

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

Board Meeting – June 20, 2016
Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Melton, Jane Anker, D. Scott Stephens, Catherine Buchanan, Jacqueline Lowe, Harold T. Patrick, Cassandra Brunson

MEMBER ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Marlo Koger, Administrator; David Love, Chief Investigator OIE; Phillip Flohr, Investigator OIE; Mary League, Advice Counsel; and Erin Baldwin, ODC

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 9:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 Board Meeting.

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

REVIEW OF COMPLAINT/DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

Complaint #2015-13 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2015-15 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2015-18 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2015-25 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2015-26 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2015-29 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2015-30 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2016-4 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2016-6 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

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

Complaint #2014-33 – Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.
Complaint #2015-9 – Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.
Complaint #2015-12 – Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.
Complaint #2015-21 – Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.

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

Complaint #2015-20 – Dismiss with Letter of Caution.

On a motion by Ms. Anker and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the board voted to accept the recommendations of the IRC for the Letter of Caution.

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 January 22, 2016 through June 17, 2016. 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: COMPASSIONATE CARE HOSPICE
Title of Training: "Welcome to My World"
Dates of Training: March 16, 2016 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Jacqueline Kendall, LMSW
Hours: **Two (2) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: COMPASSIONATE CARE HOSPICE
Title of Training: "Planning for the Future"
Dates of Training: March 22, 2016 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Jacqueline Kendall, LMSW
Hours: **Two (2) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: COMPASSIONATE CARE HOSPICE
Title of Training: "Cultural Diversity in Social Work Practice and End of Life Care"
Dates of Training: March 129 2016 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Jacqueline Kendall, LMSW
Hours: **Two (2) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: COMPASSIONATE CARE HOSPICE
Title of Training: "Death and Dying"
Dates of Training: March 29, 2016 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Aisha Moorer, MSW
Hours: **Four (4) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: WHITE OAK MANOR INC
Title of Training: "Death and Dying – Cultural Differences"
Dates of Training: July 19, 2016 and August 9, 2016 – York and Charleston, SC
Presenter: Jacquelyn Kirkwood, LMSW
Hours: **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: CONFLICE RESOLUTION CONNECTIONS LLC
Title of Training: "Strengthening Communication: How Barriers Affect Communication"
Dates of Training: March 22, 2016 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Jacqueline Kendall, LMSW
Hours: **Two (2) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: OUTSPOKEN COUNSELING AND CONSULTING LLC
Title of Training: "Targeting Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder With Play Methods"
Dates of Training: To Be Announced 2016/2017 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Tanieka Ward-Akabane, LMSW
Hours: **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: FRANK AT SEASIDE
Title of Training: “Creating Moments of Joy: A Dementia Symposium”
Dates of Training: May 10, 2016 – Mt. Pleasant, SC
Presenter: Jolene Brackey
Hours: **Five and Half (5.50) Non-Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: THOMPSON COMMUNITY CARE
Title of Training: “Preparing Families For the Funeral Experience”
Dates of Training: June 3, 2016 – Lexington, SC
Presenter: Mary E. Lamey, LISW-CP
Hours: **One and Half (1.50) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: “Is Being a helping Professional Harming You?”
Dates of Training: To Be Announced 2016/2017 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Tanieka Ward-akabane, LMSW
Hours: **Two (2) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: “Senior Issues”
Dates of Training: To Be Announced 2016/2017 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Tanieka Ward-akabane, LMSW
Hours: **Two (2) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: “Caregivers in the Workplace”
Dates of Training: To Be Announced 2016/2017 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Tanieka Ward-akabane, LMSW
Hours: **Two (2) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: “Aging in the Age of Technology”
Dates of Training: To Be Announced 2016/2017 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Tanieka Ward-akabane, LMSW
Hours: **Two (2) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: “Finding Meaning at the End of Life”
Dates of Training: To Be Announced – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Carmen K. Jimenez, LISW-CP
Hours: **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: OUTSPOKEN COUNSELING AND CONSULTING LLC
Title of Training: “Mental Health Medications for Social Workers”
Dates of Training: To Be Announced 2016/2017 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Tanieka Ward-Akabane, LMSW
Hours: **Two (2) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: OUTSPOKEN COUNSELING AND CONSULTING LLC
Title of Training: “Consumer Engagement and Assessment”
Dates of Training: To Be Announced – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Carmen K. Jimenez, LISW-CP
Hours: **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: OUTSPOKEN COUNSELING AND CONSULTING LLC
Title of Training: "Documentation 101"
Dates of Training: To Be Announced – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Carmen K. Jimenez, LISW-CP
Hours: **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: OUTSPOKEN COUNSELING AND CONSULTING LLC
Title of Training: "Utilizing Play With Consumers"
Dates of Training: To Be Announced – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Carmen K. Jimenez, LISW-CP
Hours: **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: SARAH S. GAINNEY MSW, LISW-CP
Title of Training: "An Introduction to Motivational Interviewing (MI)"
Dates of Training: June 24, 2016 – Charleston, SC
Presenter: Sarah S. Gainey, MSW, LISW-CP
Hours: **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: SARAH S. GAINNEY MSW, LISW-CP
Title of Training: "Intermediate Motivational Interviewing (MI)"
Dates of Training: July 15, 2016 – Charleston, SC
Presenter: Sarah S. Gainey, MSW, LISW-CP
Hours: **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: SPECIALIZED ALTERNATIVES FOR FAMILIES AND YOUTH (SAFY)
Title of Training: "ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences)"
Dates of Training: May 17, 2016 and through-out 2016 – SC
Presenter: Keonte' Jenkins-Davis, LMSW; Dina Armstrong-King, BA, Psychology; Michelle Greco, RNC-MNN, CCE, BSN
Hours: **One and Half (1.50) Social Work Hours and One and Half (1.50) Non-Social Work Hours**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE COMMUNICATION: Mr. Dylan Sitterle provided an update on the Domestic Violence Task Force information that was shared with licensees and was posted on the website.

