

# **Arkansas Department of Health**

## Social Work Licensing Board

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#### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 9, 2023

## CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, January 9, 2023, at the Social Work Licensing Board, 5800 West 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

Tammy Vaughn, LMSW

Dr. Raymond Molden, Psychiatrist

Tammy Charlton, LMSW

Vorandol Stinyard, Senior Representative Betty Guhman, Public Representative

Kristin Agar, LCSW

**Board Members Absent:** 

Shani Patterson, LSW Susan Reasoner, LCSW

**Board's Attorney:** 

Lacie Kirchner

**Board's Staff:** 

Chere' Johnson, Administrative Specialist III

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the December 12, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

#### **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Complaint 2023-06 - Pending

Complaint 2023-09 - Pending

Complaint 2023-10 – After full review by the Complaint Committee, the Committee recommended that a Letter of Caution be sent to the Social Worker making sure she understands that confidentiality may not be maintained using text messaging communication. The letter of caution also required three (3) hours of

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continuing education focused on Boundaries and Dual Relationships. The Social Worker signed the Letter of Caution which was presented to the Board. Dr. Raymond Molden made a motion to accept the Letter of Caution. Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint 2023-13 - After full review by the Complaint Committee, the Committee recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion, which carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **Board Vote on Reimbursement of Board Expenses:**

In accordance with A.C.A. 25-16-901, the Board approved a motion to authorize the reimbursement of expenses for each board member for performing official board duties. The rate of reimbursement shall not exceed the rate established for state employees by state travel regulations. The request also includes approval of expenses for the Board's Chairman and Executive Director to be representatives at the ASWB 2023 Annual Spring Education Meeting, ASWB 2023 Fall Delegate Meeting, and if funds allow, the FARB Forum in January of 2024. The Board also approves to pay expenses incurred that are above the government rate for lodging at the Associational and FARB meetings. All expenses must be approved according to the Arkansas Department of Health prior to travel. Kristin Agar, LCSW, made a motion to approve. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

## **Board Vote to Pay Stipend Payments to Eligible Board Members:**

Act 281 of 2009 allows eligible Board members to receive stipend payments. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to grant payment of stipends in the amount of \$85 to board members in accordance with the law and the budget. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

#### **Board Elected Officers:**

Tammy Charlton, LMSW, was elected to remain the Chair of the Board. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, was elected as Vice Chair of the Board. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, made a motion to table the vote for Secretary of the Board until the next meeting. Betty Guhman seconded the motion, which carried.

#### **Board Members Sign Code of Ethics:**

Board Members present signed the 2023 Code of Ethics for Board Members. Copies will be maintained in the Board's office.

## **Board Members Reminded to Complete Mandatory Statement of Financial Interest:**

Board Members were reminded they are required to complete and file the Statement of Financial Interest by January 31, 2023.

## **Update From Disciplinary Matrix Committee:**

Progress is being made on what the committee is calling Phase One. We have a Phase Two and Phase Three aligned. A Committee Meeting date of January 13, 2023, at 10:00 am was set.

## **Discussion of Possible Rule Changes:**

Board Members we given a copy of the current Rules and requested to review them for possible changes to be updated or made. Discussion will continue at the February meeting.

#### **Review Request from Joann Charles:**

Joann Charles had written the Board requesting acceptance of her supervision. Ms. Charles supervision was submitted more than 60-days after the beginning date of her supervision. The Board reviewed the request and documentation submitted by Ms. Charles. Dr. Raymond Molden made a motion to deny the request. Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

#### **Review Request from Mary Frans:**

Mary Frans had written the Board requesting acceptance of her supervision. Ms. Frans supervision was submitted more than 60-days after the beginning date of her supervision. The Board reviewed the request and documentation submitted by Ms. Frans. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, made a motion to deny the request. Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

#### **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 December 2022. Kristin Agar, LCSW, made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

#### **Action Taken on Applications:**

Betty Guhman made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

#### LSW Applications:

## Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Verenice Anguino Anna Wilkerson Stephanie Nicole Kidd

Jaidus Nychole King

Approved to take the Exam:

Sarah Kingsbury Gillis

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

None

**Denied or Withdrawn Applications:** 

None

#### **LMSW Applications:**

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Linda Bankston Mickey Chaudoin April Jenelle Greer Quinntina Latonya Owens

Mekkos Barbee Megan Dunn Tamara Jean Holland Amanda Leigh Pearl Charity S Brown Ansley Dawn Fox Kensley Navarro Ann Reynolds

#### Approved to take the Exam:

Kendrall Nicole Hill

Kayla Ann Wilson

Saccari Aikea Jacobs

Chappell Leigh Mosby

## **Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:**

Kierica Barnett

**Tiffany Coffee** 

Rebecca Beth Nachlas

Marianne Tettlebaum

## **Denied or Withdrawn Applications:**

None

## **LCSW Applications:**

#### Approved to take Examination:

Donald Michael Block III Felicity Delaney Doan Lisa Reed Holloway Lesly Faye James Janet Denise McClora

Shayla A Bogan Stephanie Ann-Marie Duncan Amanda Lynn Hood

Amanda Lynn Hood Alicia Rene Jemison Haley Yarbrough Chelsea Brooke Branch Martha E Flores-Dupriest Jordan Ingram Trevor Justin Lay

## Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

Stacie Buonaura Tara Genovese Ramos Jennifer Lynn Motz Whitney Whitacre Angela Cruz Joy Gillespie Heidi Ryan

Jeffrey Paul Dupuis Ashley Higginbottom Dwayne Walker

## **Denied or Withdrawn Applications:**

None

Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

## **Action Taken on Renewal Applications:**

The Board reviewed 119 applications for license renewal. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, made a motion to approve all the renewals. Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

## **Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:**

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The Board reviewed 15 random continuing education audits. Betty Guhman made a motion to approve 15 of the audits. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

#### **Action Taken on Supervision Plan Reviews:**

The Board reviewed 19 supervision plans. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, made a motion to show 17 of the supervision plans reviewed. Kristin Agar, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried. Two plans are pending clarification or new goals.

#### **Action Taken on Certificates of Registration:**

The Board reviewed four (4) Certificate of Registration applications. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to approve all applications. Betty Guhman seconded the motion, which carried. Two plans are pending clarification or new goals.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Discussion of the Proposed Compact:** 

**Tabled** 

**Review Canadian Applicant Questions:** 

Tabled

There being no other business, Betty Guhman made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion, which carried.