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Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Members Present: Mr. Tim Brady, Ms. Karen Huey, Mr. Bob Nelson,
Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker
Staff Present: Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracy Hosom,
Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink, Mr. Jim Rough
Guests Present: Mr. Jose Camerino, MFTPSC member, Mr. Peter R. Casey IV, Assistant
Attorney General, Mr. Henry Lustig, National Association of Social
Workers (NASW) Liaison

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Election of new SWPSC chair

Ms. Huey made a motion to nominate Ms. Riesbeck-Lee as chair of the SWPSC. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Investigations

(A) Closed Cases

Mr. Brady made a motion that the following cases be closed as the investigative staff had determined no actionable offenses had been found. Ms. Tucker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2007-225	2007-234	2007-235	2008-16	2008-26
2008-27	2008-30	2008-37	2008-49	2008-52
2008-54	2008-62	2008-63	2008-66	2008-80
2008-81	2008-82	2008-86	2008-87	2008-97
2008-106	2008-110	2008-133	2008-134	

Mr. Nelson made a motion that the following cases be closed as the investigative staff had determined no actionable offenses had been found. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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(B) Executive Session

Ms. Huey requested that the SWPSC meeting go into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the Notice of Opportunity for Hearings, Consent Agreements, Goldman Review (Disciplinary), and Goldman Reviews (Licensure). Accepted by a Roll Call Vote – Mr. Brady –yes, Ms. Huey - yes, Mr. Nelson – yes, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee – yes, Ms. Tucker - yes.

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee moved that the SWPSC come out of Executive Session at 9:44 a.m. Accepted by a Roll Call Vote – Mr. Brady –yes, Ms. Huey - yes, Mr. Nelson – yes, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee – yes, Ms. Tucker – yes.

(C) Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

Christine Hart, LSW – In February 2008, Ms. Hart’s social work license was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. In April 2008 Ms. Hart submitted certificates of attendance from outside the renewal period. Ms. Hart was granted an extension and she was able to show 6 hours of the 30 hours required during the audit period. Not complying with the audit requirement constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(21)(b).

A motion was made by Ms. Huey to accept the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Hart based on these allegations. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion carried.

Sujean Meine, LISW-S – Between August 2007, and December 2007, Ms. Meine billed a client approximately \$400.00 for telephone therapy. Ms. Meine did not maintain a treatment plan, case notes, or any records to document the treatment. Ms. Meine discussed her own personal issues while conducting telephone therapy. This conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-09(A) and Ohio Administrative Code 4757-5-03(A)(4).

A motion was made by Ms. Huey to accept the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Meine based on these allegations. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion carried.

Timothy Tawney, LSW – In February 2008, Mr. Tawney’s social work license was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. In April and June 2008, Mr. Tawney was requested to comply with the audit requirements but the Board did not receive any communication from him. To date, Mr. Tawney has not responded to the Board’s February 2008 audit. Not complying with the audit requirement constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(21)(b).

A motion was made by Ms. Huey to accept the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Mr. Tawney based on these allegations. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion carried.

(D) Consent Agreements

Lyndsey Graham, LSW – Ms. Graham entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Graham is a licensed social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Graham received her social work license on November 18, 2005.

Ms. Graham renewed her social work license through November 18, 2009. In January 2008, Ms. Graham was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. Ms. Graham was able to provide proof of only 12 hours of the 30 continuing education hours needed to renew her social work license. Ms. Graham's failure to comply with the audit requirement constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(21)(b).

Ms. Graham admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Graham's social work license is indefinitely suspended beginning July 18, 2008. Once Ms. Graham submits another 18 hours of Board approved continuing education hours, the Board will lift the suspension. These 18 hours will not count toward any future renewals. Ms. Graham understands that the date of future renewals will not be affected by this requirement.

Shannon Hurst, LISW – Ms. Hurst entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Hurst is a licensed independent social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Hurst received her independent social work license on March 17, 2006.

