

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
May 19, 2017**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017, in the conference room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, and Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant, were present for the meeting with the exception of the discussion of the Administrator's evaluation.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Judith Haspel, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, John Shalett, LCSW, Brent Villemarette, LCSW, Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, and Paulette Walker, M.Ed., Public Member.

Outgoing board member, Marguerite "Peggy" Salley, LCSW, also attended the meeting.

**WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, and Brent Villemarette, LCSW, were welcomed as newly appointed board members.

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with an addition to Correspondence from Carmen Weisner and additions to Board/Staff Issues with an article regarding subpoenas from George Papale and a renewal update.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA Chapter, reported on several different issues. She advised that Senate Bill 75 was amended on the floor of the Senate and moved out of the Senate, but it has stalled. NASW is concerned with the sunset provision of the bill. Ms. Weisner informed the board of House Concurrent Resolution 59, which is a study group to make recommendations concerning the potential establishment of an independent health professions scope of practice review committee. She further advised that there are amendments being considered to the LPC and LMFT practice acts to clarify that they cannot perform testing. Finally, Ms. Weisner explained that NASW is concerned with the budget and the underfunding of the Department of Health. They believe that behavioral health will take the biggest hit with cuts.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2017, meeting as presented.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Angela Landry, LCSW**

Angela Landry submitted a question relative to advertisement on social media. Board members advised Ms. Landry that it is acceptable for friends to like your agency Facebook page, but that it is not acceptable to solicit clients for endorsements.

### **Dallas McGlenn, LMSW**

Dallas McGlenn submitted her job duties for the board to determine if she is practicing social work. Board members requested that she submit the position requirements and job description for their review.

### **Latocha Irvin-Hayes, LMSW**

Latocha Irvin-Hayes presented the board with a doctor's discharge paperwork that her employer is requesting that she complete, but that she believes is out of her scope of practice. Board members referred Ms. Irvin-Hayes back to her employer as this is an agency issue. They recommended that she request training and the she share her concerns and the rules prohibiting practice outside of competency and training with her employer.

### **Leigh Ann Hoover, LMSW**

Leigh Ann Hoover submitted a request for the implementation of an inactive status. Board members advised Ms. Hoover that to implement an inactive status requires a law change.

### **Aimee Lyons, LCSW**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve Aimee Lyons request to obtain all her continuing education hours for the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 collection period because she will be in Haiti.

### **LSU School of Social Work**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the application to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education submitted by the LSU School of Social Work upon receipt of two letters of recommendation and page 2 of the application.

### **Crushunda Johnson, LCSW**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny Crushunda Johnson's request to complete all her continuing education hours via distance learning.

### **Meghan Hunter, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to grant Meghan Hunter an extension until June 30, 2018, to collect the continuing education required by June 30, 2017, due to her extenuating circumstances.

### **Margaret Eaton, LMSW**

Margaret Eaton wrote requesting that the board minutes regarding her application be redacted due to error. Board members reviewed the information and found no errors. They asked that Ms. Eaton be sent a letter verifying that her LMSW is active and in good standing and that no disciplinary action has been taken or reported against her license.

### **Carmen Weisner, LCSW**

Carmen Weisner submitted an inquiry regarding a social worker's role as it relates to an addiction counselor diagnosing a patient. Board members responded that a social worker should not diagnose a patient she/he has not seen. In addition, if the social worker is being asked to sign-off on someone else's diagnosis, he/she should know what the signature means so that he/she does not misrepresent his/her participation in the services.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **CLEAR Membership**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve payment of \$250.00 for membership to CLEAR.

### **CLEAR Annual Conference**

Brent Villemarette and Ruth Weinzettle were advised that there is funding for one more board member to attend the annual CLEAR conference.

### **Financial Statements for periods ending 01/31/17, 02/28/17 and 03/31/17**

Board members were provided with the financial statements for the periods ending 01/31/17, 02/28/17 and 03/31/17 for review. Susan Sevario, CPA, presented the board with a summary of the board's financial position as of 03/31/17 and compared those numbers with the previous two years as of March 31. For the period of July 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, revenue over expenditures is \$49,000.00.

### **Professional Service Contracts**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve a contract with Robert J. Furman for accounting services for the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 fiscal year with a maximum contract amount of \$4,850.00.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to adopt the service agreement with InfinIT Technology Group which was signed by Emily DeAngelo and effective on May 1, 2017.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve a contract with the Department of Justice for the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 fiscal year at a rate of \$125.00 per hour and a maximum amount of \$30,000.00.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve a contract with George Papale for the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 fiscal year at a rate of \$195.00 per hour and a maximum amount of \$20,000.00.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve a contract with Tony McCoy/Statewide Surveillance and Investigations for the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 fiscal year at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, plus expenses as per PPM49, and a maximum amount of \$40,000.00.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve a contract with Gina Signorelli as Supervision Consultant for the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 fiscal year at a rate of \$80.00 per hour for professional services, \$20.00 per hour for travel, and a maximum amount of \$15,000.00.

## **BOARD/STAFF ISSUES**

### **New Rules effective May 20, 2017**

Emily DeAngelo advised members of the board that the new rules will be effective May 20, 2017.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Annual FARB Regulatory Law Seminar**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to table this discussion until the next board meeting.

### **Draft ASWB Social Work Mobility Plan**

This was provided to the board members for information purposes. ASWB is seeking feedback by May 31, 2017.

### **ASWB 2017 Spring Education Meeting**

Emily DeAngelo provided a brief report on the ASWB 2017 Spring Education Meeting, which was titled, "Beyond CE: Regulating Competency in a Dynamic Profession". She also gave updates from the ASWB as follows:

- Voting on mobility plan at Delegate Assembly in November 2017
- Exam use policy – using exams for intended purpose – 4 years to come into compliance
- Release date for new examinations – January 2018 [www.aswb.org/2018exams](http://www.aswb.org/2018exams)
- CSWE will be launching curriculum guides in specialty areas of practice.
- ASWB will be authoring a guide to licensure and regulation for social work educators.
- ASWB is involved in a national piece of legislation called "The Regulatory Boards Antitrust Act" which will protect board members from being sued.

### **Senate Bill 75**

Board members were advised that the reengrossed version of the bill removed the language about investigations.

### **Article on Subpoenas**

Social workers often call with questions about responding to a subpoena, so the board's legal counsel, George Papale was asked to review and revise a previous article on this subject. The article will be uploaded to the board's website.

### **Renewal update**

Board members were reminded that renewal for the 2017-2018 licensing year begins June 1, 2017.

### **COMPLIANCE HEARING – Audrey White May**

Audrey White May requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to not renew her LMSW. Ms. May explained her numerous extenuating circumstances, which included surgery and flooding, to members of the board. She also advised that she completed all the required continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collected period. Board members requested that she submit documentation of the extenuating circumstances and the certificates of completion for the continuing education. She scanned and emailed the information to the board the same day as the meeting, so board members were able to review the information during their deliberations.

### **COMPLIANCE HEARING – Anrea Williams**

Anrea Williams requested a compliance hearing to appeal the Consent Agreement and Order that was offered to her for the unlicensed practice of social work. Ms. Williams received her MSW from Tulane in 1994. After graduation she did not practice social work, instead she taught. After Hurricane Katrina, she went to work as a MSW for Family Road. She explained that she practiced under a LCSW. When she left Family Road she returned to teaching as a Professor in English, which she has since retired. She explained that she is taking 16 hours of coursework in mental health counseling and studying to take the LPC exam. She would like to received approval for the LMSW exam as well.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:13 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: John Shalett, yes; Paulette Walker, yes; Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Brent Villemarette, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:22 p.m. to make the following motions.

### **Impaired Professional Program**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the report provided by Kathie Pohlman, LCSW-BACS, IPP Manager. This report included a first quarter overall summary of the program and advised that she will be recommending participant AM-15 for release at the next meeting.

### **Compliance Hearings**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to rescind the denial of Audrey White May's renewal application and to process accordingly.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to uphold the offer of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice to **Anrea Williams**.

### **Continuing Education Request**

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to grant Mary Clair McNair approval for an extension and to collect all continuing education hours via distance learning upon receipt of documentation of her medical condition.

### **Disciplinary Monitoring Report**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the disciplinary report prepared by Regina Dewitt, Administrative Assistant.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried to, release **Joyce Williams** from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried to, release **Terris Mike** from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to release **Alexandra Dean** from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to release **Yolanda Evans-Smith** from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release **Erika McFarland** from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to release **Paula Perilloux** from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to release **Dominique Fisher** from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

### **Personnel Matters**

#### **Evaluation of Contractors**

Board members evaluated contractors during executive session.

#### **Evaluation of Administrator**

Board members dismissed Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, from the meeting to discuss the results of Ms. DeAngelo's evaluation.

### **New Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-170** and to send it for investigation of possible violations of La R.S. 37:2717(A)(4), (5), (7), and (11) and Rules 107(B), 113(A), 113(A)(1) and (5), 113(B), 113(B)(1), (2) and (9).

**Motion** was made John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-171**.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-172** and to request a written response. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and (11), and Rules 107(B), and 111(H)(1), (2) and (3).

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-173** and to request a written response as well as all official court documentation.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-175** and to request a written response. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and (11) and Rule 107(B).

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-176** and to request a written response. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and (11) and Rule 107(B).

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-177** and to send for investigation for possible

violations of La R.S. 37:2717(A)(4), (5), (7) and (11) and Rules 111(H)(1), 113(A), (5) and (6), 113(B), (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (9).

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-178** and to request a written response. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and (11) and Rule 107(B).

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-179**.

### **Pending Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-15**.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-66**.

### **Applications**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the RSW application submitted by **Michelle Moffitt** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

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

Bogan, Amena	Martinez, Jancy
Britt, Rachel	Melancon, Raeneika R.
Bryant, Courtney	Ostoj, Hannah E.
Gibson-Breashears, Jacquelyn	Rucker, Charlitame
Hendrix, Amber	Viree, Kayla R.
Leavell, Joshua	Williams, Brittany S.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicant for registration as a Registered Social Worker pending receipt of the official bachelor's transcript:

Aaron, Alexis	Percy, Raven
Futch, Nicole	Richard, Pariz
Gusman, Jasmine	Robinson, Molly
Howard, Brooke	Sellers, Jordan

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

Bailey, Tazya	Bardwell, Laurie M.
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Bell, Kristen N.  
Bowers, Amelia C.  
Bradley, Tiffany L.  
Carper, Ryan D.  
Coulon, Kawana T. (Testing only)  
Crespo, Sherrard E.  
Foret, Jami B.  
Hines, Darbi D.  
Holmes, Wynton  
Hunter, Tamara M.

Jackson-Hudson, Marilyn  
Johnson, Frankie N.  
McCoy, Marquisha S.  
Matthews, Austin L.  
Olson, Virginia C.  
Omafuaire, Nicholas J.  
Stanley, Amber R.  
Thomas, DeMarquane S.  
Winfrey, Tanisha T.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement application for Licensed Master Social Work:

Jackson-Meyers, Deborah (End-MD/DC)  
Prichard, Brittany (End-TX)  
Wankowski, Caitlin (End-SD)

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for 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 pending receipt of the official master's transcript:

Alexander, Jasmine M.	Laborde, Yvens K.
Andrade, Victoria A.	London, Laura L.
Auzenne, Matthew J.	Nelson, Jasmine S.
Berryhill, Ashleigh R.	Noah, Belinda I.
Bordere, Ariane V.	Paul, Dione K.
Carter, Kelly T.	Payne, Fre'Drecia R.
Cooper, Jazmine K.	Sansom, Shenelle D.N.
Faulk, Tessua M.	Stuckey, Ericka K.
Forrest, Rayven T.	Turner, Cobi J.
Hamlin, Shacorye C.	White-Perry, Tawana
Hitchens, Deshawanna J.	

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical exam for licensing as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker:

Harris, Karissa C.	Saunders, Erin R.
Hawley, Patricia P.	Schwartzburg, Rene M.
Lamia, Jennifer A.	Tarnowsky, Alixandria
Moment, Latoya E.	Van Buren-Walls, Richelle L.
Rhine, Crystal N.	Willard, Brittany L.
Saddy, Bianca Z.	

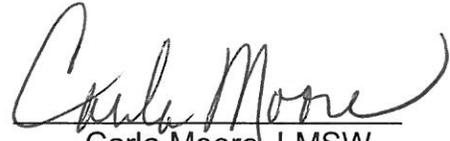
**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Clinical Social Work:

Kohler, Michelle (End-MO)

Norris, Harvey (End-FL)

**Adjourned** at 3:00 p.m.

  
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Judith Haspel, LCSW  
Chairperson

  
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Carla Moore, LMSW  
Secretary-Treasurer