

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

Board Meeting – May 17, 2010  
Kingstree Bldg., Room 105  
110 Centerview Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jane Anker, Cassandra Brunson, Rick Hepfer and Lynn Melton.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Marjorie Hammock

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Patricia Glenn, Administrator; Sheliah Jones, Administrative Assistant; David Love, Investigator OIE; Cheryl McNair, Investigator OIE; Sharon Dantzer, Staff Attorney, Georgia Lewis, 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.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Lynn Melton was elected President; Jane Anker was elected Vice-President; Sally Campbell was elected Consulting Social Worker to the Board's Investigative Review Committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2009 Board Meeting.

**REVIEW OF COMPLAINT/DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:**

Complaint #1- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.  
Complaint #2- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.  
Complaint #3- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.  
Complaint #4- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.  
Complaint #5- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.  
Complaint #6- Dismiss with Letter of Caution.  
Complaint #7- Dismiss with Letter of Caution.  
Complaint #8- Sent back to IRC for further consideration.

**APPEARING:**

**Sandra T. Mays, MSW:**

Ms. Mays 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 #11 "Have you ever been involuntarily terminated from any social work or related employment?"

After discussion with Ms. Mays and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Mays to continue with the application process and approve her to sit for the masters' level examination for the LMSW license.

**Barbara V. O'Connor, MSW:**

Ms. O'Connor 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. O'Connor and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. O'Connor to continue with the application process and license her as an LMSW.

**Tara Ford Romes, MSW:**

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

**Jean E. Herring, BSW:**

Ms. Herring appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question #10 “Do you currently have any 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. Herring and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Herring to continue with the application process and approve her to sit for the basic examination for the LBSW license.

**APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE:**

The Board voted to approve all of the applicants eligible for licensure from October 1, 2009 through May, 1 2010 (see attached).

**CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

The Board voted to approve the following Continuing Education Sponsors:

**Sponsors Name:** SUMMIT PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION  
**Title of Training:** “DIR/Floortime – Developmental-Relational Treatment of Autism & Sensory Processing Disorder”  
**Dates of Training:** January 26, 27, 28, 2010 – Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, NC  
**Presenter:** Esther Hess, Ph.D.  
**Hours:** **Six (6) Non-Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** LORMAN EDUCATION SERVICES  
**Title of Training:** “Medical Records Law”  
**Dates of Training:** February 16, 2010 – Mt. Pleasant, SC  
**Presenter:** James L. Bell, Esq.; Nelda D. Fields, FHFMA, CMPE; Gyalia Rutledge  
**Hours:** **Six (6) Non-Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** ELDERCARE EXTRAORDINAIRE  
**Title of Training:** “Navigating Family Dynamics”  
**Dates of Training:** March 17, 2010 – Charleston, SC  
**Presenter:** Athena Verma  
**Hours:** **Two (2) Non-Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY  
**Title of Training:** “Art Therapy: Applying the Techniques with Hospice Patients and Families”  
**Dates of Training:** Spring 2010 – Columbia, SC  
**Presenter:** Ms. Michael Crouse, MSW, LISW-CP  
**Hours:** **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** NEXUS CENTER  
**Title of Training:** “Engaging Faith: Living Life’s Questions”  
**Dates of Training:** February 26-27, 2010 – Greenville, SC  
**Presenter:** James Hollis, Ph.D.; Marjorie Thompson  
**Clock Hours:** **Seven (7) Non-Social Work Hours**

