

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

Board Meeting – May 16, 2011
Kingstree Bldg., Room 105
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Anker, Cassandra Brunson, Marjorie Hammock, Lynn Melton, Carolyn Morris, Scott Stephens.

OTHERS PRESENT: Patricia Glenn, Administrator; Sheliah Jones, Administrative Assistant; David Love, Investigator OIE; Cheryl McNair, Investigator OIE; Christa Bell, 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 20, 2010 Board Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT- LETTER FROM DIRECTOR: The Board discussed the Financial Report and letter from the Director.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT: The Board reviewed the OGC 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 #2010-12- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2010-14- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2010-16- Dismiss, no violation of practice act
Complaint #2010-18- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2010-20- Dismiss, no violation of practice act.
Complaint #2011-2- Dismiss with Letter of Caution.
Complaint #2010-11- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.
Complaint #2010-15- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.
Complaint #2010-19- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.
Complaint #2010-21- Violation of practice act, sent to OGC for Formal Complaint.
Complaint #2010-13- Sent back to IRC for further investigation

NOTICE OF DRAFTING OF REGULATION 100-10: The Board voted to approve the NOD and proceed with revision of Regulation 100-10.

FACE-TO-FACE SUPERVISION- The Board discussed setting guidelines for supervisors to provide face-to-face supervision by means of tele-video equipment. A board member committee was assigned to review DMH policy and ASWB input re: tele-video usage for board supervision and draw up guidelines.

ASWB MEETING- ASWB Spring meeting in Vancouver, Canada was discussed.

APPEARING:

Ada B. Antoine, LBSW applicant:

Ms. Antoine appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to questions #11 “Have you ever been involuntarily terminated from any social work or related employment?”

After discussion with Ms. Antoine and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Antoine to continue with the application process and approve her to sit for the bachelors examination for the LBSW license.

Abby K. Beckley, LISW-CP applicant;

Ms. Beckley appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question #11 “Have you ever been involuntarily terminated from any social work or related employment?”

After discussion with Ms. Beckley and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Beckley to continue with the application process and issue her the LISW-CP license.

Michelle A. Gallagher, LISW-CP applicant;

Ms. Gallagher appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question # 5 “Do you now hold or have you ever held a license, certificate or registration in social work that has been subject to disciplinary proceedings before a state regulatory body or had your license, certificate or registration suspended, revoked or limited in any way?” and question # 6 “ Have you ever been the subject of an inquiry by the Committee on Inquiry, or comparable committee of the NASW, a state NASW chapter, the National Federation of Societies for Clinical Social Work, a state Society for Clinical Social Work or any other regulatory committee of a professional association?”

After discussion with Ms. Gallagher and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Gallagher to continue with the application process and issue her the LISW-CP license.

Tonya L. James, LBSW applicant:

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

Darlene A. Levy, LISW-CP applicant:

Ms. Levy appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question #11 “Have you ever been involuntarily terminated from any social work or related employment?”

After discussion with Ms. Levy and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Levy to continue with the application process and issue her the LISW-CP license.

Nicole Sorrent, LMSW applicant:

Ms. Sorrent 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. Sorrent and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Sorrent to continue with the application process and approve her to sit for the Masters examination for the LMSW license.

David J. Shultz, LMSW Applicant:

Mr. Shultz appeared before the Board to discuss his “yes” answer to question #11 “Have you ever been involuntarily terminated from any social work or related employment?”

After discussion with Mr. Shultz and review of the professional references and information the Board voted not to approve his application request at this time. In order for him to proceed with the application process, the Board requests: 1. Specifics regarding his terminations from Midwest Center for Youth & Families in Kouts, IN and Behavioral Healthcare in Plymouth, IN. 2. Specifics regarding his mental health evaluation during his employment at Behavioral Healthcare in Plymouth, IN. 3. Information and Resume detailing his complete employment history. 4. Additional information regarding his mental health treatment history including official records.

Kylene A. Taylor, LMSW applicant:

Ms. Taylor appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question #8 “Are you currently or have you in the last 5 years been addicted to or used in excess, any drug or chemical substance including alcohol?” and question # 9 “Are you currently being treated or have you in the last 5 years been treated for a drug or alcohol abuse or participated in a rehabilitation program?”

