

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

Board Meeting –March 2, 2015  
Kingtree Bldg., Room 105  
110 Centerview Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lynn Melton, Jane Anker, Catherine Buchanan, Marjorie Hammock, D. Scott Stephens

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cassandra Brunson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** H. Rion Alvey, Assistant Deputy Director; Sheliah Jones, Administrative Assistant; David Love, Chief Investigator OIE; Phillip Flohr, Investigator OIE; Adrienne Rivera, Investigator OIE; Lorie Graham, 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 9:01 a.m.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:** Lynn Melton introduced the newly appointed Board Member Catherine Buchanan.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The Board elected Lynn Melton President and Jane Anker Vice President. The Board elected Catherine Buchanan as Continue Education Chair.

**2015 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FORMS:** Board members were presented the Statement of Economic Interest Information and reminded that they would be required by law to file by March 30, 2015 or there would be penalties resulting from late filing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014 Board Meeting.

**BOARD MEMBER RESPONSE TO MEDIA INQUIRES:** Mary League discussed with the Board members what to do if approached by Media. The Board members were told that the protocol was to coordinate with LLR's Office of Communication, Lesia Kudelka. Mary stated that the Board members could not lobby and that there was no pending legislation for the Board.

**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 #2014-4 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2014-16 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

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Complaint #2014-18 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2014-19 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2014-21 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2014-22 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2014-24 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2014-27 – Dismiss, no violation of practice act.

Complaint #2013-33 – Cease & Desist.

Complaint #2014-30 – Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.

Complaint #2013-24 – Dismiss with Letter of Concern.

Complaint # 2013-28 – Dismiss with Letter of Concern.

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

**ASSESSMENT TOOLS AND TESTS:** The Board members discussed the use of assessment tools allowable for social workers. Psychological tests for assessment are not allowable and are outside the scope of practice for social workers. Social worker may utilize tools such as Depression Scales, MMSE, SLUMS, etc are acceptable.

**APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE:** The board reviewed a list of applicants licensed from September 16, 2014 until January 22, 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:** CHARLESTON HOMECARE  
**Title of Training:** “Compassionate Communication”  
**Dates of Training:** TBA – Charleston, SC  
**Presenter:** Alexis VanderVeen, MSW, LISW-CP  
**Hours:** **One (1) Social Work Hour**

**Sponsors Name:** CHARLESTON HOMECARE  
**Title of Training:** “Dementia Perspectives”  
**Dates of Training:** TBA – Charleston, SC  
**Presenter:** Susan Shealey, MA, LPC  
**Hours:** **One (1) Non-Social Work Hour**

**Sponsors Name:** COMPASSIONATE CARE HOSPICE  
**Title of Training:** “Communicating With Compassion”  
**Dates of Training:** November 20, 2014 – Columbia, SC  
**Presenter:** Shawn Reinhart, LMSW; Ashley Hacker, LMSW  
**Hours:** **One (1) Social Work Hour**

**Sponsors Name:** AMY MCDERMOTT  
**Title of Training:** “DaVita Social Work Fall Meeting”  
**Dates of Training:** October 22, 2014 – Charleston, SC  
**Presenter:** Amy McDermott, MSW, LMSW  
**Hours:** **Four and Three-Quarters (4.75) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** SUNTIA SMITH  
**Title of Training:** “How to take the Crisis Out of Couples Therapy”  
**Dates of Training:** February 3, 2014 – Greenville, SC  
**Presenter:** Sunita Smith, MSW, LISW-CP  
**Hours:** **One and Half (1.50) Social Work Hour**

**Sponsors Name:** **SUNTIA SMITH**  
Title of Training: "How to take the Stress Out of Social Work"  
Dates of Training: March 3, 2014 – Greenville, SC  
Presenter: Sunita Smith, MSW, LISW-CP  
Hours: **One and Half (1.50) Social Work Hour**

**Sponsors Name:** **SUNTIA SMITH**  
Title of Training: "How to Help Couples Recover from Infidelity"  
Dates of Training: April 7, 2014 – Greenville, SC  
Presenter: Sunita Smith, MSW, LISW-CP  
Hours: **One and Half (1.50) Social Work Hour**

**Sponsors Name:** **SUNTIA SMITH**  
Title of Training: "How to take the "Personal" Out of Personality"  
Dates of Training: May 5, 2014 – Greenville, SC  
Presenter: Sunita Smith, MSW, LISW-CP  
Hours: **One and Half (1.50) Social Work Hour**

