

**Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
July 30, 2022**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, 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.

Bora Sunseri conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Trinity George, RSW, Evan Bergeron, Esq., and Jamie Barney, LCSW.

Also present included Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, Emily DeAngelo, Regina DeWitt, and Kelly Sicard.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda with the addition of consideration of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Chanell Williams.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were accepted before a vote was made on applicable agenda items.

CONTINUING EDUCATION – CARRYOVER OF HOURS

Ayn Stehr submitted a request for the board to consider allowing social workers to carryover continuing education obtained in one collection period to the following collection period. Board members discussed this and agreed that ethics and clinical supervision for the renewal of BACS would not be included. They requested that an inquiry be sent to ASWB to see if other state licensing boards allow for carryover.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to refer this matter to the Rules Committee for research and drafting of a proposed rule.

DRAFT SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT

Board members were provided with a copy of the draft Social Work Licensure Compact. There was no action needed in this matter.

ASWB TESTING PROCEDURE

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to allow candidates to sit for the ASWB Masters examination in the final semester of their graduate program beginning January 1, 2023.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle to allow candidates to sit for the Clinical exam within 6 months of completing supervised experience, the motion was seconded by Jamie Barney, but failed. Votes for included Ruth Weinzettle, Bora Sunseri and Jamie

Barney. Votes against included Hyacinth McKee, Carla Moore, Evan Bergeron and Trinity George.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to inquire with ASWB of the possibility of including a requirement that the social worker must complete at least 75 hours of supervised work experience before being allowed to sit for exam.

TINA GRANGER'S REQUEST TO REMOVE LMSW EXAM REQUIREMENT

Defer to August 26, 2022 board meeting.

CE BROKER

Defer until next Strategic Planning meeting.

CERTEMY

Sheri Morris updated the board members on the items Certemy has completed and those that are outstanding. Board members discussed the disciplinary module, the searchable registry, developing an exit plan, renegotiating contract to include a reduction in price, and other possibilities. Bora Sunseri recommended that the Board get technical consultation that may also address LEAN training. She volunteered to work on finding proposals.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, for Legal Counsel and the Administrator continue discussions with Certemy regarding the ongoing cost of using their program, the deliverables that are outstanding, and a timeframe for those deliverables to be met with a report back at the next meeting.

CIVIL SERVICE

There was no action taken in this matter. LABSWE will remain part of the civil service program.

EMPLOYMENT QUALIFICATIONS TO BEGIN SUPERVISION TOWARDS LCSW

No action taken in this matter. Discussion only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:38 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: Jamie Barney, LCSW, yes; Bora Sunseri, LCSW, yes; Evan Bergeron, Esq., yes; Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Trinity George, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

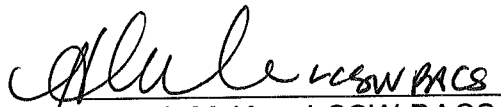
Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 12:30 p.m.

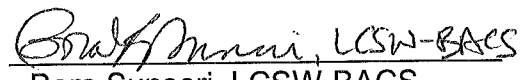
Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Jamie Barney, LCSW, yes; Bora Sunseri, LCSW, yes; Evan Bergeron, Esq., yes; Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Trinity George, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATOR

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to issue a 3% merit increase to Emily DeAngelo.

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.


Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer