

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
August 28, 2015**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 28, 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, Myra Hidalgo, Jodi Cain Mallett, Anne Williams, and Brooklyn Sanders 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, attended as former board member. Yolanda Burnom, LCSW, was absent because she is in Germany for National Guard training.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with the following additions to correspondence, item h. Mayra McCray, item i. R. Stephen Richardson, item j. Carmen Weisner, and item k. Robyn Dewhirst.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA Chapter, reported that NASW will mail a postcard advising all social workers that their "Yellow Book" is available on their website.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes as presented for the meeting conducted July 31, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mark Ely, LCSW

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to request an opinion from the Attorney General regarding sexting and mandatory reporting.

Anita Evans, LCSW

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve Rachel Mumhrey's supervision from January 15, 2015.

Marie Fox, CSW

Marie Fox submitted an inquiry relative to conducting teletherapy. Board members advised Ms. Fox that she is not authorized to conduct teletherapy until she obtains her

LCSW and is adequately trained. In addition, she will need to be licensed in the state she is living as well as where her client(s) are located.

Misty Pardee, LCSW

Board members considered an inquiry from Misty Pardee regarding her involvement in a Multi-Level Marketing company. Members of the board believe there is a potential for a dual relationship. They advise against any situation that can put a social worker in a dual relationship.

Laurel Chenier, LCSW

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny Laurel Chenier's request to consider part-time employment towards meeting the full-time work experience requirement for becoming a Board Approved Clinical Supervisor.

Cindy McNitt, LCSW

Board members referred Cindy McNitt to Rule 109(A)(2) regarding training to be competent in an area of practice and ASWB's standards for technology and social work practice in response to her inquiry about telepractice.

Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS

Hyacinth McKee submitted an inquiry to the board on behalf of the LA Association of Clinical Social Workers in which she is asking if it is a violation of the Social Work Practice Act for other disciplines to provide the same services as a social worker. The board responded that it is not a violation as long as the person is licensed under another profession and is not referring to themselves as a social worker.

Mayra McCray, RSW

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve ESL accommodations for Mayra McCray.

R. Stephen Richardson

Board members reviewed a letter of support from R. Stephen Richardson on behalf of Mayra McCray.

Carmen Weisner, LCSW

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision workshops to be sponsored by NASW-LA Chapter on December 3, 2015, January 29, 2016 and June 2, 2016.

Robyn Dewhirst, LCSW

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the hours submitted by Robyn Dewhirst for meeting the requirement of three hours of continuing education in the area of clinical supervision between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2014 because the workshop was not a clinical supervision workshop.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

Citizen Advocacy Center 2015 Annual Meeting

Board members reviewed the agenda for the CAC annual meeting and agreed that they would not be attending.

ASWB 2015 Fall Delegate Assembly

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to send Emily DeAngelo to the fall meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Strategic Planning

No motions made. Board members reviewed the results of their self-evaluation conducted in May and agreed to conduct the next evaluation in six months. Board members reviewed the recommendations and timeline from SSA consultants, the recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Panel, as well as the comments from social workers from the electronic survey. Members of the board identified the following as action items:

1. Create a liaison between LABSWE and each university
2. Create a liaison between LABSWE and key social work organizations – decided to start with continuing education pre-approval organizations
3. Post continuing education opportunities on new website
4. Consider a facebook page

COMPLIANCE HEARING

Josephine Smith, MSW

Josephine Smith requested a compliance hearing to appeal the Consent Agreement and Order offered to her for practicing without a license. Josephine Smith testified that her employer does not consider her position of Family Service Worker as a social work position. The position requires a bachelor's degree. Her bachelor's degree is in Psychology rather than Social Work. Ms. Smith advised the board that she enrolls children in a Head Start Program. An example of something she does is advise parents if child needs immunizations.

FINANCIAL

Professional Service Contract – Kathie Pohlman, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to offer Kathie Pohlman a contract to manage the Impaired Professional Program in the amount of \$100.00 per hour and a maximum contract amount of \$50,000.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:23 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: Peggy Salley, yes; Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes; and Paulette Walker, yes.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 12:03 p.m.