In April 2008, Ms. Hurst's independent social work license was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. Ms. Hurst contacted the Board and stated due to two separate moves, she could not locate any of the certificates nor could she obtain replacement copies from the providers. Ms. Hurst's non-compliance with the audit requirement is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(21)(b).

Ms. Hurst admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Hurst's license to practice social work is indefinitely suspended beginning July 18, 2008, until she can show proof of 30 hours of Board approved continuing education and presents them to the Board's Investigation Unit. These hours will not count toward any future renewal.

Susan Pearce, LISW – Ms. Pearce entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Pearce is a licensed independent social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Pearce received her independent social work license on November 16, 1991.

In February 2008, Ms. Pearce self-reported to the Board that she found a brief client assessment format in her files at her residence. Ms. Pearce assumes she placed it in her files in approximately 2000. Ms. Pearce's actions in copying the document without authorization and for taking the document constitutes a violation of the standard of care required of independent social workers in the state of Ohio and is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-02(A)(2).

Ms. Pearce admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Pearce's social work license is indefinitely suspended for a minimum of six months beginning July 18, 2008. Before the suspension will be lifted, Ms. Pearce must request from the Board approval to obtain a mental health examination. The mental health provider who will conduct the evaluation must be pre-approved in writing from the Board before the evaluation is performed. Any costs associated with the mental health evaluation are to be borne by Ms. Pearce. The Board will review the mental health examination and make a determination whether to lift the suspension. Final authority to lift the suspension rests with the Board.

Jennifer Slater, LSW – Ms. Slater entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Slater is a licensed social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Slater received her social work license on March 14, 1987.

In July 2007, Ms. Slater entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board. As part of the Agreement, Ms. Slater was to attend a mandatory 12-step program and attend mandated mental health counseling through July 2008. In May 2008, Ms. Slater was arrested on a parole violation and sentenced by the Ashland County Court of Common Pleas to complete her original jail sentence.

Ms. Slater admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Huey to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Slater's license to practice social work is hereby Suspended for one year beginning July 18, 2008.
2. Once Ms. Slater is released from custody, she must receive mental health counseling, by an individual pre-approved by the Board, for a period of one year. Ms. Slater must submit the name and contact information of her intended mental health therapist to the Board's investigation unit for written approval. The one-year mandated mental health treatment period will not begin until after Ms. Slater's mental health therapist is approved. Ms. Slater's mental health therapist is required to submit a report to the Board, quarterly, providing information discussed in therapy. At the end of the 1-year period, Ms. Slater's therapist will make a final report encompassing the one-year of therapy. If Ms. Slater's therapist is

concerned with her ability to practice as a social worker at anytime the Board should be immediately notified. It is Ms. Slater's responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the therapy reports. All costs, if any, with the therapy are at the expense of Ms. Slater.

3. After Ms. Slater is released from custody, she must attend a mandatory 12-Step program at least twice a month until July 2010. Ms. Slater must notify the Board's investigation unit in writing of the name of the 12-Step program she will be attending within two weeks after her release from custody. Ms. Slater must have the leader of the 12-Step program send in a quarterly statement to the Board's investigation unit verifying her attendance at the meetings.

Alice Sting Zoll, LSW – Ms. Sting Zoll entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Sting Zoll is a licensed social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Sting Zoll received her social work license on September 18, 1993.

On February 20, 2008, Ms. Sting Zoll pled guilty in the Hancock County Court of Common Pleas, and was found guilty, of Dereliction of Duty, a second degree misdemeanor. Receiving a misdemeanor conviction in the course of practice constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(7).

Ms. Sting Zoll admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Sting Zoll's license to practice social work is hereby **Reprimanded**.
2. Ms. Sting Zoll must take ten (10) hours of continuing social work education in the area of supervision. These hours must be **pre-approved** by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. After Ms. Sting Zoll completes these hours, she must submit a copy of her attendance certificate(s) to verify her attendance for these hours. These hours must be completed and verification submitted no later than November 30, 2008. The credit earned from these hours may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of Ms. Sting Zoll.

Deena Strohm, LISW – Ms. Strohm entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Strohm is a licensed independent social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Strohm received her independent social work license on July 21, 2006.

In 2007, while Ms. Strohm was employed as a social worker in a correctional facility through the Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Corrections, she blurred her professional boundaries with a client by giving a gift and through an inappropriate exchange of letters. These actions constitute

a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-03(A)(1), (3) and (4).

Ms. Strohm admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Strohm's license to practice social work is Reprimanded.
2. If Ms. Strohm is doing non-clinical work, she must receive face-to-face supervision, by an individual pre-approved in writing by the Board for a period of 2 years. If any previous relationship with the supervisor exists, Ms. Strohm must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the written request for supervisor approval. The 2-year supervision period will not begin until Ms. Strohm's supervisor is approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. Supervision should focus on, but not limited to, Ms. Strohm's role in professional relationships, ethical decision-making, and issues relating to boundaries in therapy. Ms. Strohm's supervisor is required to submit a report to the Board, every six months, detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas for improvement. At the end of the 2-year supervised period, Ms. Strohm's supervisor will make a final report encompassing the 2 years of supervision. If Ms. Strohm's supervisor is concerned with her practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is Ms. Strohm's responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the supervisor's reports. All costs associated with supervision, if any, are at the expense of Ms. Strohm. Once Ms. Strohm successfully completes this supervision, she must ensure verification of the completion is sent to the Investigation Unit at the Board offices.
3. If Ms. Strohm is doing clinical work, she must receive face-to-face supervision, by an individual pre-approved in writing by the Board, one-hour every week or two-hours two times per month for a period of 2 years. Ms. Strohm should not select a supervisor with which she has a prior relationship. If any previous relationship with the supervisor exists, Ms. Strohm must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the written request for supervisor approval. The 2-year supervision period will not begin until Ms. Strohm's supervisor is approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. Supervision should focus on, but not limited to, Ms. Strohm's role in professional relationships, ethical decision-making, and issues relating to boundaries in therapy. Ms. Strohm's supervisor is required to submit a report to the Board, quarterly, detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas for improvement. At the end of the 2-year supervised period, Ms. Strohm's supervisor will make a final report encompassing the 2 years of supervision. If Ms. Strohm's supervisor is concerned with her practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is Ms. Strohm's responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the supervisor's reports. All costs associated with supervision, if any, are at the expense of Ms. Strohm. Once Ms. Strohm successfully completes this supervision, she must ensure verification of the completion is sent to the Investigation Unit at the Board offices. During this period, Ms. Strohm cannot supervise anyone clinically herself and she is not eligible to obtain/maintain the social work supervision credential.
4. Ms. Strohm must take eight (8) hours of continuing social work education in the area of professional ethics. These hours must be pre-approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. After Ms. Strohm completes these hours, she must submit a copy of

her attendance certificate(s) to verify her attendance for these hours. These hours must be completed and verification submitted no later than November 30, 2008. The credit earned from these hours may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of Ms. Strohm.

Ira Jean Warmack-Rucker, LSW – Ms. Warmack-Rucker entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Warmack-Rucker is a licensed social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Warmack-Rucker received her social work license on March 17, 2006.

On May 31, 2007, Ms. Warmack-Rucker was ordered to submit to an impairment evaluation, at her expense, through Bridgeway Inc., Cleveland, OH. Ms. Warmack-Rucker attended the appointment scheduled with Lisa Townsend, LSW, and Karl Hubeny, LISW. Bridgeway Inc. was unable to complete the assessment based on the dishonesty of Ms. Warmack-Rucker. Ms. Warmack-Rucker denied any previous substance abuse or mental health treatment. Bridgeway Inc., charts indicate treatment at Bridgeway's Unbar program in 2006 and prior treatment at Harbor Light, another treatment facility in Cleveland which is inconsistent with Ms. Warmack-Rucker's statements denying any formal treatment for substance abuse or mental health issues. Failure to submit to a mental and physical examination order constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-02(C).

