BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2024
10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, February 12, 2024, at the Social Work Licensing Board, 5800 West 10th, Little Rock, AR 72204. Elizabeth Crone called the meeting to order and read the Mission Statement.

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Crone, LCSW (Chair)
Shani Patterson, LSW
Michael Parker, LCSW
Anna Cook, LMSW (Board Secretary)
Susan Reasoner (Vice-chair)
Betty Guhman

Board Members Absent: Robert Martineau

Board Attorney: Lacie Kirchner

Board Staff: Chere’ Johnson, Administrative Specialist III
Kristen Allen, Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 8, 2024, board meeting were reviewed. Susan Reasoner made a motion to approve the minutes. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Complaint 2023-19 – Pending.

Complaint 2023-21 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-01 – Pending.

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Motion made by: Betty Guhman
2nd by: Michael Parker
Board Chair
Complaint FY24-02 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-03 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-05 – Complaint Committee recommended a letter of warning and 9 hours of CEUs. Betty Guhman made a motion to approve the recommendation. Susan Reasoner seconded the motion.

Complaint FY24-06 – Complaint Committee recommended dismissal. Betty Guhman made a motion to approve the recommendation. Susan Reasoner seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint FY24-07 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-08 – Complaint Committee recommended dismissal. Anna Cook made a motion to approve the dismissal. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint FY24-09 – Complaint Committee recommended a letter of warning and 9 hours of CEUs. Anna Cook made a motion to approve the recommendation. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint FY24-10 – Complaint Committee recommended dismissal. Anna Cook made a motion to approve the dismissal. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint FY24-11 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-12 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-13 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-14 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-15 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-16 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-17 – Pending.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review of Standing Financial Reports:**

Anna Cook reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, Revenue Reconciliation Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. Betty Guhman made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Michael Parker seconded the motion, which carried.
Administrative Report on Applications:

The Board reviewed 74 applications. Michael Parker made a motion to approve the 74 applications. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Lilly Harrop  
LaChonsance Moore  
Amber Scott

Anakah Hunck  
Bessie Nazeem  
Angela Williams

Stacy Lewis-Lawson  
Crystal Parker-Cochrane

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

None

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

Ketina Witherspoon

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Ivory Crockett  
Gabrielle Dennis  
LaKese Henry  
Bre’Yunna Lovato  
Chelsey Mills  
Quintinta Owens  
Katelyn Slater  
Tiana Wesley

Katey Crutchfield  
Melissa Gregory  
Sallie Baylee-Eli Kelly  
Destini Martinez  
Valeria Moss  
Daysi Portillo  
Tiffany Thomas  
Morgan Wilburn

Abigale Dawson  
Arwen Hawks  
Chelsea Kiani  
Catherine McKnight  
Addonya Nelson  
Karinne Ruff  
LaBrooke Turner

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

Cynthia Bailey  
Natasha Haight  
Rhea Wren

Mia Creswell  
Janelle Van Benthem

Jana Dye  
Carneisha Washington

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None
LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Rusty Armstrong  Allison Bean  Kelsey Bell
Evelyn Castillo  Tomeika Clark  Anna Cone
Dinesha Darrough  Terrisue Dykes  Emma Elliott
Barron Griffin  Briana Harrison  Arwen Hawks
Amy Johnson  Tamiko Johnson  Hannah Lewis
Anna Rand  April Robertson  Jason Thompson
Justice White  William Blake Williams  Elizabeth Wolfe

Endorsement

Lori Bacon  Jenna Bingham  Ebony Booker
Margaret Braunfeld  Percival Fisher  Rachel Hunter
Mark Jensen  Ashlee Kinas  Najean Lucky
Melissa Moore  Janica Patrick  Kizzy Rogers
Dennis Shelby  Lisa Staab  Tammie Walker

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 161 applications for license renewal since the last board meeting. Betty Guhman made a motion to approve the 161 renewals. Anna Cook seconded the motion, which carried.

ActionTaken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board affirmed 15 random continuing education audits. Michael Parker made a motion to approve all 15 audits. Michael Parker made a motion to approve all 15 of the audits. Susan Reasoner seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Reviews:

The Board reviewed 43 supervision plans. Five of the 43 supervision plans required clarification. Michael Parker made a motion to approve 38 of the supervision plans. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Certificates of Registration:

There were no Certificate of Registration Applications.
Other Business:

Kristen Allen will be going before the Administrative Rules Subcommittee on February 15, 2024, for the final rule regarding Rule II: Application Procedures.

The board received a letter from Vicky Simpson with the VA who expressed interest if the board had any statements or documents related to the Reproductive Health Act. The board suggested obtaining more clarification on the legislation and what legal requirements are included. Kristen Allen will be getting more clarification of the legislation.

Chere' Johnson brought two late supervision appeals before the board. Michael Parker made a motion to deny both appeals. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Chere' Johnson presented an appeal for a late renewal where the social worker had to complete all CEUs online due to illness. The social worker had a letter from her physician recommending she not leave her home due to reduce exposure. Shani Patterson made a motion to accept the appeal. Betty Guhman seconded the motion, which carried.

Kristen Allen brought before the board a concern by an LCSW about clinics using Licensed “Clinical” Social Worker in the state. The concern was that the credentials were written out on signs outside of clinics. The board discussed that it was important to clarify the credential for Arkansas Certified Social Workers. Kristen offered to do an email reminder to all Arkansas LCSWs.

The meeting was dismissed at 12:00.