**Sponsors Name:** **SUNTIA SMITH**  
Title of Training: "How to Rebuild the Connection and Foster Understanding in Military Couples and Families"  
Dates of Training: June 2, 2014 – Greenville, SC  
Presenter: Sunita Smith, MSW, LISW-CP  
Hours: **One and Half (1.50) Social Work Hour**

**Sponsors Name:** **SUNTIA SMITH**  
Title of Training: "Four C's of Effective Communication"  
Dates of Training: July 7, 2014 – Greenville, SC  
Presenter: Sunita Smith, MSW, LISW-CP  
Hours: **One and Half (1.50) Social Work Hour**

**Sponsors Name:** **SUNTIA SMITH**  
Title of Training: "How to Treat the "Individual" in Couples Therapy"  
Dates of Training: August 4, 2014 – Greenville, SC  
Presenter: Sunita Smith, MSW, LISW-CP  
Hours: **One and Half (1.50) Social Work Hour**

**Sponsors Name:** **BRIGHTSTAR CARE**  
Title of Training: "Cultural Considerations in End of Life Care"  
Dates of Training: December 30, 2014 – Greer, SC  
Presenter: Todd Johnson Master of Chaplain Ministry  
Hours: **One (1.00) Non-Social Work Hour**

**Sponsors Name:** **PINE GROVE INC**  
Title of Training: "The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pine Grove Autism Conference"  
Dates of Training: April 10, 2015 – Columbia, SC  
Presenter: Jane E. Roberts, PhD; Laura Carpenter, PhD, BCBA;  
Caroline DiBattisto, MD; Katie Wolfe, PhD, BCBA-D  
Hours: **Five and Half (5.50) Non-Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** **SARAH S GAINERY**  
Title of Training: "Intermediate Motivational Interviewing"  
Dates of Training: February 6, 2015 – Charleston, SC  
Presenter: Sarah S. Gainely, MSW, LISW-CP

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Hours: **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** **PHOENIX CENTER**  
Title of Training: "Motivational Interviewing Core, Booster and Advanced Trainings"  
Dates of Training: Various Dates in 2015 – Greenville, SC  
Presenter: Alan Lyme, LISW, ICCS, ICADC  
Hours: **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** **TIDEWATER HOSPICE PA**  
Title of Training: "Care of the Dying Patient"  
Dates of Training: February 27, 2015 – Columbia, SC  
Presenter: Corrie VanDyke, LMSW  
Hours: **One (1) Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** **GREENVILLE FRIENDS OF JUNG**  
Title of Training: "The Red Book"  
Dates of Training: March 20, 2015 – Greenville, SC  
Presenter: Randall Mishoe, D.Min.  
Hours: **Two (2) Non-Social Work Hours**

**Sponsors Name:** **FLORENCE CRITTENTON PROGRAMS OF SC**  
Title of Training: "Nurturing Parenting Program"  
Dates of Training: May 5 – 7, 2015 – Charleston, SC  
Presenter: Stephen J. Bavolek, Ph.D.  
Hours: **Eighteen (18) Non-Social Work Hours**

**APPEARING:**

**Jeremy S. Martin, LMSW applicant**

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

**Sharon Stricker, LISW #3352 (Lapsed 12/31/99)**

Ms. Stricker appeared before the Board to discuss her request to remove prior Order from Board's website and modify the prior Order due to length of time since order was issued.

After discussion with Ms. Stricker, the Board voted to deny the request to remove a valid Order from the website and to deny modification of prior Order.

**LORRAINE FOWLER LISW-CP #29 (Lapsed 12/31/2008)**

Ms. Fowler and her attorney Nekki Shutt appeared before the Board to discuss waiver of the examination requirement for relicensure.

After discussion with Ms. Fowler and Nekki Shutt, Esquire and review of the information presented, the Board voted to deny her request of an examination waiver as no discretion is provided to the Board for statute and administration of how renewal is to be undertaken. It is not specified within the statute and applicant was not stopped from applying for renewal, just not able to apply the way she preferred.

**HEARINGS:**

**Final Order Hearing OIE # 2013-1**

Presented to the Board by LLR Litigating Attorney Lauren Kearney. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

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

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

With a motion from Ms. Anker, seconded by Ms. Hammock, the Board voted the State has proven the four violations as alleged and would impose the sanctions of public reprimand, a fine of \$1500 to be paid within 90 days of the Order, and Respondent must appear before the Board if he seeks renewal or reinstatement of his South Carolina license.

**NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2015 in Room 105.**

**AJOURNMENT:**

The March 2, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 21:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Rion Alvey  
Assistant Deputy Director