

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
July 21, 2017**

Brent Villemarette, LCSW, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2017, in the conference room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, and Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant, were present for the entire meeting.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Judith Haspel, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Robert Showers, RSW, Brent Villemarette, LCSW, Paulette Walker, M.Ed., Public Member, and Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW.

John Shalett, LCSW, was absent.

Members of the public who attended the public portions of the meeting included Carmen Weisner.

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with an addition to Correspondence from Carmen Weisner, LCSW.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA Chapter, reported that the Chapter office has been receiving phone calls from social workers that did not complete the continuing education requirements by June 30, 2017. She advised that there is an increase in movement towards composite boards in other states. Kentucky has been able to deflect their governor's attempts. NASW-LA Chapter will support LABSWE by pushing to not be included in a composite board. Ms. Weisner advised that she is meeting with Ayn Stehr next week to discuss this issue. Lastly, she reported receiving seven letters of interest from LCSWs wanting to serve on the board, but has received none for the public member position.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2017, meeting as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Tina Smith, CSW**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to request that ASWB waive the 90-day wait between exams for Tina Smith due to her employment restrictions.

**Pine Grove Behavioral Health**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Pine Grove Behavioral Health to renew their designation as a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

**Tanya Stuart, Inc.**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Tanya Stuart, Inc. to become a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

**Jennifer Winters, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the job description submitted by Jennifer Winters as a social work position eligible for supervision towards the LCSW.

**Angela Tyrone, LCSW**

Board members considered an inquiry from Angela Tyrone relative to clients participating in a group that she participates. Board members recommended not participating in the group with clients because the dual relationship could compromise the therapeutic relationship.

**Jewish Family Services**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the 6.5 hour BACS supervision workshop upon receipt of documentation showing that multicultural issues are addressed.

**Christine Sotile, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to uphold the previous denial of Christine Sotile's request for remote supervision.

**Suzanne Hamilton, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to uphold the previous denial of Suzanne Hamilton's request for remote supervision.

**Florida Parishes Human Services Authority**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Florida Parishes Human Services Authority to become a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

**Kyle Gilrain, LCSW**

Board members considered an inquiry from Kyle Gilrain and advised that there is risk of being in violation of exploitation of a client by soliciting clients for agency.

## **Pathways to Emotional Wellness**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Pathways to Emotional Wellness to become a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

## **Carmen Weisner, LCSW**

Board members considered a letter Carmen Weisner submitted relative to supervision credit, turn-around time for form review and BACS renewal. Board members agreed that the turn-around time for form review has been excessive. They recommended that an article be included in the next newsletter to explain that credit is issued from the beginning date of supervision, as long as the Supervision Agreement/Plan of Supervision was submitted within 60 days, and not dependent on when the forms are approved. They further explained that the three hours of continuing education in clinical supervision are to be completed within two year increments and not two years from the date the BACS was received. The current collection period started July 1, 2016 and ends on June 30, 2018.

## **BOARD/STAFF ISSUES**

### **Consent Agreement and Orders for unlicensed practice**

Board members discussed Consent Agreement and Orders for unlicensed practice and how the disciplinary action is a permanent record. They agreed to add to the list of potential changes to the Practice Act a statute regarding temporary practice while waiting for an application to be approved.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. for the following reasons:

to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting, and/or to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: Judith Haspel, yes; Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Robert Showers, RSW, Paulette Walker, yes; Brent Villemarette, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:24 p.m. to make the following motions.

### **Impaired Professional Program**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the report submitted by Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny the request for a meeting made by LJ and to advise that he can seek another evaluation from an IPP-approved provider within 60 days.

### **Disciplinary Monitoring Report**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the disciplinary report prepared by Regina Dewitt, Administrative Assistant.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried to, release Kiandra Lee from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

### **New Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-202** and to refer for investigation. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(4), (7) and (11) and Rules 111(H)(1), 113(A), 113(A)(1), (5) and (6), 113(B), 113(B), 113(B)(1), (3), (4), (9) and 117(A).

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-203**.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-204** and to request a written response. Possible violations include Rule 111(H)(2) and (3).

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-205** and to request a written explanation and a criminal background check. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(3) and Rule 117(E).

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-206**.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-207**.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-208**.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-219**.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-220** and to request a written response and all official court documents.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-1** and to request a written response. Possible violations include Rules 107(D) and 113(A)(1).

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-2** and to send it for investigation. Possible violations include Rules 113(A)(5) and (6), 113(B)(3) and (4) and 117(A).

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-3** and to request a written response. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2709 and Rule 303(A).

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2018-4**.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-5** (self-report) and to require social worker to keep the board apprised of the disposition of her probation.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-6** and to request a written response. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and Rules 107(B), 111(H)(2) and (3), 111(G)(5) and 115(A).

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2018-7**.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2018-8** and to request a written response and all official court documents.

### **Pending Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-16**.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2015-93** with a letter of education.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-56**.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-83** with a letter of education.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-88**.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-155**.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-178**.