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

Valerie E. Tyndall, LMSW applicant:

Ms. Tyndall appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question #8 “Are you currently or have you in the last 5 years been addicted to or used in excess, any drug or chemical substance including alcohol?” and question # 9 “Are you currently being treated or have you in the last 5 years been treated for a drug or alcohol abuse or participated in a rehabilitation program?” and questions #10 “Do you currently have any 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. Tyndall and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Tyndall to continue with the application process and approve her to sit for the master’s level examination for the LMSW license. (Jane Anker recused herself from the discussion and vote.)

Matthew D. Whitis, LMSW applicant:

Mr. Whitis appeared before the Board to discuss his “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 Mr. Whitis and review of the professional references and information he presented, the Board voted to allow Mr. Whitis to continue with the application process and approve him to sit for the master’s level examination for the LMSW license.

Kristi Byrd, LMSW applicant:

Ms. Byrd appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question #11 “Have you ever been involuntarily terminated from any social work or related employment?”

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

Vicki M. Fitzgerald, LMSW applicant:

Ms. Fitzgerald 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. Fitzgerald and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Fitzgerald to continue with the application process and approve her to sit for the Masters examination for the LMSW license.

Teal V. Peoples, LISW-CP applicant:

Ms. Peoples 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. Peoples and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. Peoples to continue with the application process and issue her the LISW-CP license.

APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE:

The Board voted to approve all of the applicants eligible for licensure from September 1, 2010 through May, 1 2011 (see attached).

CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS:

The Board voted to approve the following Continuing Education Sponsors:

Sponsors Name: RACHEL CAROLINE PARKER-GAO, LMSW
Title of Training: “Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Schools”
Dates of Training: Various Dates in 2011 – Lexington, SC
Presenter: Rachel Caroline Parker-Gao, LMSW
Hours: **Three and Three Quarter (3.75) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: CARRYE LEE ADDONIZIO, LISW-CP
Title of Training: “Turning Your Life Around: Women’s Wellness Workshop”
Dates of Training: December 4, 2010 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Carrye Lee Addonizio, LISW-CP
Hours: **Four (4) Social Work Hours and One and Half (1.5) Non-Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: WINSTON’S WISH FOUNDATION
Title of Training: “Functional Analysis and Treatment of Severe Behavior Disorders”
Dates of Training: November 11 - 12, 2010 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Brian Iwata, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Hours: **Twelve (12) Non-Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: WINSTON’S WISH FOUNDATION
Title of Training: “Introduction to Verbal Behavior”
Dates of Training: January 11 -13, 2011 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Vincent Carbone, Ed.D., BCBA-D
Hours: **Twenty-one (21) Non-Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: AGAPE HOSPICE
Title of Training: “What If ? Am I Prepared”
Dates of Training: April 7, 2011 – West Columbia, SC
Presenter: Louise Stepp, LMSW
Clock Hours: **One and Half (1.5) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: PAMELA VON KLEIST, LISW-CP
Title of Training: “The Ties That Bind: Understanding Domestic Violence”
Dates of Training: June 17, 2011 – Greenville, SC
Presenter: Pamela von Kleist, LISW-CP
Hours: **Six (6) Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: WINSTON’S WISH FOUNDATION
Title of Training: “An Applied Behavior Analysis of “Choice””
Dates of Training: March 16, 2011 – Columbia, SC
Presenter: Timothy R. Vollmer, Ph.D., BCBA
Hours: **Six (6) Non-Social Work Hours**

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Sponsors Name: **I PRESENT SUCCESS**
Title of Training: "Exceptional Patient & Customer Care"
Dates of Training: TBA
Presenter: Debbie Strassburger, RN, LCCE
Hours: **One and Half (1.5) Non-Social Work Hours**

Sponsors Name: **UPSTATE NUTRITION CONSULTANTS**
Title of Training: "Spring Fling for Health Professionals"
Dates of Training: May 20, 2011
Presenter: Denise Parsons, ADC; Wendy D. Watkins, RD, LDN; Bonnie Noble Silberman, LMSW, C-ASWCM
Hours: **One (1) Social Work Hour and Two (2) Non-Social Work Hours**

AJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia F. Glenn
Administrator