

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

Board Meeting – May 5, 2014
Kingstree Bldg., Room 105
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Patricia Glenn, Administrator; Shelia Jones, Administrative Assistant; David Love, Chief Investigator OIE; Phillip Flohr, Investigator OIE; Adrienne Rivera, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014 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 #2014-10- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2012-14- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.

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

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: The board reviewed a list of applicants licensed from Jan. 28, 2014 until May 1, 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:	HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training:	“Find Your Happy”
Dates of Training:	Fall/Winter 2013/2014 – Location to be Announced
Presenter:	Louise Stepp, LMSW
Hours:	One (1) Social Work Hour

Sponsors Name:	AGAPE SENIOR
Title of Training:	“Understanding Hospice: Family Dynamics”
Dates of Training:	March 25, 2014 – West Columbia, SC

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Presenter: Lisa Yvette Gleason, LMSW
Hours: **Two (2) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: PINE GROVE, INC.
Title of Training: "The Pine Grove Autism Conference"
Dates of Training: April 4, 2014 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Robert Hock, PhD, LMSW; Jane Roberts, PhD; Richard Nagle, PhD
Hours: **One (1) Social Work Hour and Two (2) Non-Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: MASTER'S GLIMPSE ALZHEIMER'S DEMENTIA PRACTITIONER
Title of Training: "Understanding Dementia"
Dates of Training: Dates to Be Announced – Chapin, SC
Presenter: Erlinda Henderson, LBSW, MSW
Hours: **Two (2) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: DIVERSIFIED TRAINING CONSULTANTS
Title of Training: "Dementia Dialogues"
Dates of Training: Spring 2014 – Spring 2015 – Location to be Announced
Presenter: Macie Perry Smith, EdD, LBSW, C-SWCM, SW-G
Hours: **Seven and a Half (7.50) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: AMY MCDERMOTT
Title of Training: "Da Vita Spring Social Workers Meeting"
Dates of Training: March 19, 2014 – Spring 2015 – Charleston, SC
Presenter: Amy McDermott, LMSW
Hours: **Two and a Half (2.50) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: EDEN'S GENERATION
Title of Training: "ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skilled Training)"
Dates of Training: August, 2014 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Dorene C. Nollie
Hours: **Twelve and a Quarter (12.25) Non-Social Work Hours**

RICK WILSON & FRANK SHEHEEN- RPP RESPRESENTATIVES- RPP BRIEFING:

Rick Wilson and Frank Sheheen gave a briefing to board members re: the number of social workers enrolled in RPP and discussed RPP's roll in protecting the public from impaired practitioners.

APPEARING:

Alan P. Smith, LISW-CP applicant

Mr. Smith appeared before the Board to discuss his "yes" answer to question # 5 "Do you now hold or have you ever held a license, certificate or registration in social work that has been subject to disciplinary proceedings before a state regulatory body or had your license, certificate or registration suspended, revoked or limited in any way?"

After discussion with Mr. Smith and review of the professional references and information he presented, the Board voted to approve Mr. Smith's application for licensure and allow him to sit for the Clinical examination, provided that upon the issuance of his LISW-CP license he must be supervised by an approved LISW-CP Supervisor for a period of one year.

Kiesha M. Webb, LMSW applicant

Ms. Webb 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. Webb and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to approve Ms. Webb's application for licensure and approve her to sit for the masters examination.

HEARINGS:

Memorandum of Agreement OIE # 2013-18- presented to the Board by Litigating Attorney Prentiss Shealey. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

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

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

With a motion from Ms. Brunson, seconded by Mr. Stephens the Board voted to accept the Memorandum of Agreement and issue a Public Order to Mary Jane Hicks, LMSW noting that the respondent has taken classes in boundary issues and ethics. All voted in favor; Ms. Morris opposed. See attached

Memorandum of Agreement OIE # 2013-15- presented to the Board by Litigating Attorney Prentiss Shealey. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

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

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

With a motion from Ms. Morris, seconded by Ms. Brunson the Board voted to accept the Memorandum of Agreement and issue a Public Order of Suspension to Alex M. Pruett, LISW-CP. Mr. Pruett's license will be suspended for two years after which he must appear before the Board with proof of continued therapy with a therapist during the 2 year period of suspension. He must make the therapist aware of the specific content of his communication with the students. All voted in favor. See attached

INVITATION TO USC AND WINTHROP DEAN OF SOCIAL WORK.: Will be extended to the Deans of the USC School of Social Work and to Winthrop University to meet with Boardmembers at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 15, 2014 in Room 105.

AJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia F. Glenn
Administrator