

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
April 24, 2015**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2015, 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 entire meeting. Michelle Miner, Cady Pruitt, Kayla Kron, Melissa Show, Jennifer Strickland, Stormi Gillespie, Amber Rayborn, Cindy Abed, Jessica Holden, Maggie Shaver, Kaziah Williams, Alexia Carey, Joycelyn Edwards, Carmen Weisner and Kelley Massengale 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, Marguerite "Peggy" Salley, LCSW, and Paulette Walker, M.Ed., Public Member. Parker Sternbergh, LCSW, and Yolanda Burnom, LCSW, were absent.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with the addition of the presentation of Consent Agreement and Order #2015-29 for Gayberyl Wesley.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA Chapter, reported that NASW is monitoring 200 instruments in the Legislature.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented the board with a Consent Agreement and Order for **Walter Saunders**, which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Mr. Saunders in resolution of Complaint# 2015-85. **Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore 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 **Gayberyl Wesley**, which had been previously negotiated and agreed to by Ms. Wesley in resolution of Complaint# 2015-29. **Motion** was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 8:58 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, and Peggy Salley, yes.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2013-112, for failure to rise to a level of a violation of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to grant Nell Hahn's request to return all of the records of a former IPP participant, as well as all evidence that this person participated in the IPP.

COMPLIANCE HEARINGS

Kareem Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy requested a compliance hearing because the board denied his RSW application due to his affirmative answer on his application relative to having been arrested, charged with, or convicted of any state or federal, civil or criminal law. Mr. Kennedy testified that the charges came at difficult times in his life and that he has worked very hard to overcome life challenges. Mr. Kennedy further testified that he has submitted the paperwork to have his prior charges expunged. Mr. Kennedy's brother Steven Kennedy testified on his behalf as a character witness.

Dapege Doucet, MSW

Ms. Doucet requested a compliance hearing because the board denied her RSW application due to her affirmative answer on her application relative to having been arrested, charged with, or convicted of any state or federal, civil or criminal law. Ms. Doucet explained the charges and provided documentary evidence of her probation and the requirements of her probation. She further testified that she has been sober one year and six months and is currently attending Celebrate Recovery. She advised that she will be entering a 12-step program in May 2015.

MEETING OF THE MINUTES HELD MARCH 20, 2015

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes as presented for March 20, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

Robert Bonvillain, LCSW

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve Mr. Bonvillain's request to grant him an extension to complete his

fine payments for his Consent Agreement and Order. Mr. Bonvillain must pay all fines and fees relative to Complaint # 2010-151 no later than October 24, 2015.

Rochelle Brady, LMSW

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve Ms. Brady's request to grant her an extension to complete her fine payments for her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Brady must pay all fines and fees relative to Complaint # 2012-31 no later than July 24, 2015.

Alexis Challstrom

Alexis Challstrom submitted a questionnaire to the board regarding social workers serving as notaries. The board advised Ms. Challstrom that this is a dual relationship, but as the questionnaire reads, not seen as exploitation.

Essie Perry, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny Ms. Perry's request to allow supervision to count for her supervisees that changed employers and did not submit a new Supervision Agreement. Ms. Perry was advised that the Supervision Agreement states that should the supervisee change employment a new agreement must be submitted.

Gary Midkiff, LCSW

Members of the board reviewed a job description submitted by Mr. Midkiff. Members of the board agreed that the position titled Director of Services at Seaside Behavioral Health does fall within the scope of practice of a social worker.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

Behavioral Health Integration Advisory Group

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director for NASW-LA Chapter, reported that on December 1, 2015, the transition will take place. All providers will have to enroll in all five Bayou Health Plans.

Update on CE Committee

Committee will be meeting again April 27, 2015.

Update from the committee charged with updating the Guidelines for Child Custody

Carla Moore, LMSW, advised the Board that the committee will be meeting again on May 8, 2015.

ASWB Model Regulatory Standards for Technology and Social Work Practice

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to send the ASWB Model to the board's legal counsel for his review and opinion of the document.

Forming Rules Committee

Board members Judith Haspel, Robert Showers and Peggy Salley have agreed to serve on a Rules Committee. Invitations will be extended to NASW and the LACSW to appoint someone to the committee.

Board Member Self-evaluation Results

Members of the board reviewed the Board self-evaluation results and agreed to complete this evaluation annually in May.

Discussion of Upcoming Administrator's Evaluation

Board members were advised that the evaluation forms will be mailed out.

FARB

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to send Emily DeAngelo to the FARB Board Member/Staff Training scheduled for May 20, 2015.

CLEAR Annual Educational Conference

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to send Peggy Salley and Carla Moore to the conference scheduled for September 17-19, 2015.

NASW Sponsor Brochure

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried to attend the 2016 NASW –LA Chapter Conference as an Exhibitor for \$750.00.

House Bill No. 381

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of the NASW-LA Chapter reported that they are monitoring this bill which exempts certain providers from licensure as behavioral health service providers.

Disclosure Statement Reminder

Members of the board were reminded that the disclosure statement must be received by the Board of Ethics no later than May 15, 2015.

FINANCIAL

Discussion regarding the reinstatement of fees for duplicate ID cards, certificates, verifications and open book exams

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to reinstate the fees as posted in the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Database and Website Proposals

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Carla Moore and carried by majority vote, to accept the bid offered by Covalent Logic. Robert Showers was in opposition of the vote.

Potential Building Lease

Emily DeAngelo reported to the board that she is currently searching for a new building to lease once the current leasing contract has ended.

Financial Statement for the period ending 01/31/2015

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to approve the Financial Statement as presented.

Professional Service Contracts

- i. Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve Tim Dyeson's contract to administer the Open Book Examination online for \$2,000.00 a year.
- ii. Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to request Essential Solutions to sign a 6 month contract at the rate of \$1,250.00 a month.
- iii. Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to approve the contract for SMB Graphics in the amount \$1,500.00.
- iv. Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the contract for Statewide Surveillance and Investigations for a maximum of \$30,000.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 12:08 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: 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 2:50 p.m.

Compliance Hearing Decisions

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to grant Kareem Kennedy the Registered Social Worker registration.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to grant Dapege Doucet the Registered Social Worker registration under a probation status that requires her to have quarterly reports submitted by her probation officer that documents adequate compliance with her criminal probation to the board office.

Impaired Professional Program Monitoring Report

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

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 Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release **Dawn Robinson-Weldon**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Robinson-Weldon has submitted evidence that she completed all of the terms in her agreement.

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

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to release **Darlene Brooks-Sanville**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Brooks-Sanville has submitted evidence that he completed all of the terms in his agreement.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to release **Aishie Matthews**, from her Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Matthews 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 dismiss **Complaint #2015-130**, with a letter concerning unprofessional conduct.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2015-131** and send for investigation for possible violations of Rule 113A, 113A(1,5), 113B, 113B(1,9), 115A, 109A(1,2), 109B, 109D and 2717A(4,5,7,11) and 2718B(1) of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2015-138** and to request a written response from the respondent.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2015-139** and send for investigation for possible violations of Rule 115A, 121A, 107D and 2717A(7,11) of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act.

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to not pursue **Complaint #2015-11** at this time because the respondent has allowed his license to lapse.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-17** 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 dismiss **Complaint #2015-37** 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 Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-40** 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 Peggy Salley, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-44** 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 Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to close the file for **Complaint #2015-57** with no further action.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-58** 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 Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-59** 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 Peggy Salley, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-62** 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 Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-82** 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 Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-90** 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 Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-91** for failure to rise to the level of a violation of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Applications

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to offer **Letecia Celestin, MSW**, a Consent Agreement and order for unlicensed practice.

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

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to offer **Arteisha Joseph**, a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to deny **Dyana Shaver, MSW**, the LCSW by Endorsement and grant her approval to take the Clinical level examination.

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:

Alexander, Ahasia	Butler, Dominick
Cortes, Maria	Dent, Sylvon
Holmes, Annie	Phenix, La Tonya
Mcknight-Dunn, Vanessa	Mitchell, Latashia
Mullen, Deidre	Poche', Paula
Thomas, Tydell	Tubre-Kennedy, Kelly
Veal, Margie	Westley, Jasmine
Williams, Chasity	Woods, Cecilia

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker 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:

Anderson, Abigail	Guidroz, Kelly
Jones, Javonna	McGary, Dana
Martin, Wynn	Thomas, Brittney
Wilson, Blaine	

Approval pending official school transcript:

Baca, Kathryn	Baheth, Falyynn
Blanton, Johathan	Bolden, Kwanzaa
Bouirgeois, Therese	Bordelon, Samantha
Boyd, Paula	Bright, Alisa

Brown, Centell
Castleberry, Jemiela
Cooper, Chelsea
Dalton, Deborah
Dauzat, Taylor
DeLapp, Michalenn
Dobies, Jennifer
Flynn, Heather
Galbreath, Courtney
Glass-Love, Joycelyn
Hebert, Meagan
Howard, Christie
Jackson, Kelsey
Jones, Regina
Kinsley, Destiney
Leggett, Antoria
Love, Kara
McCaleb, Kristina
Mears, Jasmine
Mercadel, Chantel
Miller, Magan
Mucker, Lisa
Naquin, Michael
Parolli-Barnes, Treva
Polanco, Cindy
Poree, Shandrieka
Posner, Valerie
Pujol, Jaime
Robinson, Jr., Anthony
Schuler, Maggie
Stacey, Stephanie
Stewart, Melissa
Vanek, Krisitina
Watkins, Caroline
Williams, Shatara
Wilson, Dawn

Capizzo, Dawn
Collins, Donnea
Crawford, Todd
Dantin, Elizabeth
David, Danielle
deNux, Stephanie
Ferguson, Brittney
Francis, Kimberly
Gerard, Funesha
Hauth, Catherine
Horton-Richards, Makitha
Hutchinson, Jean
Johnson, Tequila
King, Sherronda
Landry, Danielle
Lemelle, Melissa
Loyd, Meredith
McCartney, Samantha
Mellion, La'Teadra
Mercante, Anna
Miller, Michelle
Morgan, Tenisha
Nielson, David
Planellas, Shelly
Polk, Shayla
Powell, Penny
Peterson, Kelley
Rabalais, Alexis
Robinson, Brianne
Smith, Benitra
Stewart, Kayla
Timm, Megan
Verdin, Sade
Webster, Timika
Williams, Tiffany
Wilson, Jasmine

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, 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:

Campbell, Ashley	Credeur, Jennifer
Charles, LaTonya	Cousins, Danna
Creshaw, Dru	Fort, Meredith
Greene, Lauren	Jones, Kayla
Karistai, Amanda	Larisey, Benjamin
Lee, Lindsay	Leggett, LaTara

Lewis, Anderson
McCain, Kim
Petroni, Danielle
Simoneaux, Kathleen
Talbot, Staci
Trudeau, Marvin
Williams, Jamee

Lowrey, Damon
Miller, Traci
Robinson, Casey
Swan, Roshandra
Thibodeaux, Michele
Williams, Chantel

Personnel Matter

Members of the board were made aware that April 24, 2015, was Heather Reigh's last day of employment.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to grant Emily DeAngelo authority to hire temporary personnel from Westaff.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Judith Haspel, LCSW
Chairperson

Carla Moore, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer