

**MINUTES**  
**S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation**  
**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**  
Board Meeting –March 19, 2007  
Kingtree Building, Suite 201 - Room 111  
110 Centerview Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jane Anker, Cassandra Brunson, Marjorie Hammock, Richard Hepfer, and Lynn Melton.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Patricia Glenn, Administrator; Deborah White, Administrative Assistant; Sharon Dantzer, OGC; Shunna Vance, OGC; Ann Reese, OIE; Sheridon Spoon, OGC; James Saxon, Hearing Officer; Ruby McClain, ADD

**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.**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board voted to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2007 Board Meeting.

**REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS/DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:**

Complaint 2005-20:

The Board voted to accept the IRC recommendation for dismissal of complaint.

Complaint 2006-7:

The Board voted to accept the IRC recommendation for dismissal of complaint.

Complaint 2006-14:

The Board voted to accept the IRC recommendation for a formal complaint.

**APPEARING:**

**Ione Sack, MSW:**

Ms. Sack 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. Sack and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Sack to continue with the application process at the LMSW level and sit for the masters examination.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Barbra Schoeppner Gerhard, MSW:**

Ms. Gerhard appeared before the Board at the Jan. 22, 2007 to discuss her “yes” answers to Question #8 “Are you currently or have you in the last 5 years been addicted to or used in excess, any drugs or chemical substance including alcohol?” and Question #9 “Are you currently being treated or have you in the last 5 years been treated for drug or alcohol abuse or participated in a rehabilitation program?” At that meeting the Board voted for Ms. Gerhard to request a letter from her treating psychiatrist re: her treatment and fitness to practice social work and reviewed this letter at today’s meeting.

After review of the letter from Ms. Gerhard’s treating psychiatrist, the Board voted to allow Ms. Gerhard to continue with the application process and sit for the masters examination. Once she has been issued the LMSW,

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the Board will request that her treating psychiatrist send a letter once a year for a two (2) year period attesting to her fitness to practice.

**Sharon Ott, LISW-CP:**

Correspondence from the Wm. J. Dorn VA Medical Center Social Workers requesting the Board to allow televised supervision for their social workers in their Community Based Outpatient Clinics.

The Board voted to table their vote until the May 14, 2007 meeting until Board members could gather additional information from ASWB re: use of cyberspace supervision nationally and gather additional information from Ms. Ott re: an outline for supervision (a schedule and the number of face-to-face hours that would be required).

**APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE:**

The Board voted to approve all of the applicants eligible for licensure from January 1, 2007 through March 1, 2007(see attached).

**CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

The Board voted to approve the following Continuing Education Sponsors:

**Sponsors Name:** ADVANTAGE HOSPICE and HOME CARE  
**Title of Training:** "Hospice 101: A Refresher Course"  
**Dates of Training:** May 24, 2007 - Columbia, SC  
**Presenter:** Pat Brown, LMSW and Ellen P Mitchell, LMSW  
**Clock Hours:** 1.5 Social Work Hours

**Sponsors Name:** ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER  
**Title of Training:** "Insights Into Dementia Care"  
**Dates of Training:** March 29, 2007 - Greenville, SC  
**Presenter:** Jeri Ross-Hayes, LISW-CP, Mary Ann Johnson, MA, Wm C Logan, Jr., MD  
**Clock Hours:** 4.0 Contact Hours includes 1.0 Social Work Hours

**Sponsors Name:** BIRTH of VENUS  
**Title of Training:** "Working With Difficult People"  
**Dates of Training:** May 2007 ongoing  
**Presenter:** M Rene' Shuler Wilson, MSW, LMSW  
**Clock Hours:** 6.0 Social Work Hours

**Sponsors Name:** BIRTH of VENUS  
**Title of Training:** "Suicidal Risk Assessment, Intervention and Treatment"  
**Dates of Training:** April 2007 ongoing  
**Presenter:** Linda Fashanu, MA  
**Clock Hours:** 6.0 non-Social Work Hours

**Sponsors Name:** BIRTH of VENUS  
**Title of Training:** "Understanding Anger"  
**Dates of Training:** April 2007 ongoing  
**Presenter:** Ruth Pruitt, MA  
**Clock Hours:** 4.0 non-Social Work Hours

**Sponsors Name:** MARCIA DAVIS TAYLOR  
**Title of Training:** "Are You Making Time for You?: Self-Care for Helping Professionals"  
**Dates of Training:** April 21, 2007 - Columbia & Orangeburg, SC  
**Presenter:** Marcia Davis Taylor, MSW, LMSW  
**Clock Hours:** 2.0 Social Work Hours

**CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS: (contd)**

**Sponsors Name:** **MARCIA DAVIS TAYLOR**  
**Title of Training:** "Understanding the Mind-Body Connection and Its Effect On Health"  
**Dates of Training:** April 21, 2007 - Columbia & Orangeburg, SC  
**Presenter:** Marcia Davis Taylor, MSW, LMSW  
**Clock Hours:** **2.0 Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** **HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY**  
**Title of Training:** "Disenfranchised Grief & Anticipatory Mourning"  
**Dates of Training:** May 10, 2007/Columbia, SC  
**Presenter:** Mary Beth Lamey, MSW, LMSW, Helen Pridgen, MSW, LMSW, Joseph Shank, MSW, LISW-CP  
**Clock Hours:** **4.75 Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** **HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY**  
**Title of Training:** "Anticipatory Mourning: Depression Among the Elderly"  
**Dates of Training:** March 30, 2007/Sunter, SC  
**Presenter:** Ann Lichliter, MSW, LISW-CP  
**Clock Hours:** **5.50 Social Work Hours**

**HEARINGS:**

**Complaint 2007-01: Deborah B. Bailey, LISW-CP License No. 7020**

The Board voted to accept Ms. Bailey's signed Consent Agreement for a public reprimand, two years of stayed suspension during which time Ms. Bailey is to be supervised by a Board approved supervisor who reports to the Board twice a year, she is not to practice independently, and she is to remain in compliance with the RPP program. The Board also voted to allow her psychologist supervisor at her place of employment to provide the Board approved clinical supervision.

**AJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM. The next scheduled Board Meeting will be May 14, 2007 at 9:00 AM. in Room 111, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia F. Glenn  
Administrator