

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
February 26, 2021**

John Shalett, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 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.

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, John Shalett, LCSW, Jamie Barney, LCSW, Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member, and Carla Moore, LMSW.

Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.  
Ada Nelson, RSW, was absent.

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

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to add a request from Joshua Murdock to Correspondence.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as amended.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 22, 2021.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Rosalyn Bradley, LMSW**

The Board considered an email from Rosalyn Bradley regarding a client with untreated schizoaffective disorder and mania being employed as a Lyft/Uber driver. It is their opinion that this is a clinical judgment which should be made with full consideration of her obligation to client confidentiality. They recommend that she discuss her concerns with her supervisor.

**Kevin Bourgeois, LCSW**

Kevin Bourgeois submitted an email about the possibility of the same clients receiving services from him in a volunteer setting and a contract setting. Board members

recommend that dual relationships be avoided. They also recommended that he speak with an attorney regarding possible malpractice issues. They advised that they agree with his decision to obtain peer consultation with an LCSW.

**Dayna Jimison, LMSW**

Board members advised Dayna Jimison that she can take orders from a physician as long as the orders are not for medication.

**Donna Stephens, RN**

Donna Stephens requested clarification of orders that a social worker can take from a physician. She was advised that it is the opinion of the Board that social workers can take orders from a physician with the exception of medication orders.

**Lynette Jones, RSW**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to waive the 90-day wait between taking the exam.

**Colette Pellissier, LCSW**

Colette Pellissier submitted an inquiry regarding oral and written reports made to DCFS. Board members referred Ms. Pellissier to DCFS for clarification.

**Elizabeth Thoms, LCSW**

Elizabeth Thoms asked the Board if she can carry her licensing card in her ID badge since she does not see clients in an office. Board members agreed that is acceptable.

**Ann Lyons-Jackson, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to deny Ann Lyons-Jackson's request to remove disciplinary action from her record.

**Kei Ri, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to deny Kei Ri's request that her supervision contract be accepted late and without penalty.

**Tasha Johnson, LCSW-BACS**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to deny Tasha Johnson's request that the Board accept Ronnika Brewer's supervision contract be accepted late and without penalty.

**Katherine Hebert, LCSW-BACS**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve Katherine Hebert's request that Katherine Hebert be allowed to complete 72 hours of group supervision.

**Michele Nelson, LCSW**

Board members reviewed a business plan submitted by Michele Nelson in which she will be providing skill training courses on communication, relationship building and conflict resolution in the workplace. They advised Ms. Nelson that this would be considered social work practice.

**Zelina Chinwoh, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to deny Zelina Chinwoh's request to accept the Supervision Contract with Chalonda Hollins from April 10, 2020. Ms. Chinwoh was advised that credit begins 60 days from when the document was received.

**Joshua Murdock, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve Joshua Murdock's request for a waiver of the 90-day waiting period between exams.

**PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order presented by Madeline Carbonette, AAG, for Patricia Kelly Moran, LCSW-BACS, in resolution of Complaint #2021-6.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order presented by Madeline Carbonette, AAG, for Kimberly Parker, LCSW, in resolution of Complaint #2019-212.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 9:38 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: Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; Jamie Barney, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.

### **Hearing in the Matter of Administrative Complaint #2019-15**

The respondent in this matter appeared before a panel of board members which included John Shalett, Evan Bergeron, Hyacinth McKee, Carla Moore and Ruth Weinzettle and requested a continuance. This was the first request for a continuance.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to continue the hearing to April 23, 2021.

### **Hearing in the Matter of Administrative Complaint #2019-10**

This matter was heard by a panel of board members which included John Shalett, Jamie Barney, Hyacinth McKee, Carla Moore and Ruth Weinzettle. Sheri Morris was present as legal counsel to the hearing panel. Madeline Carbonette was present as prosecutor. The respondent was not present. A court reporter with Court Reporters of Louisiana recorded the proceedings.

## **BOARD/STAFF ISSUES**

### **Chapter 7 of the Rules, Standards and Procedures**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to establish a committee to review Chapter 7 and research best practices for addiction recovery.

### **Report on Office Workflow and Staffing**

Board members reviewed a report provided by the staff of the workflow since the December meeting. There have been 157 retakes processed, 320 licenses issued/reissued due to score reports, 181 new applications, and 32 BACS applications. There are 110 licenses being monitored following disciplinary action. 4 Consent Agreement and Orders have been issued for unlicensed practice. 69 license verifications have been processed. Board members were advised that 27 complaints have been received of which 11 were not accepted.

### **Report on FARB**

Hyacinth McKee attended the FARB Conference held January 27-29, 2021. Topics included disruptions created by the pandemic, short and long term impacts of the pandemic, practices to be put in place because of pandemic, universal licensure, and embracing diversity, equity and inclusion.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **Financial Statement for the periods ending November 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the financial statements prepared by Robert Furman, CPA, for the periods ending November 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

### **Amendment to maximum contract amount for Daigle, Fisse & Kessenich**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to increase the maximum contract amount by \$15,000.00.

### **ASWB Membership Dues**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to pay the ASWB Membership dues in the amount of \$250.00.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:30 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, LCSW; Evan Bergeron, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:30 p.m.

### **BOARD/STAFF ISSUES**

#### **TPN – Trusted Provider Network**

A representative of TPN presented to the Board relative to a continuing education partnership.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 2:57 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, LCSW; Evan Bergeron, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 4:27 p.m.

### **Impaired Professional Program**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept the report submitted by Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager.