On or about August 20, 2007, through September 12, 2007 while employed by Community Care Network, Cleveland, OH Ms. Warmack-Rucker solicited a private fee or other remuneration for providing services to two (2) clients. This act constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(H)(3).

On March 21, 2008 Ms. Warmack-Rucker entered into a consent agreement with the board. On May 20, 2008, via e-mail communication, Ms. Warmack-Rucker notified the board that she would not adhere to the conditions set forth in the consent agreement. This act constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(22).

Ms. Warmack-Rucker admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

1. The Board will allow Ms. Warmack-Rucker to permanently surrender her license. Ms. Warmack-Rucker will not be allowed to reapply for a social work license in the State of Ohio, nor will she be allowed to apply for a counseling or marriage and family therapist license in the State of Ohio. This surrender will take effect July 18, 2008.

(E) Goldman Review (Disciplinary)

Julie Baxa, LSW – On May 16, 2008, the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Baxa to provide an opportunity to request a hearing on the Board's proposal to discipline her because she failed to comply with a January 19, 2007, Consent Agreement where she was to have

completed a Board approved social work ethics course by January 31, 2008. On both February 6, 2008, and March 11, 2008, the Board contacted Ms. Baxa concerning her failure to comply with the continuing education requirement of the Consent Agreement. The Board did not receive a hearing request from Ms. Baxa. Based on underlying facts gleaned during the course of Mr. Hegarty's job duties as Deputy Director to substantiate the aforementioned, Ms. Tucker moved to revoke Ms. Baxa's social work license. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

Andrea Hollingsworth, LSW – On May 16, 2008, the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Hollingsworth to provide an opportunity to request a hearing on the Board's proposal to discipline her because she did not comply with a Board audit for continuing education in violation of Ohio Revised Code 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4757-11-01(C)(21)(b), and for not responding to a certified letter from the Board in violation of Ohio Revised Code 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4757-11-01(C)(17) and (19). The Board did not receive a hearing request from Ms. Hollingsworth. Based on underlying facts gleaned during the course of Mr. Hegarty's job duties as Deputy Director to substantiate the aforementioned, Ms. Huey moved to revoke Ms. Hollingsworth's social work license. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

Karen S. Miller, SWA – On April 16, 2008, the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Miller to provide an opportunity to request a hearing on the Board's proposal to discipline her because she failed to comply with a continuing education audit. On July 16, 2007, Ms. Miller faxed a letter to the Audit Coordinator along with a copy of the audit cover letter which Ms. Miller had completed. On July 17, 2007, the Audit Coordinator e-mailed Ms. Miller about the lack of documentation submitted. As part of the Board initiated investigation, Ms. Miller was granted a further extension, until January 2008, to supply the requested audit materials. Ms. Miller failed to provide any further documentation. The Board did not receive a hearing request from Ms. Miller. Based on underlying facts gleaned during the course of Mr. Hegarty's job duties as Deputy Director to substantiate the aforementioned, Ms. Tucker moved to revoke Ms. Miller's social work license. Seconded by Mr. Huey. Mr. Brady recused himself. Motion carried.

Emily R. Pope, LSW – On May 22, 2008, the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Pope, by Certificate of Mailing to provide an opportunity to request a hearing on the Board's proposal to discipline her because she did not comply with a Board audit for continuing education in violation of Ohio Revised Code 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4757-11-01(C)(21)(b), and for not responding to a certified letter dated April 10, 2008, in violation of Ohio Revised Code 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4757-11-01(C)(17) and (19). The Board did not receive a hearing request from Ms. Pope. Based on underlying facts gleaned during the course of Mr. Hegarty's job duties as Deputy Director to substantiate the aforementioned, Ms. Huey moved to revoke Ms. Pope's social work license. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion carried.

