CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, August 9, 2021, at the Social Work Licensing Board, 5800 West 10th, Suite 906, Little Rock, Arkansas. Debra Gage Hurd, PhD, LSW, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order and read the Mission Statement.

Board Members Present: Debra Gage Hurd, PhD, LSW
Elizabeth Crone, LCSW
Tammy Charlton, LMSW
Dr. Raymond Molden, Psychiatrist

Board Members Absent: Vorandol Stinyard, Senior Representative
Susan Reasoner, LCSW
Betty Guhman, Public Representative
Tammy Vaughn, LMSW
Kristin Agar, LCSW

Board’s Attorney: Lacie Kirchner

Board’s Staff: Ruthie Bain, Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the July 12, 2021, Board meeting were reviewed. Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion, which carried.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Complaint Committee reported on the following complaints:

Complaint 2021-19 – Pending
Complaint 2021-21 – Pending
Complaint 2021-22 – Pending
NEW BUSINESS:

Review Waiver Requests:

The Board had no requests for a waiver.

Review ASWB Request for Nonstandard Testing Arrangements:

The Board received five (5) requests from ASWB for special arrangements. All five (5) requests were approved.

Review Changes to the Rules:

The Board reviewed changes made to the Law in the General Session for 2021. Some of the changes required changes to the Arkansas Social Work Rules. Dr. Raymond Molden made a motion to accept the changes as proposed. Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Review FY21 Annual Report:

The Board reviewed the FY21 Annual Report and supporting documents. Debra Gage Hurd, PhD, LSW, made a motion to approve the Report as presented. Tammy Charlton, LMSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Review FY21 Financial Report:

The Board reviewed the FY21 Financial Report and supporting documents. Dr. Raymond Molden made a motion to approve the Report as presented. Tammy Charlton, LMSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Consent Agreement 2020-22

Brian William O’Gary, LCSW, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board that was approved on August 10, 2020. Mr. O’Gary has met all the stipulations of his Consent Agreement in accordance with the Order. Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, made a motion to remove Mr. O’Gary from probation on August 10, 2021. Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion, which carried.

Review of Standing Financial Reports:

Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from July 2021. Dr. Raymond Molden made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Tammy Charlton, LMSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Tammy Charlton, LMSW, made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:
Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

- Cole Brisco
- Kim Hughes
- Meredith S Simmons

Approved to take the Exam:

None

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

- Kelly Vasquez

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

- Kendria Iasha Barnes
- Ritika Dubey
- Brittany Taylor Furr
- Michelle Green
- Zachary Allen Hale
- Brittany Raven Jordan
- Shalawn Moore
- April Anne Robertson
- Christina Styer
- Gregory Allen Turner
- Chelsie Andrea Vanek
- Niketta C White

Approved to take the Exam:

- Angela Michelle Artis
- Lindy Ann Landreaux
- Monica Miller
- Sarah Rivera
- Leandro James Tafoya

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

- Brian Christopher Berkemeyer
- Angela Nicole DiPonio
- Amy Melissa Greene
- Adam Nathaniel Persenaire
- Madison Kristine Slinkard
- Christy Shanetta Smith
- Austin Matthew Tisdale
- Amandaea Rhiannon Walsh
- Sharon R Ware
- Destiny Francesca Warner
Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Valoria E Ealy
Victor Elliot Furtick
Michael D Hinton
Christina Phillips

Rebecca Edwards
Maria Faye P Gonzales
Anh Lai-O’Connell
Karole Denise Shorter

Andrea Jordan Foerster
Kimberly Harper
Shawna Marie Morasco
Heather Srncik

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

Robert Elvin Hanson

Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 137 applications for license renewal. Debra Gage Hurd, PhD, LSW, made a motion to approve all 137 of the renewals. Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed 8 random continuing education audits. Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, made a motion to approve seven (7) of the audits and send a letter of Caution to one (1). Tammy Charlton, LMSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed 32 supervision plans. Debra Gage Hurd, PhD, LSW, made a motion to approve 21 of the supervision plans. Tammy Charlton, LMSW, seconded the motion, which carried. Eleven of the Supervision Plans reviewed required clarification.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business, Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion, which carried.