

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

Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Thursday, July 21, 2005

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

Other Members Present: Mr. Glenn Abraham, Mr. Rocky Black
Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, and Ms. Molly Michelbrink
Staff Present: Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman,
Mr. Jim Rough

1. Mr. Rough and Mr. Hegarty presented information from Dr Rose Quinones-DelValle regarding the case law involving reporting a client without breaking confidentiality. The committee discussed the details of the information and determined that more research would need to be completed before a determination could be made.

2. Election of new SWPSC Chair

Dr. Cluse-Tolar made a motion to nominate Mr. Abraham as the new SWPSC Chair. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. The motion was carried and Mr. Abraham accepted the nomination.

3. The committee proceeded with the review of the applications for licensure.

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Friday, July 22, 2005

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Glenn Abraham, Chairperson

Other Members Present: Mr. Rocky Black, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar,
Ms. Gwen DaCons-Taylor, Ms. Molly Michelbrink
Staff Present: Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman,
Mr. Jim Rough
Guests Present: Ms. Sharon Hanger, ODRC, Mr. Henry Lustig - NASW Liaison, Mr.
Glenn Karr, Attorney

1. **Approval Of March 18, 2005 SWPSC Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Black to approve the May 20, 2005 SWPSC minutes. Seconded By Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

2. **Approval / Denial Of Applications**

• **Approval For SWA, LSW, LSW (Related Degrees), LISW Applications:**

SWA	15 Applications Approved
LSW	234 Applications Approved
LSW (Related Degree)	11 Applications Approved
LISW	45 Applications Approved

Total 305 Applications Approved For Licensure

A motion was made by Mr. Rocky Black to approve these applications. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

• **Intents To Deny**

SWA	1 Application Denied - Failure To Meet Coursework Requirements
LSW (Related Degrees)	1 Application Denied - Failure To Meet Coursework Requirements

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to issue intents to deny. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion Carried.

3. Correspondence

Dr. Cluse-Tolar spoke on an email she received from a LISW who is retired and provides supervision to LSW's who are working on their LISW. The licensee was wondering if consideration might be made for the reduction of the cost of the renewal fee and the number of CEU's for retired persons who maintain their licenses.

The committee discussed the issue at length. Mr. Abraham said that the fee is not that expensive and that in some ways, people who are not practicing should be required to obtain more CEU's since they are not in the day to day practice. Mr. Glenn Karr brought up the fact that the reduction of the renewal fee and number of CEU's would require a legislative change. Mr. Black questioned how the board would track who is legitimately retired and who is not. Mr. Rough indicated that the Cosmetology Board offers a license in an escrow status. A licensee would not have to complete CEU's, but they would have to pay the renewal fee. Once the licensee wants to start practicing again, they have to catch up on their CEU's before they can start practicing again. Mr. Black suggested that we look at what the other medical/mental health professions do with regard to retired licensees. Dr. Cluse-Tolar stated that the board will be taking a look at statute changes and will take this matter into consideration.

4. Investigations

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to close the following cases as the investigation staff had determined no actionable offenses had been found:

0411213	0412226	0502025	0503029	0503043	0504052
0504057	0504059	0504062	0505065	0505066	0505070
0505071	0506072	0506073	0506078	2005-002	

Seconded By Mr. Abraham. Motion carried.

Mr. Hegarty requested that the SWPSC Meeting go into Executive Session.

Accepted By A Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Ms. Michelbrink moved to come out of executive session, seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar which passed unanimously.

The following actions were taken as noted for the cases below:

- CONSENT AGREEMENTS

Cynthia Parish - Moved to accept by Dr. Cluse-Tolar, seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

Joan Nesser- Moved to accept by Dr. Cluse-Tolar, seconded by Ms. Dacons-Taylor. Motion carried.

Evelyn Rase - Moved to accept by Dr. Cluse-Tolar, seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

- NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING

H. Darlene Brown - A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to take disciplinary action against the social work license of Ms. Brown based on a court conviction. Seconded by Mr. Rocky Black. Motion carried.

Barbara Manges - A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to issue an order to suspend or revoke or take other disciplinary action with regard to the license of Ms. Manges license based on indicating a license credential that she did not have, failure to use the correct license credential, and failure to have a current Professional Disclosure Statement. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

- AJUDICATION ORDER

Donald Zlotnik – A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to file an adjudication order to revoke the license of Mr. Zlotnik due to his failure to comply with his consent agreement. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

5. **Executive Directors Report**

Mr. Rough discussed the rule changes that will be filed with JCARR in August. These rule changes will be on the September Board Meeting Agenda. If approved, they will be filed in October and the Public Hearing will be in November.

Mr. Rough discussed the desire of the ASWB to have the Ohio board start pre-approving examinees. Mr. Abraham wondered how often slots are available for examinees. Dr. Cluse-Tolar stated that applicants often test before they graduate. She wondered if they will have to wait until they graduate before they can take the exam. Mr. Rough said that they would not have to wait until the board receives an official transcript if they provide a letter of good standing from their academic institution. Mr. Rough said that he will continue to discuss with Pat Olinger of the ASWB to determine how pre-approving examinees would best fit the needs for the Ohio board.

Mr. Hegarty discussed the various cases that have brought on the need for a change in the language of the Professional Disclosure Statement. He is working with the Attorney General's office to determine the specific language.

6. **Association Of Social Work Boards (ASWB)**

- (a) Nominations are being sought for the Sunny Andrews Award and the Administrators Award. Dr. Cluse-Tolar asked if the nominations had to be for people who are related to the social work field. Mr. Abraham said that the nominations are for volunteer members of social work regulatory boards for contributions to their individual boards.
- (b) Ms. Dacons-Taylor discussed the work that she will be doing with ASWB on the Social Work Model Law. She said that she firmly believes that the ASWB is an excellent organization and in the spirit of cooperation she hopes the SWPSC will continue to work with them. She further indicated that she hopes that a SWPSC member will join a committee with the ASWB.
- (c) Dr. Cluse-Tolar questioned who would be attending the fall ASWB meeting. Mr. Abraham suggested that Ms. Michelbrink attend. Ms. Dacons-Taylor commented on the wonderful job Ms. Michelbrink performed at the last ASWB meeting and also suggested that she represent the Ohio board again. Mr. Black agreed the Ms. Michelbrink would be an excellent representative for the board. The committee decided to further the discussion at the September board meeting and also discuss if any other committee member is interested in attending.
- (d) Ms. Sharon Hanger was concerned with the low pass rate for the Advanced and Clinical exams in Ohio. Dr. Cluse-Tolar indicated that the University of Toledo has started having the students take more tests to practice test taking. However, she does not believe that an educator should teach to a test. The committee further discussed test taking procedures and the low pass rate for the exams.

7. **Ohio Chapter National Association of Social Workers (NASW)**

Mr. Lustig announced that the NASW was having a retreat on July 30, 2005

8. **Old Business**

The committee discussed the issue of the Impaired Practitioner Evaluations the board receives. Dr. Cluse-Tolar again stressed the importance of having in depth evaluations. The committee agreed that they would check with Mr. Rough and Mr. Hegarty on the progress of finding qualified individuals to provide the evaluations.

9. **Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink.
Motion carried.

Mr. Glenn Abraham, Chairperson