(F) Goldman Reviews (Licensure)

Kristen Alvarez – On May 20, 2008, the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Alvarez to provide an opportunity to request a hearing on the Board's proposal to deny her application for examination pre-approval because on the date of the application, she did not possess a qualifying degree in social work as required by Ohio Revised Code 4757.28(B)(2) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-19-01(C)(2). The Board did not receive a hearing request by Ms. Alvarez. Based on underlying facts gleaned during the course of Ms. Holleman's job duties as a Licensure Examiner to substantiate the aforementioned, the SWPSC voted to deny

Ms. Alvarez examination pre-approval at the July 17, 2008 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Huey to deny examination pre-approval to Ms. Alvarez. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Mr. Nelson recused himself. Motion carried.

Katherine Tufts – On April 22, 2008, the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Tufts to provide an opportunity to request a hearing on the Board’s proposal to deny her a social work assistant registration because, on the date of her application, she did not possess the necessary requirements set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4757.29 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-19-03(B)(1). The Board did not receive a hearing request by Ms. Tufts. Based on underlying facts gleaned during the course of Ms. Kreinbrink’s job duties as a Licensure Examiner to substantiate the aforementioned, the SWPSC voted to deny Ms. Tufts her Social Work Assistant registration application at the July 17, 2008 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Huey to deny the application for Social Work Assistant registration to Ms. Tufts. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee recused herself. Motion carried.

3. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee asked if there were any changes or discussion of the agenda. No changes or discussion were made. Ms. Tucker made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion carried.

4. Approval of May 15th and 16th, 2008 Minutes

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee asked for the approval of the May 15th and 16th minutes. One minor typographical error change was made. Ms. Tucker made the motion to approve the corrected minutes. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion carried.

5. Working Meeting

The SWPSC proceeded with a working meeting to Review Pending Applications for Licensure, Files to be Audited, CEU Programs and Providers, and Renewal Issues.

6. Approval of Applications for Licensure

A motion was made by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee to approve the following applications for licensure. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion carried.

LSW -	15 Applications Approved
LSW (Related Degree) -	5 Applications Approved
LISW -	2 Applications Approved

22 Applicants were Approved for Licensure by the SWPSC at the July 2008 meeting.

296 Applicants were Licensed by Staff prior to the July 2008 meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Huey in regards to the other applicants. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

LSW -	3 Applicants with a Related Degree Issued Intent to Deny Exam Pre-Approval
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7. Disciplined Licensees Applying for the LISW-S

The SWPSC discussed how several disciplined licensees have applied for the LISW-S and some of those applying have active consent agreements. The committee discussed whether or not they can deny the LISW-S to someone with discipline. If they can deny a licensee, then would that licensee be able to request an administrative hearing. Ms. Holleman will follow-up with Mr. Rough in regards to this matter and discuss her findings with the committee at the September meeting.

8. Correspondence

Michael Bloom – Mr. Bloom wrote a letter requesting to obtain the LISW licensure without first obtaining the LSW. The SWPSC reviewed and discussed his letter. Ms. Holleman will write Mr. Bloom and inform him that he can not obtain the LISW without first obtaining the LSW. She will cite the requirements for licensure as a LISW.

9. Good Moral Character

The SWPSC reviewed the good moral character memo from the Attorney General's office. Ms. Huey stated that the good moral character rule gives the Board discretion, guidelines, and does not make it strict. Ms. Huey suggested changing "psychological evaluation" to "mental health evaluation" on 4757-1-04 Application of first licensure.

10. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Ms. Huey to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion carried.

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Friday, July 18, 2008

Members Present: Mr. Tim Brady, Ms. Karen Huey, Mr. Bob Nelson,
Ms. Molly Tucker
Staff Present: Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink,
Mr. Jim Rough
Guest Present: Mr. Jose Camerino, MFTPSC member, Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW
Liaison,

Ms. Tucker called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. due to Ms. Riesbeck-Lee's absence.

