

**State of Ohio  
Counselor, Social Worker And  
Marriage & Family Therapist Board**

**Social Worker Professional Standards Committee Minutes**

**January 21, 2005**

**Meeting was called to order by:** Ms. Gwen DaCons-Taylor, Chairperson

**Members Present:** Mr. Glenn Abraham, Mr. Rocky Black,  
Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, and  
Ms. Molly Michelbrink

**Members Absent:** No Members Absent

**Staff Present:** Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman,  
Mr. Steve Polovick, and Mr. Brian Powrie

**Guests Present:** Mr. Glenn Karr – Attorney-At-Law  
Mr. Henry Lustig - NASW Liaison

**1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

Discussion and approval of the Agenda.

**2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2004 MINUTES**

Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar / Ms. Molly Michelbrink. Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL FOR SWA, LSW AND LISW APPLICATIONS:**

SWA	12 Applications Approved
LSW	82 Applications Approved
LSW(R)	7 Applications Approved
LISW	34 Applications Approved

Ms. Molly Michelbrink / Mr. Rocky Black. Motion carried.

**4. ASWB**

The Spring Conference will be held in Boston, MA on April 7 – 10, 2005. Ms. Gwen DaCons- Taylor, Mr. Glenn Abraham, and Mr. Rocky Black expressed an interest in attending.

**5. NASW**

Mr. Henry Lustig reported the following:

- NASW is working to remove the exemptions for licensure of public employees.
- The rules for peer counseling is in clearance and has been submitted for commentary.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Gwen DaCons-Taylor, Chairperson introduced and welcomed Mr. Brian Powrie to the board. Mr. Brian Powrie was hired in December 2004 as a Customer Service Assistant.
- Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar reported on the progress of the Executive Search Committee regarding the hiring process of the new Executive Director of the CSWMFT Board. Discussion took place regarding the task of the Executive Search Committee as well as the process and procedures involved.

**7. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Mr. Bill Hegarty reported on the following:

- The need to move the physical location of the board due to a lack of office space for the staff. The board originally rented the current space for 5 staff members and we currently have 12 staff members. He indicated that the need is critical and that he is working on obtaining quotes from moving companies and is in the process of working with DAS to look at space.
- Ohio's Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Boards Annual Report for 2004, which is prepared by the Legislative Service Commission, reported the following:  
  
Based on FY 2003's report, the number of SWA's licensed in FY 2004 is down 21.2%; LSW's is down 9.2%; LISW's is down 4.2%; PC's is down 13.2%; and the number of PCC's is up 0.7%
- Mr. Bill Hegarty and Mr. Jan White attended the AASCB conference in Savannah, GA in January.
- Ms. Tracey Hosom and Mr. Steve Polovick will attend the Clear conference in Daytona Beach, FL in February 2005.
- A new board member training will be held in March 2005. Two board members are scheduled to attend.

**8. INVESTIGATIONS**

Mr. Bill Hegarty recommends the following cases for closure:

0405087	0406059	0406100	0408140	0408153	0408158
0409165	0410182	0410184	0410187	0410188	0410189
0410190	0410193	0410196	0410197	0410200	0411206
0411209	0411216	0411217	0412221		

Seconded by Ms. Molly Michelbrink. Motion carried.

Mr. Bill Hegarty requested that the meeting to go into Executive Session. Roll Call was taken.

Seconded by Mr. Glenn Abraham. Motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGREEMENTS**

Committee approves Consent Agreements for the following:

Verta Taylor - Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar / Ms. Molly Michelbrink. Motion carried.  
George Sheppard - Mr. Glenn Abraham / Ms. Molly Michelbrink. Motion carried.  
Michelle Videll - Mr. Glenn Abraham / Ms. Molly Michelbrink. Motion carried.

### **NOTICE**

Marilyn McGowan. Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar / Ms. Molly Michelbrink. Motion carried.

### **LICENSE DENIAL ADJUCATION**

Nancy Miller - Mr. Glenn Abraham / Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Henry Lustig reported that some youth with severe behavior issues are being placed in foster homes and treatment homes without the caregivers knowing how to provide the proper care or without being compensated for the care that needs to be provided. Therefore, it then becomes an issue of medical neglect. The Committee discussed the ramifications of this with regard to social workers placing the youth inappropriately.

It is recommended that the committed obtain a legal opinion from the Attorney Generals office with regard to what responsibility the board has with this issue.

## **10. MEETING ADJOURNED**

Mr. Glenn Abraham / Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

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Ms. Gwen DaCons-Taylor, Chairperson