

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
May 29, 2015**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2015, in the conference room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, was present for the entire meeting. Carmen Weisner, Christy Lawrence, Eva Slater, Jennifer Sanchez and Robyn Keegan 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, Yolanda Burnom, LCSW, Judith Haspel, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Marguerite "Peggy" Salley, LCSW, and Paulette Walker, M.Ed., Public Member. Parker Sternbergh, LCSW, was absent.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA Chapter, reported the current legislative session will end in two weeks. She advised that NASW-LA Chapter has sent a veto request to the governor for HB381, which exempts certain providers from licensure as behavioral health providers. Ms. Weisner also reported that HB385, which exempts mental health professionals working on legal defense teams involving juveniles from mandatory reporting requirements, is expected to pass with no opposition. Lastly, she advised that the state's budget does not totally fund health care.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes as presented for the meeting conducted April 24, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

Terrica Stevenson, RSW

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to grant Terrica Stevenson a 90-day extension from the due date of the requirements of her Consent Agreement and Order, which is July 10, 2015, to complete the requirements. The new due date is October 10, 2015.

Alex Cohen, PhD

Board members agreed that Dr. Cohen should purchase the mailing list should he wish to distribute a survey to social workers.

Gretchen Roy, LCSW

Board members reviewed a scenario submitted by Gretchen Roy relative to her volunteer work as a tutor in a local adult literacy program. Members of the board advised Ms. Roy that there is no conflict with the situation she described.

Heather Stewart, LCSW

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny Heather Stewart's request that the board accept a supervision workshop she completed in 2008 towards the Board Approved Clinical Supervisor designation because the offering was not pre-approved by the board for this designation.

Eliska Brooks, LMSW

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny Eliska Brooks' request for supervision credit for supervision received from Essie Perry, LCSW-BACS, while she was not under an approved Supervision Agreement/Plan of Supervision.

Asia Wong, LMSW

Board members reviewed an inquiry from Asia Wong relative to administering ADHD assessments. Members of the board advised Ms. Wong that she may administer the exam; however, she may not interpret the exam.

Michele Mixon, LCSW-BACS

Board members considered an inquiry from Michele Mixon involving consent to treatment. Board members agreed that clients should sign their own consent to treatment when they turn 18.

Heather Flynn, CSW

Heather Flynn requested that the board review a job description to determine if it falls within the scope of practice of a LMSW. Board members agreed that the job falls within the LMSW scope of practice.

Christina Hurd, RSW

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to grant Christina Hurd's request for an extension to pay the \$500.00 fine required by her Consent Agreement and Order.

The Renaissance Group, LLC

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the application to become a Continuing Education Pre-approval Organization submitted by The Renaissance Group. The approval expires May 29, 2018.

Mary Hart, LCSW-BACS

Members of the board considered an inquiry from Mary Hart in which she asks if a client's abuse of an animal constitutes a mandatory report. The board responded that this is not a situation which falls under mandatory reporting.

Ella Bradford, LCSW

Board members considered an inquiry from Ella Bradford relative to social workers completing prior authorizations for medication refills and new medication. Members of the board agreed that this is a clerical duty that social workers are permitted to perform.

Laury Bourgeois, LCSW-BACS

Laury Bourgeois submitted a request to serve on the board's supervision committee. **Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to invite Ms. Bourgeois to serve on the rules committee because we are combining the supervision committee with the rules committee.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

Proposed Letter to Attorney General co-written by University of San Diego School of Law, Consumers Union, and CAC regarding request for documents following the U. S. Supreme Court's decision in *North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v FTC*

This letter was provided to board members for information purposes only. There has been no notice that the letter has been sent to the Attorney General.

Strategic Planning

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to table strategic planning until the August meeting.

Board Member Evaluation

The board member self-evaluations were distributed at the meeting. Judith Haspel requested all board members to complete the evaluation and return it prior to the June meeting.

FARB

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to send Emily DeAngelo to the FARB Regulatory Law Seminar scheduled for October 1-4, 2015 in Denver, CO.

Social Work Practice Mobility – ASWB 2015 Spring Education Meeting

Board members were provided with a report from the ASWB 2015 spring education meeting that focused on social work practice mobility.

ASWB 2015 Nominating Committee

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to nominate Carla Moore for the ASWB 2015 Nominating Committee.

Continuing Education Committee Recommendations

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the recommendations of the continuing education committee. The recommendations include adding the following rules to §317:

The board may grant a social worker approval to complete more than 10 hours of continuing education via distance learning in the case of catastrophic medical condition. The licensee shall provide sufficient documentation for such an action.

The board may grant a social worker approval to complete more than 10 hours of continuing education via distance learning if the social worker resides out of United States territories where no in-person continuing education is available. The licensee shall provide sufficient documentation for such an action.

M.12. reading books or journal articles with content applicable to social work and followed by a face-to-face discussion as part of an organized workshop. A maximum of one hour of credit can be obtained from reading a book if the social worker, signs a statement that he/she read the book, attends the discussion about the book, and passes the pre-test administered prior to the face-to-face discussion with at least 70%. The one hour of credit for reading is considered distance learning. Credit for the discussion counts as actual time spent in the discussion and counts as in-person continuing education.

M.13. viewing documentary film with content applicable to social work practice not deemed for general public and followed by a face-to-face discussion. Film shall be pre-approved by LABSWE and must rate a 10 or higher on the Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education to qualify for continuing education credit.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented the board with a Consent Agreement and Order for **Garry Lewis** which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Mr. Lewis in resolution of Complaint #2014-152. **Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order as presented.

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented the board with a Consent Agreement and Order for **Jessica Chandler** which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Ms. Chandler in resolution of Complaint #2015-43. **Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order as presented.

FINANCIAL

Financial Statement for the period ending February 28, 2015

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and carried unanimously, to accept the financial statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ending February 28, 2015.

Financial Statement for the period ending March 31, 2015

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and carried unanimously, to accept the financial statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ending March 31, 2015.

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 Amended Budget

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the amended budget for the current fiscal year. The changes are indicated below:

**Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
Budget
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015
Amended May 29, 2015**

Revenues

LCSW	155 * \$100.00	15,500.00	
LMSW	500 * \$75.00	37,500.00	
RSW	250 * \$50.00	12,500.00	
Retake Applications	400 * \$50.00	20,000.00	
LCSW Renewals	3900 * \$75.00	292,500.00	
LMSW/CSW Renewals	2550 * \$50.00	127,500.00	
RSW Renewals	1400 * \$25.00	35,000.00	
Enforcement Actions		45,000.00	
Interest		2,500.00	
Miscellaneous		10,000.00	
Total			598,000.00

Total Revenues \$598,000.00

Other Assets

Cash in Checking		500,000.00	
Invested Funds		940,000.00	
Total			1,440,000.00

Total Other Assets \$1,440,000.00

TOTAL FUNDS \$2,038,000.00

EXPENSES

Salaries 188,800.56

Related Employee Benefits

Retirement (37% ER contribution)	69,856.21
Medicare Tax	2737.61

Er portion of life insurance (Pevey)	300.00	
Health Ins	22,080.00	
Other Postemployment Benefits	40,000.00	
Total		134,973.82

Total Salaries & Benefits \$323,774.38

Expenses/ Travel

Administrative (in-state mileage)	1,000.00	
Administrative (in-state other)	500.00	
Board (in-state mileage)	8,000.00	
Board (in-state other)	1,000.00	
Administrative (out-state mileage)	0.00	
Administrative (out-state other)	5,000.00	
Conference Registration Fees	5,000.00	
Board (out-state mileage)	0.00	
Board (out-state other)	15,000.00	
Board Meeting Expense	15,000.00	
Total		50,500.00

Total Travel Expenses \$50,500.00**Expenses/ Operating**

Advertising/Public Relations/CE	5,000.00	
Offerings		
Supplies	10,000.00	
Rent	34,382.16	
Printing	10,000.00	
Postage & Delivery	30,000.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	3,500.00	
Maintenance	3,000.00	
Insurance	1,000.00	
Bank Charges/Fees	20,000.00	
Telephone	3,000.00	
Security	1,000.00	
Equipment Rental	6,500.00	
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	
Total		128,382.16

Total Operating Expenses \$128,382.16**Professional Services**

Accounting	2,400.00	
AG Representation	15,000.00	
Auditor	3,000.00	
ASWB	4,000.00	
Complaint Consultant	10,000.00	
Computer Consultants	25,000.00	
Continuing Education Consultant		
Court Reporter	5,000.00	

Impaired Professional Program	57,000.00	
Supervision Consultant	15,000.00	
Investigators	25,000.00	
Legal Counsel	25,000.00	
Newsletter	1,500.00	
Payroll	2,000.00	
Total		189,900.00

Total Professional Services \$189,900.00

Acquisitions

Computer Equipment	6,000.00	
Scanning Equipment/License Renewal	10,000.00	
Office Equipment/Other	15,000.00	
Total		31,000.00

Total Acquisitions \$31,000.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$723,556.54

Total Available Funds over Expenditures \$1,314,443.46

CLEAR Membership

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to pay the CLEAR annual membership dues of \$240.00.

