

MINUTES
S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
Board Meeting –May 14, 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; Sheliah Jones, Administrative Assistant; Sheridon Spoon, OGC; Shunna Vance, OGC; Larry Atkins, OIE; 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 March 19, 2007 Board Meeting.

REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS/DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

Complaint 2006-12:

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

Complaint 2006-13:

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

APPEARING:

Jennifer K. Blanken, MSW:

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

Jeffery S. Samuels, MSW:

Mr. Samuels appeared before the Board to discuss his “yes” answer to questions #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. Samuels and review of the professional references and information he presented, the Board voted to allow Mr. Samuels to continue with the application process at the LMSW level and sit for the master’s examination upon verification of his references.

Priscilla A. Brooks, BSW:

Ms. Brooks appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to questions #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. Brooks and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Brooks to continue with the application process at the LBSW level and sit for the bachelor’s examination.

Sharon Ott, LISW-CP:

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

The Board deferred their vote until the September, 2007 meeting until Board members could review additional, specific information from Ms. Ott re: an outline for supervision which would detail a schedule and the number of face-to-face hours that would be required, answer questions re: how the supervision video will be set up and whether a social work supervisor will be on the premises. Ms. Glenn is to extend an invitation to Ms. Ott to appear at the September meeting.

ASWB Spring Education Meeting:

The meeting was held in Mobile, AL and attended by President Lynn Melton, Vice President Jane Anker and Board member Rick Hepfer. Topics of discussion included ethics, supervision and cyberspace from a regulatory perspective.

APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE:

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS:

The Board voted to approve the following Continuing Education Sponsors:

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of training: "Anticipatory Mourning and Depression Among the Aging Population"
Dates of Training: June 13, 2007 – Orangeburg, SC
Presenter: Ann Lichliter, LISW-CP
Clock Hours: 5.25 Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: "Addressing Spirituality and Sexuality with Clients"
Dates of Training: June 21, 2007 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Ann Lichliter, LISW-CP
Clock Hours: 2 Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: "ALS – Lou Gehrig's Disease"
Dates of Training: May 22, 2007 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Dorian Jeffcoat, LMSW
Clock Hours: 1 Social Work Hour

Sponsors Name: THOMAS MCAFEE FUNERAL HOME
Title of Training: "Living in the Shadow of the Ghosts of Grief"
Dates of Training: September 5, 2007 – Greenville, SC
Presenter: Alan Wolfelt, Ph.D., C.T.
Clock Hours: 3 Non-Social Work Hours

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HEARING:

Complaint 2007-04: Harriet Anne Nason, LISW-CP License No. 2502

The Board voted to accept Ms. Nason's signed Consent Agreement for a public reprimand, one year of stayed suspension/probation as long as Ms. Nason stays in compliance with terms of Consent Agreement and RPP Monitoring Agreement. She can not engage in any unsupervised clinical practice during the term of probation. The Supervisor must be Board approved and report to the Board two times a year or as requested.

AJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM. The next scheduled Board Meeting will be September 17, 2007 at 9:00 AM. in Room 111, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia F. Glenn
Administrator