

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
January 15, 2016**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2016, 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, Jodi Cain-Mallett, Cherie McDermott, Michele Guidry, Brooklyn Sanders, Akilah Washington, Clarence Roby, Jr., and Lois Dean were present for a portion of the meeting.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Judith Haspel, LCSW, Robert Showers, RSW, Marguerite "Peggy" Salley, LCSW, Yolanda Burnom, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, John Shalett, LCSW, and Paulette Walker, M.Ed., Public Member.

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with the addition of item (k) LSU School of Social Work to Correspondence and Complaint numbers 2015-20, 2015-42, 2015-117, and 2016-95 to Executive Session to take place after the Administrative hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA Chapter, reported that their conference brochures have been mailed. She also advised the board that she has been receiving calls from social workers licensed in other states about reciprocity, so the board may want to consider reciprocity in a future law change.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2015 meeting as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Carmen Weisner, NASW-LA Chapter**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to obtain an opinion from George Papale regarding Act No. 23 and the board's authority over individuals providing services.

**Jennifer Hannon, LCSW**

Members of the board considered correspondence from Jennifer Hannon relative to concerns about confidentiality within the Veteran's Administration. The board advised Ms. Hannon that it does not have purview over the federal government, but that the agency's confidentiality agreements should suffice.

**Laury Bourgeois, LCSW-BACS**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to deny Laury Bourgeois' request that Emma Pegues be issued credit for three hours of supervision previously docked.

**Katie Carpenter, MSW**

Members of the board reviewed an inquiry from Katie Carpenter about social work and counseling licenses. Members informed Ms. Carpenter that she can hold a social work license and a counseling license simultaneously. They also advised that she may be able to be supervised towards both licenses at the same time if her work schedule allows her to meet both boards' supervision requirements.

**Ariel Roland, LMSW**

Ariel Roland submitted an inquiry about counseling a 16 year old without parental consent. The board advised Ms. Roland that she must have parental consent unless the 16 year old is emancipated.

**Faye Colbert, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny Faye Colbert's request for an extension to submit her Plan of Supervision.

**Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the application to become a social work continuing education pre-approval organization submitted by Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area.

**Danielle Bailey, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve Danielle Bailey's request for a waiver of the 90-day waiting period between taking the exam because she will lose her job if she does not pass the exam within a certain time period.

**Latanya Whiteside, LMSW**

Members of the board reviewed Latanya Whiteside's request that her position with the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services/Economic Stability Department be considered a social work position. Board members request that Ms. Whiteside submit the official job description and position requirements for their review before they make a determination.

**HEARING IN THE MATTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT #2014-80 AGAINST AKILAH WASHINGTON, RSW**

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, was present on behalf of the state. Akilah Washington, RSW, and her attorney, Clarence Roby were present. George Papale served as Hearing Officer. The hearing panel consisted of board members, Judith Haspel, Yolanda Burnom, Carla Moore, Robert Showers, and Paulette Walker. A

court reporter from Baton Rouge Court Reporters was present to record the proceedings.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 9:56 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: Yolanda Burnom, yes; Peggy Salley, yes; John Shalett, yes; Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes; and Paulette Walker, yes.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:11 a.m.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Jessica Bertsch, LCSW-BACS**

Jessica Bertsch sent an inquiry about contacting clients of a deceased colleague. Board members responded that she may contact the clients if she has been legally named as the person responsible for the files.

#### **Anne Williams, LCSW-BACS – LSU School of Social Work**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to approve the 6.5 hour workshop for Board Approved Clinical Supervisors to be held on March 21-22, 2016.

### **BOARD/STAFF ISSUES**

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

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to fund all board members and two staff persons to attend the ASWB Spring Education meeting April 28 – May 1, 2016 in Jersey City, NJ.

#### **Lease update**

**Motion** was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to file an application to lease a portion of the current building.

#### **Outreach updates**

John Shalett advised members of the board that he is speaking to employees of Jewish Family Services the second week of April.

#### **Board Orientation Workshop Webinar**

Emily DeAngelo advised members of the board that the Board Orientation Workshop is no longer being offered by webinar.

### **Plan of Supervision**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to adopt the revised Plan of Supervision.

### **Disciplinary Action**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to list current disciplinary action and completed disciplinary action differently in the new database and website.

### **FINANCIAL**

#### **ASWB Membership Dues**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to pay the 2016 ASWB Membership dues in the amount of \$1,500.00.

#### **Essential Solutions Contract**

**Motion** was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to contract with Essential Solutions through June 30, 2016 at a cost of \$700.00 per month; \$90.00 per services outside of contract; and for a maximum of \$6,500.00.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:50 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: Yolanda Burnom, yes; Peggy Salley, yes; John Shalett, yes; Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes; and Paulette Walker, yes.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:03 p.m.

#### **Disciplinary Monitoring Report**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the disciplinary monitoring report provided by Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant.

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to release **Robert Layne Bonvillain** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to release **LaSonya Jenkins** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to release **Tracy Landry-Robinson** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to release **Carlie Morris** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to release **Joey Stevenson** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

### **New Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to request a written response to **Complaint #2016-93**. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(11).

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2016-94** as the complaints are not violations of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to request a written response to **Complaint #2016-95**.

**Motion** was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to request a written response to **Complaint #2016-96**, as well as the respondent's job description.

**Motion** was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to require a criminal background check of the respondent in **Complaint #2016-97**, as well as all official court documentation.

### **Pending Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-144**.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-26**.

**Motion** was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-27**.

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-39**.

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-44**.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-46**.

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

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

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny **FM-13**'s request to use volunteer work as social work practice.

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to release **FG-09** from the program because her contract of five years is expired.

#### **Continuing Education Extension Request**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to deny Jo Ellen Bezou's request to collect all continuing education hours via distance education.

### **COMPLIANCE HEARINGS**

#### **Lois Dean, MSW**

Ms. Dean requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny her LCSW Endorsement application for not having a passing score on the ASWB Clinical Examination. Ms. Dean appealed to members of the board that her 50 years of experience are more than equivalent to a passing score on the exam. She also testified that she's been counseling clients via Skype and would like to be able to continue providing services to these clients.

#### **Brandon Bentley**

Mr. Bentley requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny his Registered Social Work registration. Mr. Bentley provided the board with evidence that he completed all terms of his probation and was released from probation early due to his positive participation.

#### **Candace Maisel**

Ms. Maisel requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny her Licensed Master Social Work application. She advised members of the board that she went to a grocery store after a stressful incident on Tulane campus involving racism and shoplifted two items. Ms. Maisel provided evidence that she completed a diversion program which included a shoplifter's diversion course. She also told the board members that she is filing paperwork for expungement and has written a letter of reflection regarding the arrest.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 2:45 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: Yolanda Burnom, yes; Peggy Salley, yes; John Shalett, yes; Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes; and Paulette Walker, yes.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 3:05 p.m.

## **Compliance Hearings**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by **Candace Maisel** upon receipt of her letter of reflection and the documentation that she has filed for expungement.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by **Brandon Bentley**.

**Motion** was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve **Lois Dean** for LCSW through endorsement conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

## **Applications**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the application for LMSW submitted by **Candace Valteau** conditional of receiving documentation that she has completed the terms of her probation.

**Motion** was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the application for RSW submitted by **Linshasulia Murphy** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

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

Bryant, Kimberly

Hill, LaBrittney

Cox, Dona

Johnson, Frankie

Darmas, Lesley

McDaniel, Emma

Edgerson, Susan

Rayford, Beatrice

Green, Channin

Richardson, Chandra E.

Hardester, Barbara

Robert, Susan

Hill, Carolyn

Simpson, Kaitlyn

Taylor, Gloria

Thomas, Marsha

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to issue Registered Social Work registration upon receipt of official bachelor's transcript:

McGlory, Sharicka

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, 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:

Bailey, Katie L.

Levenson, Abbie R.

Brinkmeyer, Eliza B.

Lovell, Jessica E.

Brown, Alexiz-Chloe

Moten, Chenoa M.

Buckner, Aueishua

Narea, Edward W.

Camp, Anne Morgan F.

Ott, Natasha S.

Carpenter, Katie A.

Ozel, Tuba

Carter, De'Jonique

Patteson, Catherine J.

Cohen, Kara R.

Schaible, Katherine

Harkow, Livia

Scheib, Melissa

Harrison, Maegan A.

Thomas, Rachelle P.

Houston, Kiani S.

Watts, Rachel M.

Ivory, Janaea A.

Wesley, Shaniqua T.

La Mark, Christi M.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to issue Certified Social Work certification and LMSW exam approval pending official school transcript:

Cassine, Chase

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously to issue LMSW through endorsement to the following applicants:

Lockard Brittany (Endorsement-TX)

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

Ash, Kayla R.

Gardner, Brandy E.

Brown, Corine M.

Hatfield, Gwendolyn D.

Coleman-Watkin, Megan

Hayes, Reneka

Crowley, Caroline P.

Jahn, Karen

Dees, Michael A.

Jessett, Jennifer R.

Duhon, Rae L.

Kelly, Carrie E.

Landry, Angela A.  
Mire, Erin L.  
Obloy, Sydney M.  
Rabalais, Nicole M.

Specks, Christian D.  
Williams, Vicki R.  
Zachery, Tiffany S.

**Adjourned** at 3:05 p.m.

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Judith Haspel, LCSW  
Chairperson

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Carla Moore, LMSW  
Secretary-Treasurer