### **Continuing Education Requests**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to allow Donna Sargent to obtain more than ten hours via distance learning because of her extenuating circumstances.

### **Applications**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to table Shandreka Atwater's RSW application until the board can review a notarized explanation of her 2010 arrest and proof of dismissal of the charges in 2014.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application submitted by Keyandra Griffin and to offer her a compliance hearing

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the LMSW application submitted by Missy Malone upon receiving documentation that she is not practicing social work without a credential.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve Shandell Simmons' LMSW application conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve Simone Hulbert's LMSW application conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW endorsement application submitted by Rachael Myers because she has not met the LCSW requirements and to offer her a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application submitted by John O'Shee and to offer him a compliance hearing. Board members are requesting that Mr. O'Shee submit documentation that he completed probation from 2015 charge.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for registration as a Registered Social Worker:

Alford, Victoria  
Alzheimer, Velario  
Armstrong, Lenette  
Brown, Jade  
Carter, Anya  
Collier, Lindsey  
Delrie, Daisy  
Eugene III, Richard  
Gatson, Phylcia  
Green, Kasha  
Holland, Romel  
Hollingsworth, Breona  
Jones, Deric  
Kyle, Nakeisha  
Lancaster, Nanette  
Williams, Charles

Lee, Calina L.  
McKinnon, Anna  
Mitchell, Kathi Jo  
Mock, Alli  
Murray, Chavontaa  
Price, Katina  
Qualls, Victoria  
Saleh, Ilham  
Sanders, Nicolas  
Simmons, Rechelle  
Smith, Furnance  
Smith, Jessica  
Thomas, Nicole  
Tordiff, Jeffrey  
Van Buren, Shantinee

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for registration as a Registered Social Worker pending receipt of their official transcript:  
Brossett, Kirstin

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for Certified Social Worker certification and to grant approval for the applicants to sit for the ASWB Masters examination for licensing as a Licensed Master Social Worker:

Adams, Yolanda N.  
Bernard, Kaylyn  
Burch-Celentano, Paula B.  
Burrows, Jamia P.  
Caillier, Dehon L.  
Conley, Alana M.  
Davis, Ciera M.  
Davis, Dominique G.  
De La Llama, Victoria A.  
Ermler, Suzette A.  
Evans, India  
Finesilver-Saunders, Sararose  
Gauthier, Danielle M.  
Howze, Francis S.  
Iles, Brittany N.  
Johnson, Kyra L.  
Lakey, Marchanda J.  
McKinnies, Janier S.

Moore, Brittany A.  
Moten, Chenoa M.  
Najder, Andrew B.  
Proctor, LaNita L.  
Reichel, Whitney L.  
Resha, Kayce L.  
Rocky, David A.  
Rowan, Bianca S.  
Steptore, Amanda K.  
Thomas, Fermine  
Thomassie, Cerris C.  
Toliver, Tiffiany N.  
Tordoff, Kristin  
Turner, Brendan  
Williams, Terrinesha V.  
Woods, Jada D.  
Wright, Britney D.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Master Social Work:

Ratcliff, Amber A. (END-MS)

**Motion** was made by Judith Haspel, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for Certified Social Worker certification and to grant approval for the applicants to sit for the ASWB Masters examination for licensing as a Licensed Master Social Worker pending receipt of their official transcript:

Barrera, Denise

Kudrecki, Christine

Bayham, Rachel

Watt, Anna

Chazin, Keith

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical exam for licensing as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker:

Brown, Cheryl A.

Ledoux, Melissa C.

Butler-Hebert, Anice L.

Martin, Callie L.

Castillo, Philip E.

Mumphrey, Rachel A.

Davenport, Charron C.

Robinson, Evelyn D.

Didier, Jennifer I.

Shaw, Elizabeth B.

Escoto, Jessica B.

Simpson, Tasha N.

Francis, Fiona

Smith, Cody E.

Gallup, Kristan B. (MSW Testing Only)

Smith, Tammara T.

Johnson, Takandra A.

Williams, Kaziah S.

Kirby, Harold D. (END-OR)

Wright, Amy L.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Judith Haspel and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Clinical Social Work:

Hebert, Holly (END-CA)

Morgan-Fullilove, Beverly (END-VA)

Hector, Jessica D. (END-TX)

Roser, Stephen F. (END-TX)

Hitt-Haws, Erika (END-WA)

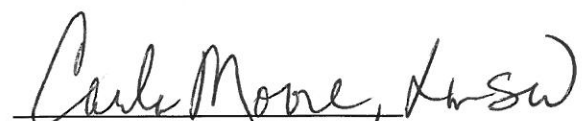
Woodrell, Beverly A. (END-DC)

McCray, Whitney (END-TX)

Wright, Andrea M. (END-CT)

**Adjourned** at 1:40 p.m.

  
Brent Villemarette, LCSW  
Vice-Chairperson

  
Carla Moore, LMSW  
Secretary-Treasurer