CONCERNS AND LINKAGES TO THE BOARD: Ms. Sallie Campbell discussed some of the concerns she has and posed questions to the board.

RPP RETURN TO WORK RELEASE: Mr. Frank Sheheen and Mr. Rick Wilson proposed language for a RPP Return to Work Release. On a motion from Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Ms. Brunson, the board went into executive session. On a motion made by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Ms. Brunson, the board came out of executive session. Ms. Brunson made a motion to approve the work release form. Ms. Anker seconded the motion and all board members were in favor.

APPLICATION HEARINGS:

Mr. A. Lucas, LMSW applicant

Mr. Lucas appeared before the board to discuss his response to an application question. Mr. Lucas was not represented by legal counsel.

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

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

Ms. Anker made a motion to allow Mr. Lucas to proceed with the examination and move forward with the application process. Ms. Lowe and Mr. Patrick seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. W. L. Bethune, Request to Modify Terms of Prior Board Order

Mr. Bethune appeared before the board pro se to request modification of the terms of his prior board order. Ms. Melton and Mr. Patrick recused themselves. The board chair position was turned over to Ms. Anker.

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

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

Ms. Buchanan made a motion to deny the request to modify the terms of the board order as compliance with sanctions was not a pathway to reinstatement of previous credentials. Ms. Lowe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Patrick and Ms. Melton returned to the proceedings.

Ms. S. E. St. Don, Application with Prior Board Order

Ms. St. Don appeared before the board pro se to discuss her reapplication for licensure.

Executive Session: After discussion with Ms. St. Don the Board voted to go into executive session for legal advice with a motion from Ms. Lowe, seconded by Ms. Brunson.

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

Mr. Patrick motioned that the board proceed with approval for the licensure process with the conditions imposed in the original order including the three year period of probation. Mr. Stephens seconded the motion and no one was opposed.

Ms. K. Q. Gasque-Carter, Request for Reinstatement

Ms. Gasque-Carter appeared before the board pro se to discuss her reinstatement for licensure. Ms. Gasque-Carter was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Moore appeared as a witness for the Respondent.

Executive Session: After discussion with Ms. Gasque-Carter, the Board voted to go into executive session for legal advice with a motion from Ms. Lowe, seconded by Ms. Brunson.

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

On a motion by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the Board voted to deny Ms. Carter's request for reinstatement. Ms. Buchanan opposed the motion. The order of the motion passes as presented.

DISCUSSION:

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Mr. J. Faubert, LMSW requested clarification of LISW-CP requirements. Ms. Anker motioned to send Mr. Faubert a letter advising him that the Guardian ad Litem provision that he suggests is not acceptable for LISW-CP supervision requirements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick.

Ms. L. Smith, LMSW requested direction regarding supervision from volunteer hours. Ms. Buchanan made a motion to deny the request because it does not meet the current guidelines for supervision. Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

RATIFICATION OF A MEDIA DESIGNEE FOR THE BOARD: Ms. Buchanan motioned that Ms. Melton, board chair, speak on behalf of the board if necessary. Ms. Brunson seconded the motion and all were in favor.

SELECTION AND APPROVAL OF NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES: September 19, 2016 / January 23, 2017 / May 15, 2017 and September 18, 2017 were presented as regular meeting days for the board. Ms. Lowe moved to accept and Ms. Buchanan seconded the motion.

August 22, 2016 was presented as a work day for the board with a backup date as August 29, 2016. Ms. Anker motioned to accept and Ms. Brunson seconded the motion.

AJOURNMENT:

The June 20, 2016 meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlo Koger, Administrator
Board of Social Work Examiners