

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
October 29, 2021**

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:34 am on Friday, October 29, 2021. 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. The allowance of a video conference is authorized by Proclamation 30 JBE 2020, Section 4 as extended by subsequent executive proclamations including 75 JBE 2020. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, and Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, were present for the meeting.

Jamie Barney, LCSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, and Ada Nelson, RSW.

Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member, was absent.

Members of the public in attendance that we are aware of are on the attached list.

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Ada Nelson, and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion regarding the change in the Practice Act related to obtaining a prosecutor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

An explanation of public comments and continuing education was provided. Public comment can be made during the meeting or submitted in advance of the meeting to [edeangelo@labswe.org](mailto:edeangelo@labswe.org). The public comment must pertain to an item on the agenda and persons are allowed two minutes per comment.

Attendees of the public portion of the board meeting can obtain 1 hour of continuing education in ethics and 1 general hour of continuing education. A certificate is available at <https://www.labswe.org/board-member-meetings-and-agendas/> for you to save and upload to next year's renewal workflow or in your digital wallet. Attendees were reminded that continuing education for the current collection period can be obtained via distance learning.

There were no public comments.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Ada Nelson, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the board meeting and strategic planning meeting held September 17, 2021. There were no public comments regarding the minutes.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Angela Giles, LCSW** – request regarding social workers carrying and administering Narcan/Naloxone

Board members referenced a legal opinion written by its previous counsel and responded to the survey presented by Dr. Giles that social workers can carry and administer Narcan/Naloxone after being trained to do so. Remain updated on local, state, and federal ordinances regarding carrying and administering Narcan/Naloxone and only doing so when in compliance with current legislation.

**Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS** – concerns and suggestions for educating LCSW-BACS about the electronic supervision process via Certemy platform

Board members and the public were advised that Maddy Andras developed a PowerPoint presentation to explain the process for going from paper supervision forms to electronic forms via Certemy. She also created a FAQ page to address the supervision questions posed by Ms. Rossi. Ruth Weinzettle asked, and Gina Rossi agreed, to look at the training and make recommendations.

**Celeste Keys, LMSW** – requesting approval to obtain supervision while employed as an Education Coordinator

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Ada Nelson to deny the request submitted by Celeste Keys. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**New Orleans Public Schools** - application for continuing education approval organization

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Ada Nelson to deny the application submitted by New Orleans Public Schools. The application will be reconsidered once the Board receives signed letters of recommendation. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**New Orleans Family Justice Center** - application for continuing education approval organization

**Motion** was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Carla Moore to deny the application submitted by New Orleans Family Justice Center. The application will be reconsidered once the Board receives signed letters of recommendation. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Open Health Care Clinic** – application for continuing education approval organization

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Ada Nelson to approve the application submitted by Open Health Care Clinic. Jamie Barney abstained from the discussion and vote. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was carried by majority vote.

**Daybreak Therapy Solutions, LLC** – application for continuing education approval organization

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Ada Nelson to deny the application submitted by Daybreak Therapy Solutions. The application will be reconsidered once the Board receives signed letters of recommendation from individuals outside of the organization. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Mercy Family Center, Project Fleur-de-lis** – application for continuing education approval organization

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Carla Moore to approve the application submitted by Mercy Family Center. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Meaghan Grunwald, LMSW** – requesting approval of position to work towards LCSW

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Carla Moore to approve the supervised work hours completed as a Training and Development Specialist III to count towards the requirements to become a LCSW. There were 2 public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Whitney Reichel, LCSW** – question regarding mandatory reporting obligations

Board members advised Whitney Reichel that she is mandated to report the client to law enforcement because the victim is a child, and the client is engaging in abuse of a child.

**Dr. Katie Godshall, LCSW-BACS** – requesting pre-approval of Developing the BACS Identity: 6.5-hour BACS Initial Training

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the 6.5-hour supervision workshop to count towards the requirements to become a LCSW-BACS. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Leslie Calloway, LMSW** – requesting disciplinary flag be removed from her record

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Ada Nelson to remove the disciplinary flag from Leslie Calloway's record. There were 2 public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Parker Robinson, LCSW-BACS** – inquiry regarding MSW providing equine therapy

Board members responded that it is within the scope of practice for the CSW or LMSW to work with agency clients at an equine organization if the CSW or LMSW is supervised by a LCSW.

