

MINUTES
S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

Board Meeting – April 15, 2013
Kingstree Bldg., Room 105
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Anker, Cassandra Brunson, Marjorie Hammock, Lynn Melton, Carolyn Morris, Scott Stephens.

OTHERS PRESENT: Patricia Glenn, Administrator; Shelia Jones, Administrative Assistant; David Love, Chief Investigator OIE; Cheryl McNair, Investigator OIE; Sara McCartha, Advice Counsel; Prentiss Shealey, OGC Litigating Attorney

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board office and provided any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with section 30-4-80 of the Freedom of Information Act. A quorum of members was present and noted.

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn Melton - President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2012 Board Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT-: The Board reviewed and discussed the Financial Report.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT: The Board reviewed the OGC report of number of pending actions.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT REPORT: The Board reviewed the OIE report of pending complaints.

REVIEW OF COMPLAINT/DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

Complaint #2012-6- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2012-9- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2012-15- Dismiss, no violation of practice act

Complaint #2012-18- Dismiss, no violation of practice act

Complaint #2012-21- Dismiss, no violation of practice act

Complaint #2012-25- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2012-26- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2012-29- Dismiss, no violation of practice act

Complaint #2013-7- Dismiss, no violation of practice act

On a motion by Ms. Morris and seconded by Ms. Anker, the board voted to accept the recommendations of the IRC for dismissal

Complaint #2012-8- Dismiss, with Letter of Caution

Complaint #2012-24- Dismiss, with Letter of Caution

On a motion by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Ms. Hammock, the board voted to accept the recommendations of the IRC for a Letter of Caution.

Complaint #2012-2- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.

Complaint #2012-4- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint

Complaint #2012-12- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.

Complaint #2012-19- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint

Complaint #2012-20- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.

Complaint #2012-22- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint

Complaint #2013-3- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.

Complaint #2013-5- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint

On a motion by Ms. Morris and seconded by Ms. Anker the board voted to accept the recommendations of the IRC for a Formal Complaint.

APPEARING:

Cynthia E. Darden, LMSW applicant:

Ms. Emerson appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question # 7 “Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to a criminal offense, other than a minor traffic violation?”

After discussion with Ms. Darden and review of the professional references and information she presented, on a motion by Ms. Hammock, seconded by Ms. Anker, the Board voted to allow Ms. Darden to continue with the application process for LMSW.

Ricky R. Wallace, LISW-CP applicant:

Dr. Wallace appeared before the Board to discuss his “yes” answer to question # 7 “Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to a criminal offense, other than a minor traffic violation?”

After discussion with Dr. Wallace and review of the professional references and information he presented, on a motion by Ms. Anker, seconded by Ms. Morris, the Board voted to allow Dr. Wallace to continue with the application process for LISW-CP.

Jessica D. Ford, LMSW applicant:

Ms. Ford appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question # 8 “Are you currently or have you in the last 5 years been addicted to or used in excess, any drug or chemical substance including alcohol?” and question #9 “Are you currently being treated or have you in the last 5 years been treated for a drug or alcohol abuse or participated in a rehabilitation program?”

After discussion with Ms. Ford and review of the professional references and information she presented, on a motion by Ms. Anker, seconded by Ms. Morris, the Board voted to allow Ms. Ford to continue with the application process for LMSW.

Marilyn M. Cromer, LMSW applicant:

Ms. Cromer appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question #11 “Have you ever been involuntarily terminated from any social work or related employment?”

After discussion with Ms. Cromer and review of the professional references and information she presented, on a motion by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Hammock, the Board voted to allow Ms. Cromer to continue with the application process for LMSW.

Debra Tidwell, LBSW applicant:

Ms. Tidwell appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question # 7 “Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to a criminal offense, other than a minor traffic violation?” and question #10 “Do you currently have any disease or condition, including any disease or condition generally regarded as chronic by the medical community, i.e. mental or emotional disabling condition; alcohol or other substance abuse; and/or physical disease or condition, that may presently interfere with your ability to competently and safely perform the essential functions involved in practice as a social worker?”

After discussion with Ms. Tidwell and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to ask Ms. Tidwell to have her physician submit a letter to the board answering the following questions:

1. How long has the physician treated her?
2. What are her diagnoses?
3. Is she fit to practice as a social worker?
4. How long has she been compliant with her treatment?

After the Board is in receipt of the letter, the Board President is to decide if the letter is satisfactory and approve. Should she be approved, her treating practitioner, which may include a case manager or physician, must provide a letter biannually (2x per year) to the board showing fitness to practice and continued compliance with treatment for a period of 2 years.

Executive Session:

The Board voted to go into executive session for legal advice with a motion from Ms. Hammock, seconded by Mr. Stephens .
The Board voted to come out of executive session with a motion from Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Brunson. No votes or decisions were rendered in executive session.

APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE:

The Board reviewed a list of all of the applicants licensed from September 17, 2012 through April 1,2013 (see attached). This report was for informational purposes.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS:

The Board voted to approve the following Continuing Education Sponsors:

Sponsors Name: AMY MCDERMOTT
Title of Training: “DaVita Fall Social Work Meeting”
Dates of Training: October, 2012 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Amy McDermott, LMSW; Derrell Chandler LISW-CP; Audrey Hartfield, LMSW; Barbara Griffin, LMSW
Hours: **Four (4) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: LAUREL SHALER
Title of Training: “Cognitive Processing Therapy: The Treatment of Trauma”
Dates of Training: December 1, 2012 – Greenville, SC
Presenter: Laurel Shaler, PhD, LISW-CP
Hours: **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: SYSTEM WIDE SOLUTIONS INC
Title of Training: “Powerful Experiential Methods for Group Work”
Dates of Training: November 27 and December 8, 2012; others TBA – SC
Presenter: George W. Appenzeller, MSW, LISW CP & AP, ACSW, LPC; Sarah L. Meadows, MSW, LISW-AP
Hours: **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: SYSTEM WIDE SOLUTIONS INC
Title of Training: “Discovering and Building on Family Strengths”
Dates of Training: November 28, 2012; others TBA – SC
Presenter: George W. Appenzeller, MSW, LISW CP & AP, ACSW, LPC; Sarah L. Meadows, MSW, LISW-AP
Hours: **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: SYSTEM WIDE SOLUTIONS INC
Title of Training: “Crisis De-escalation and Workplace Safety”
Dates of Training: November 29, 2012; others TBA – SC
Presenter: George W. Appenzeller, MSW, LISW CP & AP, ACSW, LPC; Sarah L. Meadows, MSW, LISW-AP
Hours: **Four (4) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: SYSTEM WIDE SOLUTIONS INC
Title of Training: “Professional Ethics: The Guiding Light”
Dates of Training: November 29, 2012; others TBA – SC
Presenter: George W. Appenzeller, MSW, LISW CP & AP, ACSW, LPC; Sarah L. Meadows, MSW, LISW-AP
Hours: **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: SYSTEM WIDE SOLUTIONS INC
Title of Training: "Early Intervention with Aggressive Adolescents"
Dates of Training: December 4, 2012; others TBA – SC
Presenter: George W. Appenzeller, MSW, LISW CP & AP, ACSW, LPC; Sarah L. Meadows, MSW, LISW-AP
Hours: Six (6) Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name: SYSTEM WIDE SOLUTIONS INC
Title of Training: "Forgotten Victims: Effects of Domestic Violence on Children"
Dates of Training: December 6, 2012; others TBA – SC
Presenter: George W. Appenzeller, MSW, LISW CP & AP, ACSW, LPC; Sarah L. Meadows, MSW, LISW-AP
Hours: Six (6) Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name: SOUTHERNCARE
Title of Training: "Ethical Dilemmas and Decision Making"
Dates of Training: December 6, 2012 – Spartanburg, SC
Presenter: Suzanne Franka, BSEd, BSN, MSN, APRN,CNS, CHPN
Hours: Six (6) Non-Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name: RACHEL PARKER-GAO
Title of Training: "Parenting 101"
Dates of Training: December 1, 2012 – Greenville, SC
Presenter: Rachel Parker-Gao, LISW-CP
Hours: One and Half (1.5) Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name: RACHEL PARKER-GAO
Title of Training: "Self-Injury 101 in the School Setting"
Dates of Training: Throughout 2013 & 2014 – Greenville, SC
Presenter: Rachel Parker-Gao, LISW-CP
Hours: One (1) Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name: PINELANDS GROUP HOMES, INC
Title of Training: "Treating Adolescents with Co-Occurring Disorders"
Dates of Training: May 17, 2013 – Summerville, SC
Presenter: Linda Drake, MSW, QCSW, LISW-CP & AP
Hours: Four (4) Social Work Hours

HEARINGS:

Relinquishment: OIE #2012-16 Presented to the Board by Litigating attorney, Prentiss Shealey. With a motion from Ms. Anker, seconded by Ms. Hammock, the Board voted to accept the signed Relinquishment of the license of David Watkins . See attached Order

Consent Agreement OIE #2012-1 Presented to the Board by Litigating Attorney, Prentiss Shealey. With a motion from Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Morris, the Board voted to reject the signed Consent Agreement because the sanctions lacked an independent Board approved course in ethics.

GOVERNOR HALEY'S EXECUTIVE ORDER

The Board discussed Governor Haley's Executive Order to review statutes, regulations, policies, and procedures to identify possible over-regulation. Advice Counsel Sara McCartha led the discussion by asking Ms. Glenn, Board Administrator three questions:

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1. What are common complaints from your licensees? Ms. Glenn responded that there were no longer any complaints since the board shortened the time for an applicant to obtain licensure by giving staff the authority to approve applications and issue licenses to applicants with clean application (no “yes” answers), since the board gave staff the authority to allow applicants who were in the final semester of their BSW or MSW program to sit for the examination, since statute includes reciprocity language which shortens licensure process for those coming into SC from another state, and since board revised regulations last year which included bringing Principles of Ethics into compliance with statute.
2. What are common complaints from public? none
3. What slows down your internal process of serving licensees? None
There was no public comment.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Board would like to extend an invitation to Deans of Schools of Social Work to open dialogue. Board would like to have an additional meeting to address discussion topics.

NEXT MEETING: September 16, 2013, Room 105

AJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia F. Glenn
Administrator