

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

Board Meeting – May 19, 2008
Kingstree Building, Room 111
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cassandra Brunson, Richard Hepfer, and Lynn Melton.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jane Anker, Marjorie Hammock

OTHERS PRESENT: Patricia Glenn, Administrator; Shelia Jones, Administrative Assistant; Cheryl McNair Investigator- OIE; Sharon Dantzler, Staff 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.

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 March 17, 2008 Board Meeting.

REVIEW OF COMPLAINT/DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

No disciplinary actions to report.

APPEARING:

Shawnee D. McCaster, MSW:

Ms. McCaster 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. McCaster and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. McCaster to continue with the application process and approve her to sit for the ASWB Masters exam.

Tabitha B. Smith, MSW:

Ms. Smith appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question #10 “Do you currently have a 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. Smith and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Smith to continue with the application process and approve her to sit for the ASWB Masters exam.

Kenneth M. Thompson, MSW:

Mr. Thompson 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?”

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After discussion with Mr. Thompson and review of the professional references and information he presented, the Board voted to allow Mr. Thompson to continue with the application process and approve him to sit for the ASWB Masters exam.

Ronald M. Carlos, MSW:

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

After discussion with Mr. Carlos and review of the professional references and information he presented, the Board voted to allow Mr. Thompson to continue with the application process and issue him the LMSW license.

Andrew S. Ames, MSW:

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

After discussion with Mr. Ames and review of the professional references and information he presented, the Board voted to allow Mr. Ames to continue with the application process and issue him the LISW-CP license.

APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE:

The Board voted to approve all of the applicants eligible for licensure from March 1, 2008 through May 1, 2008 (see attached).

CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS:

The Board voted to approve the following Continuing Education Sponsors:

Sponsors Name: CHRISTI BOST, LMSW
Title of Training: “Case Studies in Disease Management”
Dates of Training: April 10, 2008 - Columbia, SC
Presenter: Christi Bost, LMSW
Hours: **One (1) Social Work Hour**

Sponsors Name: THE NUTURING CENTER
Title of Training: “Understanding Child Sexuality and Gender Issues for Social Service Professionals”
Dates of Training: June 13, 20, 27 and July 11, 2008 – Columbia, Greenwood, Orangeburg, Florence/Marion, SC
Presenter: Donna Happach, LMSW and Carolyn S. Dorrell, MEd.
Hours: **Five (5) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: BEHAVIORAL TECH, LLC
Title of Training: “Individual Psychotherapy in Dialectical Behavior Therapy”
Dates of Training: May 8-9, 2008 - Columbia, SC
Presenter: Shari Manning, Ph.D.
Clock Hours: **Twelve (12) Non-Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: LAWRENCE H. BERGMANN, P.HD.
Title of Training: “Concepts in Cognitive Behavior Therapy”
Dates of Training: May 8, 2008 - Columbia, SC
Presenter: Lawrence H. Bergmann, Ph.D.
Clock Hours: **One (1) Non-Social Work Hour**

Sponsors Name: JOHN P. EMERICK, MD
Title of Training: “Pervasive Developmental Disorders”
Dates of Training: June 12, 2008 - Columbia, SC
Presenter: John P. Emerick, MD
Clock Hours: **One (1) Non-Social Work Hour**

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AJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next scheduled Board Meeting will be September 22, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 111, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia F. Glenn
Administrator