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**Sponsors Name:** NANCY PEARCE, MSW, LISW-CP  
**Title of Training:** “A Ministry of Presence: Offering Hope, Health and Healing”  
**Dates of Training:** March, 2010 – SC  
**Presenter:** Nancy Pearce, MSW, LISW-CP  
**Hours:** **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** MUSTANG MEDICINE WORKS, LLC  
**Title of Training:** “Introduction to Equine Assisted Counseling”  
**Dates of Training:** April 2, 2010 and May 14, 2010– Central, SC  
**Presenter:** Darrell G. Yardley, Ph.D., LPC; Carl Bathz, Equine Specialist  
**Hours:** **Three (3) Non-Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** MUSTANG MEDICINE WORKS, LLC  
**Title of Training:** “Psychology of Adolescent Mind – Body Healing: Gene Expression, Neurobiology, Archetypes and Equine Assisted Therapy”  
**Dates of Training:** May 20, 2010– Clemson and Central, SC  
**Presenter:** Darrell G. Yardley, Ph.D., LPC  
**Hours:** **Six (6) Non-Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** RIPLEY’S RETREAT  
**Title of Training:** “Learning the Ropes: A Team Approach”  
**Dates of Training:** May 22, 2010 and every 2 months thereafter – Hopkins, SC  
**Presenter:** Judy H Ripley, MSW, LISW-AP; William C. Ripley, MSW, LISW-AP  
**Hours:** **Five (5) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** RIPLEY’S RETREAT  
**Title of Training:** “Success as a Supervisor: Training in Basic Supervisory Skills”  
**Dates of Training:** June 17-18, 2010 and every 6 months thereafter – Hopkins, SC  
**Presenter:** Judy H Ripley, MSW, LISW-AP; William C. Ripley, MSW, LISW-AP  
**Hours:** **Ten (10) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** RIPLEY’S RETREAT  
**Title of Training:** “Universal Principles and Social Work Practice”  
**Dates of Training:** September 16-17, 2010 and every 6 months thereafter – Hopkins, SC  
**Presenter:** Judy H Ripley, MSW, LISW-AP; William C. Ripley, MSW, LISW-AP  
**Hours:** **Ten (10) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER  
**Title of Training:** “CAC’s, MDT’s and You – Improving Child Services as a Team”  
**Dates of Training:** May 24, 2010; Other Dates TBA – SC  
**Presenter:** Mahlon David Kellin, LISW-CP; Christie Derrick, LMFT; Rashonda Holmes, MA; Susan Luberoff, MD  
**Hours:** **Three and Half (3.5) Social Work Hours and One and Half (1.5) Non-Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** SCARCH  
**Title of Training:** “Falls In the Elderly: Implications for Health Care Professionals and Caregivers”  
**Dates of Training:** April 29, 2010 and July 22, 2010 – Columbia and Greenville, SC  
**Presenter:** Cynthia Dickey Palmore, LMSW, CMC; Mary Green Winstead, ACSW, LISW-CP  
**Clock Hours:** **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** SCARCH  
**Title of Training:** “Dealing with Grief: An Overview for Healthcare Professionals”  
**Dates of Training:** June 9, June 22, July 1, 2010 – Mt. Pleasant , Columbia and Greenville, SC  
**Presenter:** Betty Katherine (Kassie) Floyd, MSW, LMSW  
**Clock Hours:** **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

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**Sponsors Name:** DOMESTIC ABUSE CENTER  
**Title of Training:** “Domestic Abuse and the Elderly: Implications for Change”  
**Dates of Training:** June 12, 2010 – Cayce, SC  
**Presenter:** Cynthia Dickey Palmore, LMSW, CMC; Mary Green Winstead, ACSW, LISW-CP  
**Clock Hours:** **Two (2) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY  
**Title of Training:** “Meaning at the End of Life”  
**Dates of Training:** Fall 2010 – Columbia, SC  
**Presenter:** Wayne Phillips, MSW, LISW-CP; Mary Beth Lamey, LMSW  
**Hours:** **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY  
**Title of Training:** “Personality Disorders”  
**Dates of Training:** Spring/Summer 2010 – Columbia, SC  
**Presenter:** Susan Robinson, LMSW; Tabitha Smith, LMSW  
**Hours:** **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY  
**Title of Training:** “Working with Families”  
**Dates of Training:** Summer/Fall 2010 – Columbia, SC  
**Presenter:** Laurie S. Harmon, LMSW; Debra D. Sawyer, LMSW  
**Hours:** **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY  
**Title of Training:** “Conflict Resolution”  
**Dates of Training:** Summer/Fall 2010 – Columbia, SC  
**Presenter:** Tanieka Ward-Akabane, LMSW/MPA  
**Hours:** **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY  
**Title of Training:** “Cultural Diversity”  
**Dates of Training:** Summer/Fall 2010 – Columbia, SC  
**Presenter:** Tanieka Ward-Akabane, LMSW/MPA  
**Hours:** **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** HCR ManorCare  
**Title of Training:** “Medicare Advantage 2010”  
**Dates of Training:** April 30, 2010 – Greenville, SC  
**Presenter:** Kim Finkelstein, MBA; Stephanie Sharpe, LGSW  
**Hours:** **One (1) Social Work Hour**

**ASWB Spring Education Meeting:**

The ASWB Spring Education Meeting held in Charleston SC in May 2010 was discussed by Board members and Administrator who attended the meeting. Topics included regulating competent practice in an age of shifting resources, legal issues confronting Boards faced with shifting resources, etc.

**HEARINGS:**

**Consent Agreement-**

OIE # 2009-10 & 2009-11- The Board accepted the Consent Agreement agreed to and signed by Sandra Elizabeth St. Don, LISW-CP. see attached Order

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**Final Order Hearing-**

OIE # 2008-1 - The Board accepted the Memorandum of Agreement signed by Uronia Lee Zubieta, LMSW The Board voted to issue an Order. see attached Order

**AJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia F. Glenn  
Administrator