

BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
Minutes of the Meeting
September 15, 2006

The Board of Licensed Social Workers met on September 15, 2006 at the office of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, 5104 North Francis Avenue, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and Open Meeting Act of Oklahoma.

Members present:

Jeff Chace, Chair
Toni Lempicki, Vice Chair
Elaine Eddens
Eunice McDowell
Gwendolyn Gibson

Members not present:

Joy Leuthard

Also present:

Debra Schwartz, Assistant Attorney General
Kandi Hoehner, Administrative Staff
Linda Edmondson, Board Consultant
Jan Ewing, Medical Board Deputy Director
Lyle Kelsey, Medical Board Executive Director
Reji Varghese, Medical Board Business Manager

Noting that a quorum was present, Mr. Chace called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Elizabeth Ashton, LCSW appeared before the Board requesting that her probation be allowed to expire. Tom Sosbee, Compliance and Education Coordinator for the Medical Board also was present. Mr. Sosbee reported that she had successfully completed the terms of her probation and it was his recommendation that the probation be terminated. Ms. Eddens moved to terminate the probation of Elizabeth Ashton. Ms. McDowell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Debra Schwartz, A.A.G. will prepare an Order terminating probation and Ms. Hoehner will notify DARS Federal Database of the termination.

Jack Fortenberry, applicant for LCSW, appeared at the Board's request to respond to a complaint from his previous supervisor, Gina Filkins. Mr. Fortenberry addressed charges in the complaint stating that the problems began after he requested compensation for office work he provided even though no clients were seen. Mr. Fortenberry also stated he was given mental health cases that were over his head. He denied leaving work without permission and refusing to sign patient charts and did admit to stating "to look in the briefcase, you will have to knock me out". Mr. Fortenberry is now working at Tri-City and has completed his supervision. Ms. Lempicki moved to enter into Executive Session. Ms. Eddens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Ms. Gibson moved to return to open session. Ms. Lempicki seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Ms. McDowell moved that

Jack Fortenberry remain in clinical supervision for a two year period and during that period he avail himself of face to face, mental health content workshops for a total of 38 hours, which includes the 6 hours of ethics. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Mr. Fortenberry still has his LMSW and was told he could withdraw his application for LCSW or let it remain tabled. Mr. Fortenberry said he would like to have his application remain tabled.

Beth Venus appeared in person to report on the additional supervision as required by the Board. A complaint on boundary violations was the reason for the additional supervision. Ms. Venus stated she was meeting with Susie Ewing once a week, attended a workshop on boundary issues and was focusing on appropriate use of self. Mr. Chace encouraged her to take some border-line personality disorder workshops. No action was taken.

Mr. Varghese reported on the Central Purchasing Procurement Audit (*Attachment 1*), stating the only finding was that the Board needed to submit a purchasing procedure. The Board reviewed the purchasing procedure prepared by Mr. Varghese (*Attachment 2*). Ms. Lempicki moved to approve the procedure. Ms. Eddens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The Board also reviewed the financial report (*Attachment 3*). No action was taken.

Ms. Eddens moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Ms. McDowell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Ms. Lempicki moved to enter into Open Session. Ms. McDowell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace reported that he would be negotiating the salary with Kandi Hoehner and offer her the position of Administrator.

The Board reviewed a written report from **Tanja Dougherty** on her additional supervision as required by the Board. Mr. Chace stated that he did send her a letter telling her not to do the support group as was discussed at the last meeting. No action was taken.

Preston Howard was required to obtain additional supervision. Mr. Chace reported he has completed his supervision but not the continuing education. No action was taken.

Lahoma Roebuck had previously requested waiver of the continuing education requirements for 2006 renewal. The Board sent her a letter noting that if she obtained CE for her Maryland license that could be used for Oklahoma renewal. She has responded that she did not have the CE and submitted a new application. After discussion, Ms. Lempicki moved to accept her 2006 renewal. Ms. Eddens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Sharon Wollard is licensed in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. In 2002 a complaint was filed in Kansas and a Consent Agreement entered into. Staff has asked for a copy of the Order. No action was taken.

Ms. Lempicki took over as Chair and Mr. Chace presented application.

Mr. Chace moved to issue a LMSW to **Leigh Ann Papin**. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve **Erika Lauren Kelly** for LMSW pending passing the examination and to issue a provisional license. Ms. Eddens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve **Watt Osage** and **Don Smith** for LMSW pending passing the examination. Ms. McDowell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve the following for LCSW:

Andrew C. Allen
Regine Anderson
Tracee Paulson
Glenda F. Short
Gidget White

Ms. Gibson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve the following for LCSW pending passing the examination:

Raymond Mills Blanchey, Jr.
Charley Farley
Billie Hanes
Renel S. Johnson
Jerrilea Miller
Michelle Y. Price
William C. Stephens

Ms. Eddens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve the following for LCSW pending passing the examination and to issue a provisional license:

Kerry T. Harlin
Kary Held
Angelin Week
Jamie Smith
LaKeesha Smith
Sherilyn Walton

Ms. McDowell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve **Amy Humphrey** for LCSW pending passing the examination, in which a learning disability accommodation will be made, and to issue a provisional. Ms. Eddens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve **Taylor M. Jackson** for LCSW pending passing the examination and receipt of the original termination of supervision and supervisee's evaluation of supervisor forms and to issue a provisional license. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve **Anjanette Lavery** and **Magdalena M. Leon** for LCSW pending passing the examination and receipt of original termination of supervision forms and to issue a provisional license. Ms. McDowell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve **Maria Lopez** for LCSW pending passing the examination and receipt of original termination and supervisee's evaluation of supervisor forms and to issue a provisional license. Ms. Eddens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve **Patricia Noah** for LCSW pending passing the examination and to issue a provisional license. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve **Charlotte Simmons** for LCSW pending passing the examination and receipt of comments on the supervisee's evaluation of supervisor form and to issue a provisional license. Ms. Eddens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve **Deadra Watkins** for LCSW pending passing the examination and receipt of comments on the supervisee's evaluation of supervisor form and to issue a provisional license. Ms. Eddens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve the following as Board Approved Supervisor/Clinical Specialty and require them to take the Board Approved Supervisor Training within one year:

Wendy Bratten
LaDonna Hammond
Ashley Schneeberg
Jerry Charles Toops
Julie Winkel

Ms. Gibson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to table the application of **J. Grey McKellar** for Board Approved Supervisor as he lacks five months of post-masters experience. Ms. McDowell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Chace moved to approve **Lori Franklin** and **Andrea S. Grosvald** for Board Approved Supervisor/Clinical Specialty pending receipt of one additional reference letter and require them to take the Board Approved Supervisor Training within one year. Ms. McDowell seconded the motion and the vote is recorded as follows:

Jeff Chace	Yes
Toni Lempicki	Abstain
Elaine Eddens	Yes
Eunice McDowell	Yes
Gwendolyn Gibson	Yes

Ms. Edmondson reported that all pages and forms on the website have been reviewed and changes noted. The newsletter will need to go out by October 1, 2006. The current rules require agency supervisors to take the Board Approved Supervisor Training by 2007 and every three years thereafter. It was Ms. Edmondson's recommendation that when a new agency supervisor submits a contract for supervision they would have one year to take the training as is the procedure for Board Approved Supervisors. The Board agreed to this procedure. This Spring the Board conducted a training session in Tulsa. A Fall training will not be held because of the one offered by NASW and OU School of Social Work.

The Board revisited a request from ASWB to accept copies of documents, specifically transcripts, for the credentialing process they are offering applicants. A sample packet was reviewed. The Board agreed they could not accept a copy as the law requires an official transcript.

Mr. Chace requested the Board to consider approving a Supervisor Training Seminar sponsored by the University of Oklahoma School of Social Work, to be held November 2006. Ms. Eddens moved to accept the training. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion and the vote was recorded as follows:

Jeff Chace	Yes
Toni Lempicki	Yes
Elaine Eddens	Yes
Eunice McDowell	Abstain
Gwendolyn Gibson	Yes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 7, 2006 meeting and the August 25, 2006 special meeting. Mr. Chace noted a correction in the July 7 minutes that the Board required Jack Fortenberry to make an appearance at the September meeting. Ms. Lempicki moved to approve the July 7 minutes as corrected and the August 25 minutes. Ms. Eddens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Returning to the issue of ASWB's request, Ms. McDowell moved not to accept the packets offered by the ASWB SW Registry. Ms. Eddens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Under correspondence received, the Board reviewed a letter from Jerry Shephard asking for acceptance of his degree, which was obtained on-line through Texas State University. There was also a letter from CSWE stating that the SW degree from Texas State University was accredited, however, it was not clear if that included the on-line degree. The Board requested clarification from CSWE whether or not the on-line degree is accredited. Once that is received the Board would decide whether it was acceptable.

The Board reviewed a letter from David Hare who was the supervisor for Delaine Alley. Ms. Alley will be appearing before the Board in November. The Nebraska Board had asked Mr. Hare to verify his supervision of Ms. Alley and his question was whether there was a rule to prevent him from doing this and whether Ms. Alley should communicate directly with the Oklahoma Board to have her supervision hours transferred. The Board agreed that the supervision was not complete as the completion of supervision form had not been received, however, there was no rule preventing him from verifying his supervision of Ms. Alley to Nebraska.

There was no report from the Chair

Under New Business, Ms. Lempicki asked about the difference between an Agency Supervisor and a Board Approved Supervisor. A Board Approved Supervisor is required to have more experience. The Board discussed looking at possible rule changes on this issue and also to having an Inactive License.

Ms. Edmondson stated that the OMFA was requiring drug and alcohol work to be performed by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor. It is the Board's opinion that licensed social workers may perform this work without additional licensure.

Mr. Chace reported that he received a complaint on Bryan Post who has a website that misrepresents his credentials. It shows him as having a doctorate in social work, which he does not. Mr. Chace sent him a letter telling him to take this off of his website. The complainant has also called the newspapers and he wanted to the Board to be aware of the situation.

There being no further business, Ms. Lempicki moved to adjourn. Ms. McDowell seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.