

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

Board Meeting –June 22, 2015
Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Marlo Koger, Administrator; Sheliah Jones, Administrative Assistant; David Love, Chief Investigator OIE; Phillip Flohr, Investigator OIE; Adrienne Rivera, Investigator OIE; Mary League, Advice Counsel; Lauren Kearney, ODC Litigating 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. A quorum of members was present and noted.

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn Melton - President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER: Lynn Melton introduced the newly appointed Board Members Catherine Buchanan and Jacqueline Lowe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 Board Meeting.

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

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

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

REVIEW OF COMPLAINT/DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

Complaint #2014-6 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2014-7 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2014-9 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2014-17 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2014-28 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2014-36 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2014-37 – Cease & Desist.

On a motion by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Ms. Brunson, the board voted to accept the recommendations of the IRC.

AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO ADMINISTRATOR FOR APPLICATION APPROVAL: The Board stated they are in favor of maintaining the status quo and applicants who have yes answers will need to appear before the Board.

LAPTOPS AT NEXT BOARD MEETING: In the future, board members will have laptops available at meetings and information will be uploaded to the Board Meeting Folder. Someone from IT will provide a training at the beginning of the September 21, 2015 meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE: The board reviewed a list of applicants licensed from January 23, 2015 until June 19, 2015. 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: **FRANKE AT SEASIDE**
Title of Training: "Creating Moments of Joy: A Dementia Symposium"
Dates of Training: May 19, 2015 – Mt. Pleasant, SC
Presenter: Jolene Brackey
Hours: **Five and Half (5.50) Non-Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: **SC ASSOCIATION FOR PLAY THERAPY, INC.**
Title of Training: "18th Annual Conference"
Dates of Training: September 18 – 19, 2015 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Paris Goodyear Brown LCSW, RPT-S
Hours: **Twelve (12) Social Work Hours and One (1) Non-Social Work Hour**

Sponsors Name: **MINDFUL GROWTH & TRAINING SOLUTIONS, LLC**
Title of Training: "Mediation as Therapy"
Dates of Training: August 6, 2015 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Sandra E. Johnson, LMSW
Hours: **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: **MINDFUL GROWTH & TRAINING SOLUTIONS, LLC**
Title of Training: "Journaling as Therapy"
Dates of Training: September 10, 2015 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Sandra E. Johnson, LMSW
Hours: **Three (3) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: **FULLER LIFE STRATEGIES, LLC**
Title of Training: "Building Barriers to Suicide; Community Suicide Prevention"
Dates of Training: June 19, 2015 – Florence, SC
Presenter: Lindy Williamson, MSW; Melinda fuller, MS, LPC
Hours: **Six (6) Social Work Hours and One (1) Non-Social Work Hour**

APPEARING:

Stuart A. Hamilton II, LBSW Applicant

Mr. Hamilton 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?"

After discussion with Mr. Hamilton and review of the professional references and information he presented, the Board voted to approve Mr. Hamilton's application for licensure so he may proceed on with the process.

Annette P. Ripley, LBSW Applicant

Ms. Ripley 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?” question #8, question #9, and question #10.

After discussion with Ms. Ripley and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to approve Ms. Ripley’s application for licensure so she may proceed on with the process.

Kay Grooms, LMSW Reinstatement

Ms. Grooms appeared before the Board to discuss reinstatement of her LMSW license and the conditions of her order.

After discussion with Ms. Grooms and review of the information presented, the Board voted that Ms. Grooms needs to take and complete a graduate-level ethics course. She should then reapply for licensure to include taking and passing the licensure examination. Upon successful passing of the exam, her license will be issued with a one-year supervisory and other conditions as stated in the prior order.

Anne Mary Roseman, LISW Consent Agreement/Reinstatement

Ms. Roseman represented by Harvey M. Watson, III, Esquire, presented a Consent Agreement.

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

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

With a motion from Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Brunson the Board voted to accept the Consent Agreement and issue a Public Reprimand with sanctions to Ms. Roseman. Upon reinstatement of her license, she is to continue in probationary status for 3 years. The majority voted in favor. Ms. Lowe opposed. See attached.

HEARINGS:

Consent Agreement OIE # 2014-30 - presented to the Board by LLR Litigating Attorney Lauren Kearney. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

With a motion from Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board voted to accept the CA signed by Renee L. Williams-Cloud, LMSW. See attached.

Memorandum of Agreement OIE # 2012-14 - presented to the Board by LLR Litigating Attorney Lauren Kearney. The respondent was not represented by counsel. Upon recusal, Ms. Melton exited both the proceedings and remainder of the meeting.

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

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

With a motion from Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the Board voted to accept the Memorandum of Agreement and issue a Public Reprimand to Mr. Willie Lee Bethune, LMSW. Sanctions include a graduate level ethics course, \$5,000 fine, etc. See attached. Mr. Bethune will have 30 days from receipt of this order to appeal this order to the Administrative Law Court.

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NEXT MEETING: September 21, 2015 in Room 108.

AJOURNMENT:

The June 22, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlo Koger, Administrator
Board of Social Work Examiners