### **Disciplinary Monitoring Report**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to release six individuals from their Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to deny the request made by Natalie Jarrell to terminate supervision early.

### **Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to set Administrative Complaint #2017-28 for hearing on June 4, 2021.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to return Complaint #2019-239 to Madeline Carbonette, AAG.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-23.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-54.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-63 with a letter of education.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-88.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-97.

### **Request from Board Member**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to deny Ada Nelson's request for a leave of absence from March 1 through May 31, 2021. The Board affirmed that Ms. Nelson remains a member in good standing and may return to attending Board meetings. Members believe the actual presence of the RSW on the Board is valuable and best serves the public and the registered social workers of Louisiana.

### **Compliance Hearings**

There were three compliance hearings conducted in Executive Session. The hearing panel included John Shalett, Carla Moore and Hyacinth McKee.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to uphold the denial of Shavonda Pondexter's RSW application. She can reapply for RSW once the conditions of probation are successfully complete. The hearing panel advised applicant she is practicing social work without a license.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to uphold the denial of Sarah Gray's LMSW application. She can reapply for LMSW once the conditions of probation are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the LCSW Endorsement application of Rachel Stephens with conditions.

### **Hearing of Administrative Complaint #2019-10**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to order Dominick Bell ineligible for a social work credential until he is evaluated by the Impaired Professional Program and follows all recommendations of IPP. Respondent is ordered to pay costs of adjudication.

### **Applications**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW application submitted by Sabine Alexander and to offer her a compliance hearing. LCSW-BACS supervisor is required to attend the compliance hearing should applicant request one.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW application submitted by Victoria Vasquez and to offer her a compliance hearing. LCSW-BACS supervisor is required to attend the compliance hearing should applicant request one.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve Stacey Denham to sit for the Masters exam conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice and applying for RSW.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve Melissa Meza's application for LMSW conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to deny George Duncan's application for LCSW through endorsement, approve applicant to sit for Clinical exam and offer him a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to deny Barbara Hawkins' application for RSW and to offer her a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work:

Bailey, Tazya  
Banks, Sheketha  
Baze, David  
Bourgeois, Tora  
Bridges, LaTaisha  
Brion, Jolanda  
Brooks, Danielle  
Brooms, Cattera

Celestin, Jamara  
Claude, Trinette  
Deruise, Darcelle  
Diggs, Jennifer  
Dudley, Kaniya  
Frank, Kelsey  
Gavion, Neysa  
Hawkins, Kyvon  
Hodge, Janita  
Jackson, Glenda (Odom)  
Jackson-Hudson, Marilyn  
Johnson, Gayland  
Johnson, Kyra  
Johnson, Nia  
Johnson Malone, Sherrill  
La Roche, Evan  
Leach, Ellen  
Lewis, Shereka  
Manchester, Marla  
Mitchell, Brooke  
Oatis, Kaitlyn  
Pangelinan, Shane  
Parker, Madison  
Rehman, Sarah  
Sallier, April  
Simms, Deirdre  
Striplin, LaSaundra  
Tumblin, Coreia  
Tyler, Howienisha  
Van Pelt, Kimberly  
Wade, Erica  
Watts, Earlene  
Williams, Courtney

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron 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:

Anderson, Amanda  
Bell, Antrina M.  
Bennette, Zakiya  
Breux, Carissa  
Bunn, Emma C.  
Caesar, Meloney J.  
Candey, Kaylob  
Cooley, Tiffany K.  
Davis, Ayanna B.



Fisher, JoAnna M.  
Hollis, Ryann S.  
Jones, Deric T.  
Lewis, Shevonte' Z.  
Mastin, Emily M.  
Perry, Shannon H.  
Pope, Santrica  
Potier, Casey  
Quispe, Maria-Elena  
Stewart, Tiffany A.  
van Alstyne, Timothy  
Wagner, Mary G.  
Williams, Jakyra S.  
Wyatt, Cherlyndria D. (MSW testing)  
Yuen, Olivia J.  
Zanes, Hailey

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to issue Licensed Master Social Work through endorsement to:  
Hylton, Simone (End-PA)  
Sattazahn, Kristi (End-PA)

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam:  
Ackermann, Christine M.  
Anderson, Sean T.  
Barbier, Jordan P.  
Bastian, Catherine E.  
Bibbins, Darleshia M.  
Bridges, Desiree  
Dumas, Kelli A. (Reinstatement)  
Fontenot, Nicole  
Gaspard, Sheena L.  
Johnson, Rebecca L.  
Lucien, Dominique A.  
Mangigian, Elizabeth A.  
Matranga, Sharon  
Matthews, Austin L.  
Pesta, Eva M.  
Powell, Melanie (Reinstatement)  
Robichaux, Alexandra B.  
Richard, Carlie J.  
Saux, Margaret F.  
Snyder, Annette  
Thomas, DeMarquane S.  
Thompson, Amber

**Motion** was made Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to issue Licensed Clinical Social Work through endorsement to the following applicants:

Autman, Kasey (End-MS)  
Brewer, Genevive (End-KY)  
Burkhardt, Hannah (End-FL)  
Crosby, Debra (End-NJ)  
Dear, Tiffany (End-MS)  
Grimes, Rachel (End-TX)  
Hill, Tiffiney (End-MS)  
Humphery, Felicia (End-TX)  
Macaskill, Amanda (End-IN)  
Sansone, Kelly (End-IL)  
Turner, Erin (End-TX)

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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John Shalett, LCSW-BACS  
Chairperson

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Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS  
Secretary-Treasurer