Lease

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to authorize Emily DeAngelo to enter into a lease agreement not to exceed \$48,000.00 annually.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:20 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: Yolanda Burnom, yes; Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Paulette Walker, yes, and Peggy Salley, yes.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 12:00 p.m.

Personnel Matter

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to file paperwork with Civil Service to change Holly Freeman's job title of Administrator Coordinator 3 with something that reflects her job more accurately.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to request approval from Civil Service to increase Holly Freeman's salary by 11%.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the disciplinary report.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release **Theresa Ivey** from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Ivey has submitted evidence that she completed all of the terms in her agreement.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to release **Elissa Millman** from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Millman has submitted evidence that she completed all of the terms in her agreement.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Ted Nelson** from his Consent Agreement and Order. Mr. Nelson has submitted evidence that he completed all of the terms in his agreement.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to release **Christopher Walker** from his Consent Agreement and Order. Mr. Walker has submitted evidence that he completed all of the terms in his agreement.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to release **Pamela Boudreaux-Weems** from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Boudreaux-Weems has submitted evidence that she completed all of the terms in her agreement.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Gloria Omigie** from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Omigie has submitted evidence that she completed all of the terms in her agreement.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Kristen Hite** from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Hite has submitted evidence that she completed all of the terms in her agreement.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Kendra Parson** from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Parson has submitted evidence that she completed all of the terms in her agreement.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Shanda Langford** from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Langford has submitted evidence that she completed all of the terms in her agreement.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release **Cecily Whitfield** from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Whitfield has submitted evidence that she completed all of the terms in her agreement.

New Complaints

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to issue a cease and desist order and to request a written response in the matter of **Complaint #2015-144**.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to request a written response to **Complaint #2015-145**. Board members identified La R.S. 37:2717(A)(4)(5)(7)(8)(11) and Rules 111(H)(1)(3), 113(A)(5)(6), and 113(B)(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(9) as possible violations.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to request a written response to **Complaint #2015-146** and to turn over to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for their review. Board members identified La R.S. 37:2717(A)(4)(5)(6)(10)(11) and Rules 111(G)(2)(3) and 121(B) as possible violations.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to request a written response to **Complaint #2015-147**. Board members identified La R.S. 37:2717(A)(5)(7)(11), 2718(B)(1) and Rules 111(F)(1)(2)(3) and 115(A) as possible violations.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2015-148** because it is against someone who is not licensed.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to request a written response to **Complaint #2015-149**. Board members identified La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and Rule 111(G)(5) as potential violations.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to request a written response to **Complaint #2015-150**. Board members identified La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7)(11) and Rules 107(B) and 121(A) as potential violations.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept the report and to require nothing further in the matter of **Complaint #2015-151**.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to request official court documentation relative to the arrest and a written response to **Complaint #2015-152**.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to send **Complaint #2015-163** for investigation of possible violations of La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and 2718(B)(1) and Rule 115(A).

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-87** because respondent has satisfied board's request for information.

There was no motion made in the matter of **Complaint #2015-18**.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-84** with recommendations.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-88** because the board received evidence that the respondent is employed as a Mental Health Specialist because of his bachelor's degree in psychology.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-92** because there is no evidence that a violation of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures occurred.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-97** because respondent is no longer practicing without a license. Respondent will be offered a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice through the application process.

Continuing Education Extension Requests

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the request made by **Jo Ellen Bezou** to obtain all her hours online, but to approve Ms. Bezou for an extension through June 30, 2016 to obtain her continuing education hours.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to grant **Sarah Pailet** an extension through June 30, 2016 to collect her continuing education hours.

Applications

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Carla Moore and carried by majority vote to approve **Shonell Dillon's** application for Licensed Clinical Social Worker without

the Record of Supervision being signed by her deceased supervisor, Nadine Henneman. Robert Showers and Yolanda Burnom voted against the motion.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the Registered Social Work application submitted by **Melinda Duplichan** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing social work without a license.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny the Licensed Clinical Social Work application submitted by **Laura Kulick** because she has not obtained 5,760 hours of postgraduate social work practice.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to approve the application for Licensed Masters Social Worker submitted by **Tonia Tillman** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing social work without a license.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the application for Licensed Masters Social Worker submitted by **Brentoya Williams** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing social work without a license.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to refer **MS-15** to the Impaired Professional Program.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny the application submitted by **Lauren Jackson-Raye** because she does not have a degree in social work from an university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to refer **MO-15** to the Impaired Professional Program.

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:

Adams, Michele	Holland, Laurie
Alexander, Dorothy	King, Shauntell
Beverly, Ashley	McCaleb, Tonyea
Braud, Monet	Perkins, Senora
Caracioli, Sheri	Pratt, Kourtney
Carter-Dennison, Laleesa	Queen, Keketa
Coleman, Sabrina	Robinson-Hemphill, Jermecia
Cozod, Elaina	Scott, Brittany
Green, Latoya	Taylor, Lakeisha
Hammond, Kevin	Thompson, Trenjice

Turner, Raven
Ward, Morning

Wilson, Brandy
Wright, Britney

Registered Social Work Approval pending official school transcript:

Cunningham, Phyllis
Hudson, Tami
Jackson, Tia

Jones, Tara
Williams, Taheera
Williams, Zalexis

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom 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:

Baker, Hannah
Basco, Anthony
Belle, Robyn
Bess, Ashley
Bierra, Myriana
Brothers, Jonathan
Brown, Alicia
Brown, Manda
Bullock, Ashley
Carter, Derek
Cline Tanyaka
Cox, Ryan
Crayton, Deonka
Dabrowski, Shona
Daniel, Jennifer
Davis, Amanda
Deamer, Brandi
Dent, Sylvon
Dietzway, Kathryn
Dixon, Denetta
Eichenbaum, Judith
Favorite, Patricia
Flowers, Sharmaydeen
Franklin, Alicia
Gainer, Tekana
Geren, Mollie
Goldberg, Jacob
Green, Brittany
Griebel, Erin
Hahn, Tristan
Hamilton, Ericka

Howard, Deondra
Julien, Leslie
Kinsley, Breann
Kelly, Bre'on
Ketchens, Julie
Lathon, Mickey
LeMay, Tasjanique
Meadows, LaToya
Miller, Brooke
Mitchell, Sarah
Morgan, Lloyd
Mouton, Bridgette
Mullen, Deidre
Nolan, Ebony
Penneypacker, Carson
Perkins, Paulitha
Petty, Taranisha
Phillee, Michelle
Pippins, Andromedia
Rayburn, Amber
Sanchez, Hien Le
Simon, Courtney
Spampneto, Shea
Strange, Jessica
Thompson, Chenise
Thompson, Maria
Walker, Frederick
Wilson, Marissa
Wilson, Shelby
Young, Cydney

Certified Social Work Approval and LMSW exam approval pending official school transcript:

Alexander, Camille
Coffey, Tanya
Edrington, Fairly
King, Freddericka
Minniefield, Antonio

Lott, Robert
Peddy, Kirby
Trufant, Shantrell
Whittington, Brittany

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

Bailey, Danielle
Blunt, Carmenica
Clark, Kristian
Djilo, Candice
Fleming, Danielle
Green, Kristi
Jackson, Avis
Kellett, Jacquelyn
Landeche, Patricia
McCall, Darrin
MacInnes, Erin
Powers, Dolores

Rodrigue, Christen
Siegel, Seth
Spooner, Carmen
Thomas-French, Nakia
Thomas, Sharena
Torres, Lori
Vallot, Kyla
Webb, Evelyn
Williams, Angelique
Woods, Andrea
Young, Katrina

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 1:00 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 to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: Yolanda Burnom, yes; Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Paulette Walker, yes, and Peggy Salley, yes.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:10 p.m.

Impaired Professional Program Monitoring Report

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

Meeting with George Papale

The board met with their legal counsel George Papale. Part of their meeting was in open session; the other part was in Executive Session because it dealt with potential litigation.

The open part of the meeting was a discussion relative to ASWB's Standards for Technology and Social Work Practice. Mr. Papale advised board members that this is not a legal issue; however, he feels like the current law and rules will address complaints filed against social workers who are providing distance therapy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 1:50 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 to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: Yolanda Burnom, yes; Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Paulette Walker, yes, and Peggy Salley, yes.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:05 p.m.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to eradicate/seal the part of the minutes of the August 27, 2011 meeting which refers a particular social worker to the Impaired Professional Program.

Motion was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to assign a code to social workers referred to the Impaired Professional Program instead of waiting to assign a code once someone is a participant; therefore, allowing the social worker anonymity.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Judith Haspel, LCSW
Chairperson

Carla Moore, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer