BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, June 12, 2023, at the Social Work Licensing Board, 5800 West 10th, Little Rock, AR 72204. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, Vice Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order and read the Mission Statement.

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Crone, LCSW
Dr. Raymond Molden, Psychiatrist
Vorandol Stinyard, Senior Representative
Shani Patterson, LSW
Susan Reasoner, LCSW
Betty Guhman, Public Representative
Kristin Agar, LCSW
Tammy Charlton, LMSW

Board Members Absent: Tammy Vaughn, LMSW

Board’s Attorney: Sara Farris, Assistant Attorney General

Board’s Staff: Chere’ Johnson, Administrative Specialist III

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the May 8, 2023, Board meeting were reviewed. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vorandol Stinyard, seconded the motion, which carried.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Complaint 2023-14 – The Board received and review a complaint filed against Jessica Garcia. The Complaint Committee recommended a nine (9) month probation period with six (6) hours of continuing education. Upon reviewing the complaint, the Board requested that Ms. Garcia appear before the Board. Ms. Garcia admitted to false billing and took responsibility for her actions and apologized to the Board. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement. Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Motion made by: [Signature]
2nd by: [Signature]
Board Chair: [Signature]
Complaint 2023-19 – Pending.

Complaint 2023-22 – Pending.

Complaint 2023-25 – Pending.

Complaint 2023-26 – Pending.

Complaint 2023-27 – Pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss Retired License:

Shani Patterson, LSW, brought up the suggestion from a colleague about a retired license. The Board discussed and will do some research before the next session when laws can be changed.

Review License Request from Non-Citizen:

An individual had written the Board to discuss the possibility of receiving a license without citizenship or work permit. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to deny the request. Shani Patterson, LSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from NASW:

Holly Barron the Director the Arkansas National Association of Social Workers had written the Board requesting clarification on a couple of items. One question was if there is a law or rule that says an LCSW supervisor cannot be the boss or have power to hire/fire those they are supervising. The Board does not have any such law or rule. The second question was regarding macro social work students regarding the language for seeking LCSW. The law defines the scope of practice of LCSW’s, which includes macro practice. The Guidelines for LCSW Supervision and the Rules do require the LMSW to be employed in a clinical master’s level position to gain the knowledge necessary for becoming qualified to practice independently in a clinical setting. Macro level practice does not meet the requirements for independent clinical practice. The Board will consider law changes in the future regarding a license level for macro practice.

Review Request from the Veteran’s Association:

A request was made by the Veteran’s Association regarding their social workers administrating Naloxone. Kirstin Agar, LCSW, made a motion to approve if the social worker is properly trained. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Carrie Davis:

Carrie Davis had written the Board requesting an extension to renew her license. After reviewing extensive documentation and based on the extenuating circumstances, Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, made a motion to grant the request. Kirstin Agar, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried. Ms. Davis to be granted 60-days from her expiration date to renew her license.

Review Request from Karen Fullen:
Karen Fullen had written the Board regarding her expired license. Based on the extenuating circumstances and documentation, Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, made a motion to reinstate Ms. Fullen’s license. Shani Patterson, LSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Background Check Waiver Request:**

The Board considered brief information on a criminal background check. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, made a motion to table the application until the court case has been settled, Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Question About Animal Support Letters:**

The Board reviewed a request from an LCSW about writing a letter for an emotional support animal. After reviewing Federal laws, the Board agreed it was possible for an LCSW to write an animal support letter.

**Review of Standing Financial Reports:**

Betty Guhman reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, Revenue Reconciliation Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from May 2023. Ms. Guhman presented that the balance was out by $54.18. This amount was noted by Ms. Bain, the director. Ms. Bain has been out of the office and was not able to review the amount prior to the meeting. An update will be given at the next meeting. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to accept the reports as presented, with the Warrant Detail and Trial Balance being out $54.18. Shani Patterson, LSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Applications:**

Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, motion a motion to affirm the application approvals issued by the Board.

**LSW Applications:**

**Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:**

- Twyneisha Allen
- Kirk Mitchell Duboise
- Aisling Aila Hearne
- Tommi Lynn Ballance
- Sarah Jean Gamez
- Cheryl Jones
- Jahna Alexis Caines
- Erin Hartley
- Riley Paige Sisson

**Approved to take the Exam:**

- Tanya Mitchell

**Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:**

- None

**Denied or Withdrawn Applications:**

- None

**LMSW Applications:**
Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Brittany Nicole Barnes
Monique Bristol
Ta-Tanisha Caffey
Layne Coleman
William Amos Cravey
Noah Howard Eggensperger
Alexis Hope Gershon
Janai Rikole Gray
Laura Ann Hardin
Disreal L Herron
Magenta Shae Holland
Keisha Mariet Houston
Emma Margarita Hunt
Kaitlyn Johnson
Colby Lynn Kelley
Hanna Lynn Kuehn
Anna Long
Aarionna Mason
Kelsea Marie McGee
Katie Millard
Gracie Elaine Montelongo
Jessica Erin Pace
Candy Mechelle Phillips
Denisse M Pollo
Misty Dawn Roberts
Sara Ruth Slemmons
Macie Stringer
Aubriauna Thomas
Amy Nicole Treadway
Rosalind Wallace
Keith Wayne Whaley
Kristin Marie Williams
Ze'Ann Stormie Windle
Hannah Worsham
Emily Frances Bautista
Samantha Frances Bautista
Tammy Nicole Brown
Tammy D Carpenter
Caitanya Marie Cook
Griselda P Delgado Torres
Kristin Eislentraut
Heidi Anna Gillmore
Ashley Nicole Greene
Faith M Henson
Grace Elaine Hill
Maegan Holloway
Robin Danielle Howerton
Laurie A James
Emily Lizett Jones
Caroline Kerr
Natasha Nicole Leach
Brenda Yadira Martinez
Angela L McCord
Lindsay Meins
Jessica Miller
Weston Allen Moore
Caeley Peterson
Gennifer Pohovey
Ronseha Cahrdae Profit
Sandra Nicole Schenk
Phillip Stephens
Jordan Clair Taylor
Cassondra Jade Tidwell-Basham
Jacquelyn Jadeann Vaden
Kylie Marissa Watkins
Kelsey Widener
Mary Hadley Williams
Kelly Renee Wood
Lacystal C Young
Hannah Brewer
Tewanna Sheneka Brunson
Jaclyn Victoria Clift
Abby Jewell Cox
Ty’Teion Duncan
Chelsea Fagan
Maria Therese Grace
Allyson Renee Greenlee
Melissa Leigh Herrington
Julia Hofheimer
Katelyn Hosman
Tiffany Hudson
Ashlyn Marie Johnson
Nicholas Ryan Jones
Chloe Frances Kilcrease
Octavia Lloyd
Maria Areli Martinez
Robert J McCord
Sara Faith Michael
Claudia Miroslava Montante Hernandez
Kristin Marley Morrison
Avis K Phifer
Aretha Poindexter
Katherine Roberts
Mary Beth Shelton
Michael Joseph Stoecker
Courtney Elaine Thessing
Tareane Odesha Toney
Tarah Brianne Vardamp
Jonathan Gabriel Webb
Hanna Skye Williams
Wendy Sands Wilson
Hannah Grace Wooten
Patricia Ann Young

Approved to take the Exam:

Michelle Jean Donham
Lasonia Denise Dozier
Heather LeRae Edge

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

Autumn Nicole Pierce

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None
LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

- August Miriah-Leah Bruce
- Rebekah Ann Coursey
- Christy Sandlin Hill
- Brooklyn Montgomery
- Stephanie Caitlyn Shaw
- Pat J Bruno
- Madison Nicole Dickerson
- Kayse L Krouse
- Freddy Russell Nail
- Jessica Louise Starkey
- Frances Carreon
- Alex Edwards
- Janet D Lewis
- Chinishe Ray
- Angela Marie Young

Endorsement

- Starlett R Armstrong
- Steven W Pharis
- Michelle Lynn Buxton
- Autumn Nicole Pierce
- Shawndell Marie Eddington
- Bridgett Danielle Price

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 117 applications for license renewal since the last board meeting. Shani Patterson, LSW, made a motion to affirm the renewals. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board affirmed 12 random continuing education audits. Betty Guhman made a motion to approve all 12 of the audits. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Reviews:

The Board reviewed 26 supervision plans. Shani Patterson, LSW, made a motion to approve 25 of the supervision plans reviewed. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried. One (1) plan is pending clarification.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chere' Johnson presented information on the fee changes that go into effect on July 1, 2023.

Board Members were reminded about a meeting on the Social Work Compact that would take place soon. Members were requested to participate if possible.

Susan Reasoner, LCSW, recommended the Board discuss rules concerning impaired professionals. Kirstin Agar, LCSW, said she would be glad to do some research. This will be an ongoing discussion.
There being no other business, Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion, which carried.