**Eva Lessinger, LMSW** – requesting approval for supervision as a Program Director of Family Justice Center

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Ada Nelson to deny the Director of Programs position with the New Orleans Family Justice Center as being eligible to begin supervision towards LCSW. Board members also advised Ms. Lessinger that a LMSW's subordinate is not authorized to provide LCSW supervision.

There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **BOARD/STAFF MATTERS** **Office Workflow and Staffing**

Emily DeAngelo provided a verbal report on staffing and workflow.

- Maddy created a PowerPoint presentation to address questions regarding supervision in Certemy. Revisions to the supervision contracts – online version.
- Mailing report list is not finished. Personal section address is not pulling. Tweaks needed. Pending mailing list requests outstanding
- Verifications on the rise. Receive approximately 25 each week. Currently there are no outstanding requests.
- Renewals up to date.
- Three phone lines and it is not uncommon for all three lines to be utilized simultaneously.
- Door is now open again to the public.
- Supervision documents are reviewed and approved by Kelly.
- All vacant positions have been filled. Request to civil service to have position changed to licensing analyst instead of administrative coordinator. Regina works in the office when she can get back and forth. She hopes to be able to be able to come into the office full time. We will keep the temporary employee until Regina returns full time or the temp reaches 600 hours, which is the limit the state allows an agency to have a temp.

## **2022 Board Meeting Dates**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Hyacinth McKee to set the 2022 board meeting dates for January 14, February 18, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 23, October 28, and December 2. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **ASWB Election Slate**

Board members discussed the candidates and decided who will receive Louisiana's votes.

## **Discussion regarding Rules changes**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Hyacinth McKee to move forward with the proposed changes to the Rules, Standards and Procedures that have been reviewed by legal counsel and approved by the Board. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **Discussion regarding obtaining a prosecutor**

**Motion** was made by Ada Nelson and seconded by Jamie Barney to seek bids for a prosecutor. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Hyacinth McKee, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:28 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: Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Jamie Barney, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; Carla Moore, yes; and Ada Nelson, yes.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore seconded, by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.

### **Administrative Hearing in the matter of Jarred Richard, Complaint #2018-344**

Madeline Carbonette, AAG, requested a continuance without date to obtain additional evidence. Respondent was not present to oppose the request.

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Jamie Barney to continue without date. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Consent Agreement and Order #2020-174**

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order for Portia Henderson, LCSW.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Hyacinth McKee to accept the Consent Agreement. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was carried by majority vote. Jamie Barney was recused.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Hyacinth McKee, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 1:08 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: Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Jamie Barney, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; Carla Moore, yes; and Ada Nelson, yes.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore seconded, by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:11 p.m.

### **Consent Agreement and Order #2021-197**

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order in resolution of Complaint #2021-197.

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Ada Nelson to accept the Consent Agreement. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Consent Agreement and Order #2021-199**

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order in resolution of Complaint #2021-199.

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Ada Nelson to accept the Consent Agreement. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Compliance Hearings**

There was a compliance hearing conducted in Executive Session for BriAnn Williams, LMSW. The hearing panel included Carla Moore, Ada Nelson, and Ruth Weinzettle.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Ada Nelson to accept the supervision BriAnn Williams completed while employed with Care South and to deny the hours completed at Collegiate Baton Rouge and Women's Hospital prior to 60 days of receiving Supervision Contracts. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was carried by majority vote. Jamie Barney was recused.

There was a compliance hearing conducted in Executive Session for Aaron Wade Daniels, MSW. The hearing panel included Carla Moore, Ada Nelson, and Ruth Weinzettle.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Ada Nelson to approve reinstatement of Aaron Wade Daniels' LCSW subject to an evaluation for the Impaired Professional Program and subsequent compliance should participation be determined appropriate. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

All documentation submitted by Ms. Michele Guidry; her attorney, David Aden; and the board office staff was reviewed. On September 28, 2019, the board unanimously decided that it would consider removal of disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis when it involves a first-time rule violation, and the violation does not involve clients. All the information that was reviewed demonstrates that the board has not deviated from that decision. We have considered the request and make a motion to follow the precedence of the board and uphold the decision to deny removal of Michele Guidry's disciplinary flag.

### **Impaired Professional Program**

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Carla Moore to accept the written IPP report provided by IPP Manager, Kathie Pohlman. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

Board members reviewed a potential job description for MH-21 and determined that it falls within the participant's scope of practice. They advised that the IPP Manager can make the decision of appropriate monitoring.

### **Disciplinary Monitoring**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Ada Nelson to release seven individuals from their Consent Agreement and Order because they successfully completed all terms. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Pending Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2019-259. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2021-114. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2021-130. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Ada Nelson and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2021-164. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2021-178. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2021-179. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2021-184 CW 2021-185. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Ada Nelson and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2021-187. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Ada Nelson and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2022-05. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Applications**

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Ada Nelson to deny the request made by BD and to approve her to obtain face-to-face supervision virtually. BD was advised that LABSWE does not have authority to waive a requirement set forth by the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Ada Nelson to deny the request made by James Jordan to waive the continuing education for the 2020-2021 collection period and refund the renewal fee and to approve the extension to collect continuing education and to sit for the Masters exam. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Ada Nelson to deny granting Sevana Kynard a LMSW via endorsement and to approve the applicant for CSW and approval to sit for the ASWB Masters exam. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Ada Nelson, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work. There were no public comments on this matter.

Bailey, Barbara  
Bradford, Theresa O.  
Collins, Laura L.  
Curtis, Shantell M.  
Daniels, Rhonda L.  
Evans, LaPrince C.  
Fletcher, Nicole M.  
Henderson, Lateshia K.  
Hill, A'Zhane  
Hutton-Samuels, Camry  
Johnson, Deon  
Johnson, Keonna L.  
King, Rose Mary  
Mills, Ty'Reginesha R.  
Moody, Dereck R.  
Morris, Roy A.  
Phenix, LaTonya  
Richard, Lisa  
Smith, Rocquel C.  
Toussaint, Candace M.  
West, DeAndre D.  
White, Virginia F.  
Wilkinson, Elisha  
Yearby, Myra

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Ada Nelson, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Licensed Master's Social Work, issue Certified Social Work credential and approval to take the ASWB Masters exam. There were no public comments on this matter.

Asonye, Diana  
Barnes, Earl  
Bermudez, Victor

Climer, Richard T.  
Dawson, Darrian  
Dearmond, Jillian  
Dennis, Jena  
Godeau-Allen, Valerie  
Henley, Donna M.  
Hoffert, Lovella R.  
Johnson, Jaquelynn E.  
Jones, Jakira N.  
Krueger, Evan A.  
Kynard, Sevana T.  
Moore, Bryce  
Najder, Andrew B.  
Northcutt, Twana  
Parker, Cleveland  
Pounders, Rachel G.  
Robertson, Brian K.  
Robertson, Rachea K.  
Rosario, Michel  
Savoy, Anne Marie  
Smith, Jimera  
Thomas, Margaret  
Walker, Destiny  
Wallace, Dionne  
Woods-Hopwood, Kimberly M.

**Motion** was made by Ada Nelson, seconded by Hyacinth McKee, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. There were no public comments on this matter.

Barrosse, Danielle  
Beacham, Lucinda L.  
Bonnnett, Blaine A.  
Clancy, Meredith Ann  
Clark, Carolyn B.  
Cornelius, Riva  
Crespo, Sherrard E.  
Davis, Renita M.  
Dean, James M.  
Emerson, Finitra M.  
Frame, Martha M.G.  
Hill, Alexis S.  
Hubbard, Kenessa R.  
Johnson, Dysten D.  
Johnson-Black, Tara L.  
Kilgore, Leighanna D.  
Looney, S. Elaine

McClellan, Melanie Anne  
Moore, Bryce  
Meyers, Sandra D.  
Nelson, Jasmine  
Rivers, Shelia L.  
Timpe, Stephanie A.  
Vassor, Shelldyne P.  
Whittington, Kenya  
Winters, Misty L.

**Motion** was made by Ada Nelson, seconded by Hyacinth McKee, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for LCSW through endorsement. There were no public comments on this matter.

Abney, Rolanda (End-NC)  
Calder, Jennifer (End-VT)  
Hannah, Allison (End-MN)  
Surcouf, Renee (End-CA)

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW-BACS  
Chairperson

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Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS  
Secretary-Treasurer