CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, May 9, 2022, at the Social Work Licensing Board, 5800 West 10th, Little Rock, AR 72204. Tammy Charlton, LMSW, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order and read the Mission Statement.

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

Board Members Absent: Betty Guhman, Public Representative

Board’s Attorney: Lacie Kirchner

Board’s Staff: Ruthie Bain, Director
Chere’ Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 11, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kristin Agar, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Complaint 2022-10 and 2022-14 have been combined since they are the same complaint. After full review by the Complaint Committee, the Committee recommended the social worker be sent a Consent Agreement for Revocation of her license. Keri Lynn Henson violated Ark. Code Ann. §17-103-305(a)(3), Board Rule X. Code of Ethics Standard G. Client Relationships and Board Rule XI. Unprofessional Conduct, Subsection L, in that she had an inappropriate, dual relationship of a sexual nature with the parent of a client/former client. Ms. Henson signed agreeing to the Consent revoking her license. Elizabeth Crone,
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LCSW, made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint 2022-12, Pending

Complaint 2022-15, Pending

Case FY22-4768 - After full review by the Board, It was recommended the social worker be sent a Letter of Caution for failing to provide CEU’s in as required by an audit. The social worker signed the Letter of Caution which will be placed in his file but is non-disciplinary. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to accept the signed Letter of Caution. Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Possible Changes to the Law for the 2023 Session:

Health Department Agencies have until May 15, 2022, to submit any proposed changes to Law. Currently the only change noted was to correct the wording of “Good Moral Character” as according to Act 990 of 2019. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, made a motion to send the proposed change to the Health Department for review. Kristin Agar, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Spring Meeting:

Ruthie Bain, Director, and Betty Guhman, Public Board Member, attended the ASWB Spring Education Meeting. Ms. Guhman attended as a member of the ASWB Regulatory Education and Leadership Committee. Ms. Guhman moderated “ASWB Path to Licensure Institute Scholar” and co-led a skills lab. Ms. Bain reported on jurisdictional reports from the Administrator’s Meeting.

Discussion of Disciplinary Action Matrix:

The Board will be reviewing the Code of Ethics and Definition of Unprofessional Conduct. Ms. Bain will send board members a copy of another state’s disciplinary matrix and a summary the violations and discipline in Arkansas over the last few years. The goal of the Board will be to create a matrix for disciplinary consistency to be used in the future.

Review of Standing Financial Reports:

Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, 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 April 2022. Shani Patterson, LSW, made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Susan Reasoner, LCSW, made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Board Chair Initials Tc
Approved to take the Exam:

Santiago Figueroa
Leslie Henderson

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:
None

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:
Rebecca Davis

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:
Sherra Bennett
Crystal Kellybrew
Leticia Cortez
Druscilla Holliman

Approved to take the Exam:
Heather Edge
Rachel Nichols
Monica Spencer
Dearreo Tidwell
Brea Jarrett-Kelly
LaDetra Sims
Randall Steel
Savannah Keeling
Melissa Sowell
Emeki Strong

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:
Shelby Delaney
Laura Whitaker
Marlanna Mitchell
Ebony Welch

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:
None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:
Vicky Baker
Hillary Green
Katrena Jones
Sebrina Patton
Taylor Shelby
Lillian Fink
Kizmet Johnson
Matthew Kirchner
Leah Richter
Malory Slater
Matthew Fuqua
Michelle Johnson
Ashley Lockert
Renee Rose
Tonya Swann
Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

Adina Bridges  Katrina Creech  Steven Farmer
Laurie Fay  Erica Harris  Deborah Kuhlman
Nicole Landwehr  Bruce Pollard  Cynthia Richards
Diana Schmitz  Christine Serafini-Sheffield  Chundra Williams

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 95 applications for license renewal. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, made a motion to approve 91 of the renewals with one renewal application denied. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried. Four renewals are pending clarification.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed 9 random continuing education audits. Dr. Raymond Molden made a motion to approve 7 of the audits and send two social workers a non-disciplinary Letter of Caution for not submitting all documentation required. Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Reviews and Late Supervision Evaluation Submissions:

The Board reviewed 26 supervision plans. Dr. Raymond Molden made a motion to show 17 of the supervision plans reviewed. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried. Seven of the Supervision Plans reviewed required clarification.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Board members also requested to consider the number of times we allow applicant to take the exam and possible newsletter articles.

There being no other business, Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion, which carried.