

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
December 19, 2014**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 19, 2014, 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 and Anne Williams were present for a portion of the meeting.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Robert Showers, RSW, Judith Haspel, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Yolanda Burnom, LCSW, Parker Sternbergh, LCSW, and Paulette Walker, Public Member. Marguerite "Peggy" Salley, LCSW, was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with the addition of 4(f) Natalie Landry, LMSW.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA, reported that the art therapy task force completed their work. All of the professions involved on the task force agreed to submit a letter to the legislature in opposition of creating a license for art therapists. Some reasons for opposition include, the financial implications because of so few art therapists; no schools in Louisiana that offer art therapy; and the task force does not believe art therapy training prepares the individual for diagnosis and treatment.

Ms. Weisner also updated the board members that the Children's Code Committee will be submitting their mandatory reporting revisions to the Greater Law Institute in January. The revisions clarify that the mandatory reporting exemption does not extend to other social work arenas.

Ms. Weisner advised that NASW's Executive Committee has concerns about the unlicensed practice of social work, as well as social workers practicing beyond their scope of practice. She requested that LABSWE publicize the scope of practice of each level credential as a reminder to licensees.

MEETING OF THE MINUTES HELD NOVEMBER 21, 2014

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes as presented for November 21, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rakinzie Fisher-Denham, RSW

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny the request submitted by Rakinzie Fisher-Denham to reinstate her LMSW without retesting.

Karen Daye, RSW

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to grant Ms. Daye an extension through March 2, 2015, to complete the terms of her Consent Agreement and Order.

Bridget Bushnell, LCSW

Members of the board reviewed Ms. Bushnell's question regarding confidentiality. She presented a situation where her employer instructed her that they no longer are required to obtain a release of medical records from patients in order to send their medical records to referral agencies. Members of the board agreed that this appears to be a violation and referred Ms. Bushnell to Rule 115(A), of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Mickey Dupont, LMSW

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to deny Mickey Dupont's request to waive the 90 day waiting period between taking the examination.

Charles Netterville, Jr., MSW

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny the request submitted by Mr. Netterville to meet with the board.

Natalie Landry, LMSW

Members of the board reviewed Ms. Landry's question regarding a social worker that posted information about her clients on a social media website. Ms. Landry was advised that this is a violation of Rule 115(A), and that she should report this social worker to the LABSWE.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES**Board Self-Evaluation**

Judith Haspel requested that Emily Efferson compile a list of the questions each board member submitted. She will choose the five questions that will make up the evaluation. The board will conduct its first self-evaluation at its meeting on January 30, 2015, and quarterly thereafter.

Audit of Pre-Approval Organizations

Emily Efferson reported that all of the audits have been completed for the pre-approval organizations. One pre-approval organization received a letter of instruction for improvement.

Quote from SSA Consultants

Members of the board agreed that at this time it is not necessary to sign a contract for consulting services with SSA Consultants.

Draft Model Regulatory Standards for Technology and Social Work Practice
Board members were reminded that they are able to submit comments to ASWB regarding the draft model prior to December 31, 2014.

FINANCIAL

Quote from Office of Telecommunications

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Parker Sternbergh and unanimously carried, to approve the purchase of the new telephone system in the amount of \$2,918.20.

Renewal of CAC Membership

Members of the Board agreed to not renew their membership with CAC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 9:17 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; Carla Moore, yes; Paulette Walker, yes, Yolanda Burnom, yes, and Parker Sternbergh, yes.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:50 a.m.

DISCIPLINARY MONITORING REPORT

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the disciplinary report.

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

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Dawn Riley, RSW**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Riley has submitted evidence that he completed all of the terms in her agreement.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Darnell Toregano-Maddox, CSW**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Toregano-Maddox has submitted evidence that she completed all of the terms in her agreement.

NEW COMPLAINTS

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2015-60** for failure to rise to the level of a violation of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2015-61** and to request a written response along with official court documentation.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2015-62** and send to investigation for possible violations of Rule 107A, 107B, 111B, 115A and 2717A (4,7,10,11) of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2015-82** and send to investigation for possible violations of Rule 111G(1,2,3,5), 119B, 119D and 2717A(3,10,11) and 2720A(2) of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2015-83** and send to investigation for possible violations of Rule 111B, 111G, 111F(1), 121A and 2717A(7,10,11) of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to table **Complaint #2014-76** for review at the meeting scheduled for March 20, 2015.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to continue **Complaint #2014-80** without date.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-108** with a letter of caution relative to following proper procedures for accessing confidential information.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-117** for failure to rise to the level of a violation of the of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-118** with a letter of caution relative to disclosing personal information to a client.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to schedule **Complaint #2014-130** for a hearing on March 20, 2015.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-14** for failure to rise to the level of a violation of the of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to refer the respondent for **Complaint #2015-16** to the Impaired Professionals Program for an evaluation.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-31** for failure to rise to the level of a violation of the of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures

Applications

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to require **Kimberly Andres, RSW**, to submit official court documentation verifying the acquittal of her charges.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to offer **Whitney Allen**, a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to offer **Neomia Branson**, a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to offer **Caitlin Ditta**, a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny **Cynthia Goree**, the Registered Social Worker registration because the university she graduated from was not CSWE accredited at the time of graduation. Ms. Goree has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny **Angelique Williams, LMSW**, approval for the LCSW because she has not met the minimum supervision requirement. Ms. Williams has been offered a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to offer **Michael Johnston, MSW**, a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice to also require him to be evaluated by the Impaired Professionals Program and to advise that he must follow all recommendations.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny **Tameka Lester**, the Registered Social Worker registration and to offer her a Compliance Hearing.

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

Charles-Major, Anza	Clayton, LaMonica
Frye, Lakisia	Govan, Norlecia
Jefferson, Linda	Newsome, Skylar
Lomenick, Leah	Mata, Venae
Ridgley, Renee	Russell, Courtney
Spann, Christina	

Approval pending official school transcript:

Ahmen, Samantha	Aliken, Latasha
Brown, LaKieah	Madden, Rochelle
Minton, Aniqua	Smith, Claire
Square, Jasmine	Williams, Blake

Motion was made by Parker Sternbergh, seconded by Carla Moore 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:

Bishop, Jamie	Coffee, Tiffanie
Mendoza, Ashley	Pearl, Tamara
Pluck, Camille	Williams, Frenchie
Williams, Myah	

Approval pending official school transcript:

Alberta, Amber	Anderson, Kelly
Atkinson, Bonnie	Brockett, Camille
Emerson, Jenae	Haigh, Samantha
Helmstetter, Michelle	Hoover, Leigh
Louis, Judithe	Perez, Dominique
Rogers, Chandler	Ryan, Katherine
Thrumon, Amanda	Thrumon, Lynnette
Usner, Danielle	Levine, Kara

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, 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:

Abram, Tellis	Block, Cassandra
Boudreaux, Michelle	Brown, Rachel
Daniels, Kailyn	Davis, Sonya
Delahoussye, Nicole	Gilbert, Taylor
Girioir, Sarah	Gordon, Patricia
LeBlanc, Randi	Mogabgab, Tuyl

Norris, Shannon
Van Choff, J. Michelle

Samra, Harpreet

Impaired Professional Program Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the monitoring report submitted by Kathie Pohlman, LCSW, IPP Manager.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Judith Haspel, LCSW
Chairperson

Carla Moore, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer