

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

Board Meeting – January 27, 2014
Kingtree 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; Mary League, 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Board elected Lynn Melton President and Jane Anker Vice President.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2013 Board Meeting.

VOTE ON PROPOSED CHAPTER 10 FEE REPLACEMENT OPTION:

The Board voted for Option F.d. not to set their fees in regulations.

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 #2013-22- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2013-25 Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2013-29- Dismiss, no violation of practice act

Complaint #2013-30- Dismiss, no violation of practice act

Complaint #2013-34- Dismiss, no violation of practice act

Complaint #2013-15- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.

Complaint #2013-26- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint

Complaint #2013-27- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.

Complaint #2013-28- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint

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

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: The board reviewed a list of applicants licensed from Sept. 16, 2013 until Jan. 26, 2014. See attached list. This was for informational purposes.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSORSHIPS FOR APPROVAL: The Board reviewed and approved the following continuing education providers:

Sponsors Name: JENNIFER DOLLAR
Title of Training: "Boundaries"
Dates of Training: November 11, 2013 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Jennifer Dollar, LMSW
Hours: **Three and Three Quarters (3.75) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: "Anger (Who Me? I don't have a temper!)"
Dates of Training: Fall/Winter 2013/2014 – Location to be Announced
Presenter: Louise Stepp, LMSW
Hours: **Two and Three Quarters (2.75) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: "Forgiveness (Free at Last)!"
Dates of Training: Fall/Winter 2013/2014 – Location to be Announced
Presenter: Louise Stepp, LMSW
Hours: **Two and Three Quarters (2.75) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: "Final Curtain Call (Can I Make it Through the Last Act)"
Dates of Training: Summer/Fall/Winter 2013/2014 – Location to be Announced
Presenter: Louise Stepp, LMSW
Hours: **Two and Three Quarters (2.75) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: "Leading with Compassion (That was not in my Job Description)"
Dates of Training: Summer/Fall/Winter 2013/2014 – Location to be Announced
Presenter: Louise Stepp, LMSW
Hours: **One Hour Fifty Minutes (1hr.50min.) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: "Guilt (A Powerful Emotional Tool)"
Dates of Training: Summer/Fall/Winter 2013/2014 – Location to be Announced
Presenter: Louise Stepp, LMSW
Hours: **Two and Three Quarters (2.75) Social Work Hours**

2014 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FORMS : Board members were presented the Statement of Economic Interest Forms and told they would be required by law to file by March 30, 2014 or there would be penalties resulting from late filing.

HEARINGS:

Memorandum of Agreement OIE # 2012-19- presented to the Board by Litigating Attorney Prentess Shealey. The respondent was represented by counsel. Board member Ms. Morris recused herself from hearing.

Executive Session: The Board voted to go into executive session for legal advice with a motion from Ms Brunson , seconded by Ms. Anker .

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. Ms. Morris was not present for Executive Session or vote.

With a motion from Ms. Hammock, seconded by Mr. Stephens the Board voted to accept the Memorandum of Agreement and issue a Private Reprimand provided the respondent continue to follow RPP requirements to completion for a total of 5 years. All voted in favor; Ms. Anker opposed. See attached Order.

APPEARING:

Wanielle T. Greene, LMSW applicant

Ms. Greene 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. Greene and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to approve Ms. Greene’s application for licensure and allow her to sit for the Masters examination.

JaMarr J. Funderburg, LISW-CP applicant

Mr. Funderburg 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 Mr. Funderburg and review of the professional references and information he presented, the Board voted to approve Mr. Funderburg’s application for licensure and issue the LISW-CP license.

Raymond L. Jones, LMSW applicant

Mr. Jones 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?” and question #9 “Are you currently being treated or have you in the past five years been treated for drug or alcohol abuse or participated in a rehabilitation program?”

After discussion with Mr. Jones and review of the professional references and information he presented, the Board voted to approve Mr. Jones’s application for licensure and allow him to sit for the Masters examination.

Jeri H. Morris, LBSW applicant

Ms. Morris 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 # 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 past five years been treated for drug or alcohol abuse or participated in a rehabilitation program?”

After discussion with Ms. Morris and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to approve Ms. Morris’s application for licensure and allow her to sit for the Bachelor’s examination.

Vanessa R. Jennings, LMSW applicant

Ms. Jennings 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. Jennings and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to approve Ms. Jennings’ application for licensure and allow her to sit for the Masters examination.

INVITATION TO USC DEAN OF SOCIAL WORK.: Will be extended to the Dean of the USC School of Social Work to meet with Boardmembers at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS: May 5, 2014 in Room 105; Sept. 15, 2014 in Room 105.

AJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia F. Glenn
Administrator