Compliance Hearing – Josephine Smith

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to withdraw the Consent Agreement and Order offered to Josephine Smith and to approve her Registered Social Work application.

Impaired Professional Program Monitoring Report

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

New Complaints

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to a written response from the respondent in **Complaint #2016-24**. Possible violations include Rule 111(D)(3).

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2016-25** because there is nothing in the complaint that rises to a level of a violation of the Practice Act or Rules.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to request a written response from the respondent in **Complaint #2016-26**. Possible violations include 2717(A)(7), Rule 113(A) and (B), 117(A), and 121(B).

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to send **Complaint #2016-27** for investigation of possible violations of 2717(A)(11), and Rule 113(A) and (B).

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to send **Complaint #2016-28** for investigation of possible violations of 2707(B), 2717(A)(7) and (11), Rules 107(B), 109(A)(1) and (2), 109(D), 113(B)(1), 303(A), 303(D)(1),(2) and (3), 303(E), and 505(A).

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2014-75**.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to advise the respondent in **Complaint #2015-75** that she has 15 days to submit the requested information or the matter will be turned over to the Attorney General's office.

Applications

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to deny the application submitted by **Tremeka Coleman** and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to issue a cease and desist order to **Tameika Lee**, to deny her application and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to issue a cease and desist order to **Stephanie Juarez**, and to offer her approval to sit for the LCSW exam conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing without a valid license.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by **Arthur Williams** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

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

Britton, Shauntia	Lemmons, Ashley
Casby, Jessica	London, Laura
Champagne, Jade	Palfrey, Tracy
Cox, Patricia	Paloade, Joy
Davis, Sherryanne	Pujol, Lindsey
Foster, Renica M.	Sam, Laura
Hamilton, Patricia	Scott, Melissa
Henry, Robert	Smith, Tina
Irwin, M.K.	Tervalon, Nicole
Johnson, Jessica	Whiticar, Dannyell
Jones, Nicosia	

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to issue Registered Social Work registration to the following candidate after receipt of official school transcript:

Taylor, Christen

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:

Bednarek, Christine L.
Bell, Mithra
Jackson-Bolden, Jada
Brown, Natosha K.
Campbell, Gladys
Charles, Fonia
Che, Irene K.
Chen, Zibei
Cole, Judellia S.
Coleman, DeAnna R.
Cozad, Elaina L.
Cypress, Eugene

Grafton, Straley E.
Harris-Johnson, Jasmine S.
Keys, Arian D.
Miller, Michael
Nelson, Nicole
Phillips, DaVaughn L.
Sparish, Kasey L.
Satkamp, Raemi M.
Sullen, Redondra W.
Walker, Lindsey M.
Wohl, Eleanor J.

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

Aucoin, Amy N.
Roberts, Sheryan
Walton, Ebonye L.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously to issue LMSW through endorsement to the following applicants:

Dacus, Tera S. (Endorsement-AR)
Hancock, Andrew A.(Endorsement-NC)
Lagleder, Amy C. (Endorsement-PA)
Saravia, Kristian O. (Endorsement-NC)
Williams, Alaiyia (Endorsement-TX)

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

(Russell) Bentley, Nicole
Blackburn, Amie P.
Boudreaux, Allison
Carmichael, Lauren B.
Defillo, Charmaine
DePrimo, Jacob P.
Edenfield, Roberta V.
Fugate, Kathryn E.

Graham, Christopher
Hansen, Ashley
Hebert, Katherine B.
Johnson, Crushunda M.
Kacmarcik, Mia
Prince, Raven S.
Schillings, Mary Katherine
Shows, Melissa E.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to issue LCSW through endorsement to the following applicants:

David, Rachel (Endorsement-TX)
Joubert, Bunny (Endorsement-TX)

Seghers, Patricia (Endorsement-IL)
Stogner, Kristi (Endorsement-MS)
Thibodeaux, Lynn (Endorsement-IA)
Young, Alexis (Endorsement-AR)

Renewal Application

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the renewal application submitted by **Jill Yeates, LCSW**.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Judith Haspel, LCSW
Chairperson

Carla Moore, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer