

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
December 6, 2013**

Lisa Lipsey, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 1, 2013, in the conference room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily Efferson, Administrator and Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant were present for the entire meeting. Carmen Weisner, was present for a part of the public portion of the meeting.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Robert Showers, RSW, Lisa Lipsey, LCSW, Judith Haspel, LCSW, John McBride, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, and Parker Sternbergh, LCSW.

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with the addition of 2014-75, 2014-76, 2014-77, 2014-78 and 2014-79 under New Complaints.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA, reported that their annual conference brochure will be mailed out before Christmas. She stated that this conference will offer more clinical hours than the previous year. Ms. Weisner also advised the board that the Children's Code Committee has been meeting to discuss issues regarding mandatory reporting by social workers that are employed by attorney offices. Because of attorney/client privilege, social workers are told that they are not allowed to mandatory report.

**MINUTES of the meeting held September 27, 2013**

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the meeting held November 1, 2013 as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Misty Humble, LMSW**

Misty Humble submitted a letter requesting the board's position regarding a social worker's employer requiring her to give out a patient's information for services to various nursing facilities. The client/patient informed the social worker that she did not want the other nursing facilities contacted. Members of the board referred Ms. Humble to 115A of the Rules, Standards and Procedures and 2718B of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act.

**Paula Bennett, LCSW**

Paula Bennett submitted a letter requesting the board to approve a supervision workshop that she attended in 2012 to be used to renew her BACS status. Members of

the board requested that Ms. Bennett submit verification that the workshop was preapproved by an LABSWE preapproval organization.

### **Eliot Levin, LCSW**

Eliot Levin, LCSW, submitted a letter to the board requesting the board to remove his disciplinary action from the LABSWE database.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny Mr. Levin's request. Disciplinary action taken against a license is considered a permanent public record.

### **Keri King, LCSW**

Keri King, LCSW, submitted a letter to the board asking if a MSW can bill Medicaid for counseling for a school based health clinic. Members of the board advised Ms. King that insurance questions should be directed to the agency that will be receiving the bill. She was also referred to Rule 119A, 119B, 501A, 501B and 501D (1,2,3) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

### **Southern University at New Orleans- Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization**

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve SUNO to be a Continuing Education Pre-Approval Organization. Their approval extends from December 6, 2013-December 6, 2016.

### **Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists**

Darla M.R. Burnett, Ph.D., MP, submitted a letter to the board informing them that the LSBEP recently decided to create a licensure category for provisionally licensed psychologist. Members of the Board advised LSBEP that they will be forwarding their correspondence to the LA Association of Clinical Social Workers and the National Association of Social Workers-LA Chapter.

### **Tara Messenger, LCSW**

Tara Messenger, LCSW, submitted a letter requesting the board's position on confidentiality and testifying in court. Members of the board advised Ms. Messenger that she can only testify to what she knows to be the truth. She was further advised to review the Louisiana Code of Ethics, Rule 115B(3), 155D (1,2,5) and 2718 B(2), and 2718C of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act.

## **BOARD/STAFF ISSUES**

### **Schedule 2014 Meeting Dates**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the following meeting dates for 2014: January 17, 2014, February 21, 2014, March 28, 2014, April 25, 2014, May 23, 2014, June 27, 2014, August 1, 2014, September 5, 2014, October 17, 2014, November 21, 2014 and December 19, 2014. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be conducted at the board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

### **ASWB Annual Meeting**

Emily Efferson reported on that the highlight of the Annual Meeting included the presentation of ASWB's strategic map for 2014-2018, as well as the unveiling of their new website. The strategic plan includes 4 initiatives: expand member services, bridge the boundaries of social work regulation, strengthen leadership for the future and to broaden stakeholder relationships for the regulatory community.

Ms. Efferson also reported that questions on the DSMV will be added to the exams administered in January 2015. ASWB will keep their website updated with information.

ASWB election results included:

Treasurer – Carole Bryant

Director at Large, Professional – Fran Franklin

Director at Large, Public – Patricia O'Reilly

Nominating Committee – Tim Brown

### **Policy for Major Purchases and Staff Raises**

Members of the board agreed that any purchase over the amount of \$500 must be approved by the board. Robert Showers will work on an addendum to the current employee handbook.

### **FARB Membership**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to submit the annual renewal application and fee of \$150.00 to FARB.

### **IOC Committee Report**

Judith Haspel reported that the IOC committee has revised proposed Rule 117F to read, "A social worker shall notify the LA State Board of Social Work Examiners prior to resuming practice, of any indication of diminished ability to practice. This mandate for notification includes but is not limited to diagnosis of substance use disorder, participation in treatment for substance use disorder, entrance into an inpatient program or Intensive outpatient program for mental health or substance use disorder, and any other reason to suspect potential to impair practice, or any condition or impairment which left untreated has the potential to place the public at risk."

### **Report from Lisa Lipsey on meeting held 11/09/13 with LBESPA & LBEDN chairs**

Lisa Lipsey reported that the meeting with LBESPA and LBEDN chairs was successful. LABSWE now has four (4) full time employees.

### **Resignation of Board Chair**

Lisa Lipsey informed the board that she will no longer be the board chairperson after the January, 2014 meeting. Judith Haspel, vice chairperson, will take the chairperson position effective February 1, 2014. There will be an election January 17, 2014, for the vice chairperson position.

### **Update on BACS via Distance Learning**

Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant, reported that she has been in contact with the board's IT person. He is currently working on a solution to offer the workshop via Skype.

### **FINANCIAL**

Susan Sevario, CPA, presented the board with the year-end information for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. She also provided the board with a comparison of the board's financial standing in October 2012 and October 2013.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the financial report for the period ending October 31, 2013.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the financial report for the period ending September 30, 2013.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:07 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

to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: Robert Showers, yes; John McBride, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Judith Haspel, yes and Parker Sternbergh, yes.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 3:36 p.m.

### **PERSONNEL MATTER**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to reduce the amount of random continuing education audits from 10% to 4%.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to send out continuing education audit notices July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve a one year contract with Susan Sevario, CPA. Members of the board are requesting that Ms. Sevario meet with the board on a quarterly basis to answer any questions or concerns they may have.

### **DISCIPLINARY MONITORING REPORT**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the disciplinary report.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore unanimously carried, to release **Lamara Lee, LMSW**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Lee has submitted evidence that she has completed all of the terms in her agreement.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to release **Krystal Townsend, CSW**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Townsend has submitted evidence that she has completed all of the terms in her agreement.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to release **Christian Jones, CSW**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Jones has submitted evidence that she has completed all of the terms in her agreement.

### **NEW COMPLAINTS**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-68** and to request a written response from the respondent.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-69** and to send to investigation for possible violation of Rule 107B, 115B(1,3), 155D(1,2) and LA R.S. 2717A(5,7).

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-70** and to send to investigation for possible violation of Rule 107B, 111H (1,2) and LA R.S. 2717A(4,5,7,10,11).

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-73** and to request a written response from the respondent.

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-74** and to send to investigation for possible violation of Rule 113A(6), 113B(1,3,9) and LA R.S. 2717A(4,5,7,11).

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-75** and to request a written response from the respondent to include any legal documents and current status of the charge.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-76** and to request a written response from the respondent to include any legal documents and current status of the charge.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-77** and to request a written response from the respondent to include any legal documents and current status of the charge.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-78** and to request a written response from the respondent to include any legal documents and current status of the charge.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2014-79** and to request a written response from the respondent to include any legal documents and current status of the charge.

### **Pending Complaints**

There were no pending complaints to consider.

### **Applications**

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application submitted by **Shane Authement**. Mr. Authement has been offered a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to deny the LMSW application submitted by **Margaret Gustafson**. Ms. Gustafson has been offered a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the LMSW application submitted by **Mark Broussard**. Mr. Broussard has been offered a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the LMSW application submitted by **Annsley Stoma**. Ms. Stoma has been offered a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application submitted by **Shavette Barnes**. Ms. Barnes has been offered a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for registration as a Registered Social Worker:

Crew, Kalesha  
Henson, Exexis  
McDowell, Christopher  
Payton, Lillie  
Upshaw, Dawn

George, Haley  
Hunter, JaQuinta  
Melton, Mary  
Smith, Jacqueline

Approved pending the receipt of their official school transcripts:

Barrilleaux, E. Jerry                      Geren, Mollie  
Granger, Raemeka                         Smith, Latricia

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for the 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:

Aguilar, Mauricio                         Allen, Virginia  
Bennett, Rachel                             Darsey, Morgan  
Gannon, Brook                             Henderson, Pamela  
Larkins, Jr., Cantrelle                     Ragan, Vanessa  
Shepard, Patricia                          Walsh, Sister Mary Vianney

Approved pending the receipt of their official school transcripts:

Ackerman, Rachel                         Bart, Michelle  
Berner, Lauryn                             Bienstock, Michelle  
Billot, Sherryl                             Booten, Jessica  
Boudreaux, Celeste                         Bradley, Jr., Samuel  
Bullard, Jason                             Colegrove, Andrea  
Cuevas, Denise                             Fawcett, Taylor  
Frawley, Elizabeth                         Hall, Jasmine  
Helmke, Christy                             Hernandez, Noelle  
Kolaska, Christa                             Leahy, Kelly  
LeGuizamo, Christine                         Moore, Kelsey  
Otto-Berglund, Morgan                         Pegues, Emma  
Pinkston, II, James                         Schwandt, Victoria  
Suazo, Idania                                 Smith, Cody  
Spears, Bianca                                 Stephanadis, Katherine  
Tidwell, Abigail                                 White, Ariel

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical exam for licensing as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker:

Angel, Deshon                                 Barrett, Cali  
Brown, Lajuan                                 Davis, Leah  
DeVasier, Laura                                 Domangue, Jessica  
Gautier, Jillian                                 James, Lyndsey  
James, Sarah                                     Lawrence, Lyn  
LeJeune, Nicole                                 LeBlanc, Nicole  
Lundgren, Kimberly                             Pool, Roland  
Ticheli, Christy                                 Youngblood, Deborah



### **Impaired Professional Program Monitoring Report**

**Motion** was made by John McBride, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the IPP monitoring report.

**Motion** was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to send **NW-12** certified notification that they have ten days to submit evidence that they have not been out of compliance of her Participation Agreement. The IPP manager has reported noncompliance.

### **SSA Final Report**

Paul Laperouse from SSA Consultants met with the board to discuss their final report. Mr. Laperouse reported on the board's current status and possible long term goals for the future. Their recommendations included outsourcing and becoming more automated.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by John McBride and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

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Lisa Lipsey, LCSW  
Chairperson

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Carla Moore, LMSW  
Secretary-Treasurer