1. **Old Business**

Proposed Rule Change to 4757-19-02 – The SWPSC reviewed and discussed the information contained in proposed rule changes in regards to the requirements for the LISW. Mr. Rough went over the background of the opposition to requiring 1500 of the 3000 hours being in clinical experience. The committee is considering doing one or more of the following with this rule: (1) require that 1500 of the 3000 hours be in clinical practice, (2) keep the LISW as is but add LISW-Administrative or (3) define clinical setting in the current rule. This issue has been tabled until the September 2008 Board meeting.

4757-23-01(D)(1)(a)(ii) – The committee reviewed and discussed this rule and proposed rule changes addressing when the nine CEUs are to be obtained for those receiving the LISW-S. Ms. Huey made a motion to accept the following proposed rule change language "...which shall be completed between the date the applicant received the LISW and the date the applicant is applying for the supervision designation unless the applicant has completed a master's level supervision course from an accredited university within the last three years." Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

Civil Service Exemption – The SWPSC stated that they discussed this topic at the full Board meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2008. This will continue to be a topic of discussion.

2. **New Business**

Art Therapy House Bill – The committee reviewed the House Bill filed for the Art Therapists to become a member of the CSWMFT Board.

3. **National Association of Social Workers (NASW)**

Mr. Lustig stated that the NASW is working to develop a more specific means of responding to board issues concerning the practice of social work and proposed changes to the laws and rules. NASW wants to give more formal and structured responses to Board issues.

4. **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Rough mentioned that the budget is due September 15, 2008 for fiscal year 2010 and 2011. The Board will need to discuss items that were not approved in the last budget due to the no tax

increase from the Governor, which included fees. Mr. Rough referred the SWPSC to the memo "FY 2010-2011 Budget: New Fees and Fines."

He stated that Mr. Tommie Robertson, MFTPSC member, and Mr. Brady have asked for state email accounts. Mr. Rough has set up a meeting with the Ohio Historical Society to discuss the email and record retention issues.

HB 427 passed the House on May 22, 2008. The senate has recessed for the summer and does not have a session scheduled until September 16, 2008.

The LISW supervision application process is somewhat slow due to the volume and need to process other applications. The Board expects a crunch of new applications in July and August as the September 1, 2008 deadline approaches. Ms. Huey suggested adding something to the website stating that the deadline is approaching to complete the application.

Mr. Rough referred the committee to the rule change memo that was sent out for comment. He expects the electronic service delivery rule to wait longer before being filed with the LSC. The remaining rule changes, if approved, will be filed with the LSC in August with a September public hearing preceding the Board meeting in case there is a need to discuss any issues.

The annual report to the Governor will be forwarded for review to the Board chair prior to submission and shared with all Board members before it is made public.

Mr. Rough met with Representative Bacon and a large cast of interested parties concerning a bill about the Ohio Health Care Provider Information Act. Rep. Bacon would like the eLicensing system modified to provide information to the public about areas of practice for all licensees. As currently envisioned, we would need to develop a drop down list of specialty areas for each licensing group. Mr. Brady provided Mr. Rough with a link to the American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work, which has a good "Characteristics of Practice" list that may help with a drop down list for social work. Mr. Rough proposed minimizing the impact on Board staff by making this an item that licensees maintain through the online renewal or address system. Licensees would opt in or out by providing a business address with contact information and selecting specialty areas from the drop down list.

Mr. Rough met with the Art Therapist legislative liaisons. They discussed the need for the legislation to fit within the existing Board processes if possible. They have several internal issues to resolve including any grandparenting and the issue of certification versus licensure.

The state Auditor's office has almost completed the biennial audit. Mr. Rough should receive a call in the next couple of weeks for an exit interview to discuss the findings.

Mr. Rough had the committee review the synopsis of "good moral character" language that Mr. Casey had an intern put together.

Mr. Rough mentioned that the number of licensees is going up. There are currently over 23,000 social workers, 7,000 counselors, and 200 marriage and family therapists.

5. Department of Youth Services (DYS)

The SWPSC discussed how the Ohio Department of Youth Services is requiring all workers to be licensed and that this has become an issue. The committee stated that the Board informed DYS of the licensure procedures.

6. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion carried.

Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Chairperson