
10:07:33 From Unita Cola to Hosts and panelists:
It's not user friendly!!

10:08:49 From Ramon Sam to Hosts and panelists:
I lost connection and had to rejoin

10:15:16 From Beryl deMontluzin to Everyone:
I agree with legal representation -

10:18:11 From Beryl deMontluzin to Everyone:
I also think it is a strength that "as board members" you remain open and willing to change course - and I appreciate the zoom aspect of the meetings

10:19:26 From Beryl deMontluzin to Everyone:
meant "appreciate" - obviously not enough coffee "yet" this morning

10:40:41 From Molly Ducote to Everyone:
I can personally say that every time I've reached out to the board over the years, I've received prompt assistance within a very reasonable time frame

10:51:59 From Tina Granger to Everyone:
I concur. I have always received prompt call backs or emails.

10:56:06 From Taneaia Smith to Everyone:
Request to have WAE position

11:10:29 From Unita Cola to Hosts and panelists:
I receive prompt responses over the years too.

11:13:07 From Beryl deMontluzin to Everyone:
What does LEAN stand for - the letters ?

11:41:17 From Tina Granger to Everyone:
I am here my microphone is having trouble

11:42:53 From Sarah Arnouville to Everyone:
i can hear her

11:43:00 From Jamie Barney to Hosts and panelists:
We can hear you, you cannot hear us.

11:43:01 From ShaKiyla Lindsey to Everyone:
I can hear her as well

11:43:02 From trendalyn banks to Hosts and panelists:
I can hear her

11:43:02 From Dejion Hughes to Hosts and panelists:
We here you Ms Granger

11:43:09 From EMILY DEANGELO to Hosts and panelists:
we can hear you

11:46:54 From Dejion Hughes to Hosts and panelists:
Ms Granger you are hitting the nail on the head!

11:50:27 From Dejion Hughes to Hosts and panelists:
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11:52:11 From Molly Ducote to Everyone:
Oppose removal of exam requirement. Concerned about license reciprocity in other states as well as credibility of the profession as a whole when basic requirements are not enforced.

11:52:38 From Tina Granger to Hosts and panelists:
I cannot hear the panelist is they are speaking

11:52:40 From Linda Casson to Hosts and panelists:
AMEN

11:52:47 From Jamie Barney to Hosts and panelists:
Can you hear the board staff?

11:52:58 From Jamie Barney to Hosts and panelists:
Ms. Granger?

11:52:59 From Tina Granger to Hosts and panelists:
I cannot. Perhaps

11:53:13 From Tina Granger to Hosts and panelists:
I cannot hear the board

11:53:24 From Jamie Barney to Hosts and panelists:
Question from board: Are you requesting to remove the exam for LMSW only or all level of licensure?

11:53:34 From trendalyn banks to Hosts and panelists:
I agree @molly ducote

11:53:36 From Tina Granger to Hosts and panelists:
Only LMSW

11:54:14 From Tina Granger to Hosts and panelists:
I feel that the LCSW must have a higher level of skill sets and knowledge due to the ability to practice independently

11:54:35 From Tiffany Henderson to Everyone:
maybe not remove it but give better study skills and reduce cost so it won't be so costly.

11:55:19 From Tina Granger to Hosts and panelists:
It is a hinderance to employment at an entry level job that requires supervision

11:55:56 From JAN WHITAKER-GATEWOOD to Everyone:
Thank you Tina Granger. Excellent Points and Studies. Needed to be brought out to the forefront as so many Social worker are failing or failing this exam.

11:56:11 From Linda Casson to Hosts and panelists:
I was saying Amen to Ms. Granger I agree with everything she said. I think that test is all about money. I passed that MSW test but it seems as though it only had a few questions that had to do with social work.

11:56:17 From Tina Granger to Hosts and panelists:
Can the board hear me?

11:57:11 From Jamie Barney to Hosts and panelists:
@Granger: Where did you get the information re: the test asking persons to answer whether the graduate school prepared them for the LMSW exam?

11:57:14 From Sarah Arnouville to Everyone:
i would like to comment on this further. in my position at the hospital, I required LCSW supervision to perform my duties.

11:57:15 From Dejon Hughes to Hosts and panelists:
My question is when did the test become required to obtain the LMSW ?

11:57:24 From Yolanda Jackson to Hosts and panelists:
There are aspects of the information presented that raise an eyebrow such as the failure rate of 27% . It might be prudent to take a serious look at forming an Action Group are something to conduct a review of all facets of the examination including study aids etc...with recommendations for improvement of deemed appropriate!

11:57:25 From Karen Price to Hosts and panelists:
Thank you Ms. Granger for speaking the truth and provide the data to support your information

11:58:47 From Tina Granger to Hosts and panelists:
I would like the board to know that I have responded to the ASWB's national request to sit on a committee to review the exam and provide recommendations.

11:59:27 From Tina Granger to Hosts and panelists:
I will provide the data, but the ASWB has just posted the 2021 pass rates on

their site that I referenced.

12:00:05 From Karen Price to Hosts and panelists:

Sorry I forgot to state my name in the above comment. My name is Karen Freeman Price

12:00:50 From Tina Granger to Hosts and panelists:

Has the board moved on or is the discussion continuing?

12:01:04 From Unita Cola to Hosts and panelists:

I think SUNO prepared us for the test but I had to learn how to apply what I learned to apply it to answer the questions on the test.

12:01:30 From Dejon Hughes to Hosts and panelists:

Ms granger just log on, on another device

12:01:40 From Tina Granger to Hosts and panelists:

I will

12:06:01 From Linda Casson to Everyone:

What is the attendees location. I thought you were in Baton Rouge but I heard someone say Shreveport

12:06:17 From Jamie Barney to Hosts and panelists:

Baton Rouge

12:13:22 From ShaKiyLa Lindsey to Hosts and panelists:

4 general hours?