

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

Board Meeting – January 23, 2017
Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Melton, Jane Anker, Catherine Buchanan, Jacqueline Lowe,
MEMBER ABSENT: Cassandra Brunson, D. Scott Stephens, Harold T. Patrick (All Excused)
OTHERS PRESENT: Marlo Koger, Administrator; Sheliah Jones, Administrative Assistant; David Love, Chief Investigator OIE; Phillip Flohr, Investigator OIE; Mary League, Advice Counsel

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 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 Board Meeting.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT REPORT: The Board reviewed the OIE report of pending complaints.

REVIEW OF COMPLAINT/DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

Complaint #2016-30 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2016-32 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2016-33 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2016-31 – Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.
Complaint #2012-1 – Dismiss with letter of caution.
Complaint #2016-28 – Dismiss with letter of caution.
Complaint #2016-34 – Dismiss with letter of caution.
Complaint #2016-16 – Cease and Desist.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted to accept the recommendations of the IRC.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL REPORT: The Board reviewed the ODC report of number of pending actions.

FINANCIAL REPORT:- The Board reviewed and discussed the Financial Report.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: The board reviewed a list of applicants licensed from September 17, 2016 through January 18, 2017. 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:	SPECIALIZED ALTERNATIVES FOR FAMILIES AND YOUTH (SAFY)
Title of Training:	“Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Intimate Partner Abuse”
Dates of Training:	To Be Announced
Presenter:	Kristen Rossino, LISW-CP; Shannon Watson
Hours:	Three (3) Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name:	SPECIALIZED ALTERNATIVES FOR FAMILIES AND YOUTH (SAFY)
Title of Training:	“Community Based Prevention Services Community Awareness Training”
Dates of Training:	To Be Announced
Presenter:	Kristen Rossino, LISW-CP; Sandra McLaughlin, LMSW; Melissa Mullins
Hours:	Two (2) Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name: TMI TRAININGS OF MATERNAL INSYNC, LLC
Title of Training: "Mental Health Crisis Intervention to Manage Suicide Risk & Promote Recovery"
Dates of Training: November 18, 2016 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Tiffany T. Conyers, LISW-CP
Hours: Six (6) Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name: THOMPSON COMMUNITY CARE
Title of Training: "Yoga for the Helpers and Healers"
Dates of Training: February 16, 2017 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Christine Milling, MEd
Hours: Two (2) Non-Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name: THOMPSON COMMUNITY CARE
Title of Training: "Faces and Facets of Harps in Healthcare"
Dates of Training: March 16, 2017 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Annie Burgard, CM-Th; Jordon Turner, MT-BC; Kimberly Johnson
Hours: Two (2) Non-Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name: AMY POTTER
Title of Training: "Fall Social Work Connection Meeting"
Dates of Training: October 13, 2016 – Charleston, SC
Presenter: Amy Potter, LMSW; Erica Dyal, LMSW
Hours: Three and a Quarter (3.25) Social Work Hours and
One and a half (1.50) Non-Social Work Hours

OVERVIEW OF MEDICAID 2016 CHANGES, Mr. Pete Liggett and Ms. Ann Marie Dwyer (SCDHHS):
Ms. Liggett and Ms. Dwyer provided an overview of 2016 changes in Medicaid.

APPLICATION HEARINGS:

Ms. Stacy L. Please, LISW, CP Applicant

Ms. Please appeared before the board to discuss her "yes" response to questions #2 and #4. Mr. Please was not represented by legal counsel.

Executive Session: After discussion with Ms. Please and review of the information presented, the Board voted to go into executive session for legal advice with a motion from Ms. Lowe, seconded by Ms. Anker.

The Board voted to come out of executive session with a motion from Ms. Lowe, seconded by Ms. Buchanan. No votes or decisions were rendered in executive session.

Ms. Buchanan made a motion to allow Ms. Please to move forward with the application process. Ms. Lowe seconded the motion. Ms. Anker opposed. The majority carries, so Ms. Please will be allowed to continue her application process.

Mr. R. Smith, LMSW Applicant

Mr. Smith emailed a letter requesting that he be allowed to reschedule due to a conflict. Mr. Smith's case was rescheduled for the May 15, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Stephen Knight, LISW-CP Applicant

Mr. Knight teleconferenced with the board to discuss his "yes" response to question #5. Mr. Knight was not represented by legal counsel.

Executive Session: After discussion with Mr. Knight and review of the information presented, the Board voted to go into executive session for legal advice with a motion from Ms. Lowe, seconded by Ms. Anker.

The Board voted to come out of executive session with a motion from Ms. Lowe, seconded by Ms. Buchanan. No votes or decisions were rendered in executive session.

Ms. Anker made a motion to allow Mr. Knight to proceed with his application for licensure. Ms. Buchanan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

OIE #2014-32- presented to the Board by Litigating Attorney Daniel Gourley. The respondent presented before the board pro se.

Executive Session: The Board voted to go into executive session for legal advice with a motion from Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Ms. Lowe.

On a motion from Ms. Anker and seconded by Ms. Buchanan the board voted to come out of executive session.

On a motion from Ms. Lowe and seconded by Buchanan the board voted to issue a public reprimand.

OIE #2015-4/MOA (Closed Hearing) - presented to the Board by Litigating Attorney Daniel Gourley. The respondent presented before the board pro se.

Executive Session: The Board voted to go into executive session for legal advice with a motion from Ms. Lowe and seconded by Ms. Anker.

On a motion from Ms. Lowe and seconded by Ms. Buchanan the board voted to come out of executive session.

On a motion from Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Ms. Lowe the board voted to accept the MOA and found there has been no violation and to dismiss.

OIE #2015-21/Consent Agreement

The Consent Agreement was presented to the board chair for review and approval and signing of the same.

COMMITTEE UPDATE ON APA GUIDELINES FOR CUSTODY EVALUATIONS; BOARD'S CURRENT CODE OF ETHICS AND RECOMMEND CHANGES; AND RESEARCH AND RECOMMEND GUIDELINES FOR TELEPRACTICE TO INCLUDE SUPERVISION

Board members discussed involvement of social workers in custody evaluations. Ms. Buchanan and Ms. Lowe are continuing to cross reference the SC Code of Ethics with the National Code of Ethics. They will continue to establish guidelines for Telepractice and will further define face-to-face supervision.

Ethical Question

Board members discussed an ethical question. No motion was made.

UPDATE ON 2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Ms. Melton provided an update and led a discussion. No motions were made.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Board elected Lynn Melton President and Jane Anker Vice President.


REQUEST FROM USC COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Ms. Anker agreed to visit USC with Marlo Koger.

AJOURNMENT:

The January 23, 2017 meeting was adjourned at 2:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlo Koger, Administrator
Board of Social Work Examiners