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Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Members Present: Mr. Tim Brady, Ms. Karen Huey, Mr. Bob Nelson,
Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee

Staff Present: Ms. Rhonda Franklin, Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman,
Ms. Tracy Hosom, Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink, Ms. Patty Miller,
Mr. Jim Rough

Guests Present: Mr. Jose Camerino, MFTPSC member, Mr. Peter R. Casey IV, Former
Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Henry Lustig, National Association of
Social Workers (NASW) Liaison, Mr. Tommie Robertson, MFTPSC
member, Ms. Melissa Wilburn, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m. and asked that the investigations report be handled first to accommodate scheduling of other activities.

1. Investigations

Mr. Hegarty stated that Mr. Casey is no longer the Assistant Attorney General for the Board because he received a new position. The Board has a new attorney and her name is Ms. Melissa Wilburn.

(A) Closed Cases

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

2007-253	2007-254	2008-61	2008-95	2008-101
2008-103	2008-129	2008-130	2008-143	2008-146
2008-147	2008-150	2008-159	2008-171	2008-177
2008-182	2008-183			

Mr. Nelson made a motion that the following case be closed as he had determined no actionable offenses had been found. Ms. Huey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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(B) Executive Session

Ms. Huey requested that the SWPSC meeting go into Executive Session at 9:37 a.m. to discuss the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, Consent Agreements, Goldman Reviews (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. Riesbeck-Lee moved that the SWPSC come out of Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. Accepted by a Roll Call Vote – Mr. Brady –yes, Ms. Huey - yes, Mr. Nelson – yes, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee – yes.

(C) Notice of Opportunity for Hearing – When voting, the committee members are not aware of the name of the licensee; the licensee’s name is provided after the motion has passed.

Marcus McLittle – A motion was made by Ms. Huey to approve the amended Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Mr. McLittle. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Ms. Huey recused herself. Motion carried.

(D) Consent Agreements

Peggy Bigi, LSW – A motion was made by Mr. Brady to accept the Consent Agreement between the Board and Ms. Bigi. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Brady recused himself. Motion carried.

Lisa C. Black, LSW – A motion was made by Mr. Brady to accept the Consent Agreement between the Board and Ms. Black. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion carried.

Carol J. Brady, LISW – A motion was made by Mr. Brady to accept the Consent Agreement between the Board and Ms. Brady. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Mr. Brady recused himself and stated that he is not related to Ms. Brady. Motion carried.

Christine Hart, LSW – A motion was made by Mr. Brady to accept the Consent Agreement between the Board and Ms. Hart. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion carried.

Susan Hatfield, LISW – A motion was made by Mr. Brady to accept the Consent Agreement between the Board and Ms. Hatfield. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Brady recused himself. Motion carried.

(E) Goldman Review (Disciplinary)

Timothy Tawney, LSW – A motion was made by Ms. Huey to revoke Mr. Tawney’s social worker license for non-compliance with a Board audit. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

Clematis Walker-Graham, LSW – A motion was made by Ms. Huey to revoke Ms. Walker-Graham’s social worker license for non-compliance with a Board audit. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Brady abstained. Motion carried.

(F) Goldman Reviews (Licensure)

Molly M. Birch – A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to deny exam pre-approval to Ms. Birch for not possessing a qualifying degree in social work. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Mr. Nelson recused himself. Motion carried.

Candice C. Craig – A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to deny exam pre-approval to Ms. Craig for not possessing a qualifying degree in social work. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Mr. Nelson recused himself. Motion carried.

Sherry D. Fout - A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to deny exam pre-approval to Ms. Fout for not possessing a qualifying degree in social work. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Mr. Nelson recused himself. Motion carried.

Michelle McCarty - A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to deny exam pre-approval to Ms. McCarty for not possessing a qualifying degree in social work. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Mr. Nelson recused himself. Motion carried.

Maria Millen - A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to deny exam pre-approval to Ms. Millen for not possessing a qualifying degree in social work. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Mr. Nelson recused himself. Motion carried.

Heather Whorton - A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to deny exam pre-approval to Ms. Whorton for not possessing a qualifying degree in social work. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Mr. Nelson recused himself. Motion carried.

2. 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. Huey made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

3. Approval of July 17th & 18th, 2008 Minutes

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee asked for the approval of the July 17th and 18th minutes. Mr. Brady made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion carried.

4. 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.

5. 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.

SWA -	1 Application Approved
LSW -	15 Applications Approved
LSW (Related Degree) -	5 Applications Approved
LISW -	1 Application Approved

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

292 Applicants were Licensed by Staff prior to the September 2008 meeting.

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

SWA - 3 Applications were Issued Intents to Deny Licensure
LSW (Related Degree) - 3 Applicants with a Related Degree Issued Intent to Deny Exam Pre-Approval

6. Correspondence

Adrian Jurkiw – Mr. Jurkiw sent a letter addressing his concerns regarding passing the clinical exam. The SWPSC reviewed his letter. The committee suggested that he study in a group outside of his work environment and to ask questions. They also said to never think logically on the exam, but to think like a social worker. Ms. Holleman will address the aforementioned in a letter to Ms. Jurkiw.

John Kreuz – Mr. Kreuz wrote a letter stating that he missed the grandfathering period for the LISW-S and he wants to be approved to grandfather in after the September 1, 2008 deadline. In addition, he stated that he had completed only six of the required nine hours of supervision continuing education to qualify for the LISW-S after the grandfathering deadline. The SWPSC reviewed his letter and determined that he will need to obtain the three more supervision continuing education hours to meet the current LISW-S requirements. Ms. Holleman will send Mr. Kreuz a letter and site the LISW-S requirements.

Lisa Townsend – Ms. Townsend sent a letter asking whether or not supervision hours from a post-doctoral fellowship would count as hours towards the LISW. She also submitted her independent social worker professional employment reference forms for her two clinical positions, the position descriptions from both supervisors, and her resume. The SWPSC reviewed and discussed her information. Ms. Holleman will write Ms. Townsend a letter stating that her post-doctoral fellowship hours will not count towards the LISW and she will need to do other hours.

7. Drafts of Rule Changes

4757-21-03 Scope of practice for an independent social worker – The SWPSC reviewed and discussed adding a paragraph “C” to rule 4757-21-03. Ms. Huey made a motion to add the following language to this rule: “(C) The scope of practice for independent social workers with supervisory designation may include those duties as described in table C of this rule.” Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

4757-19-08 Approval of applications for social worker licenses and registration – The SWPSC and Mr. Rough discussed how long exam scores are good for and if licensees should re-test. The SWPSC will leave the rule as is and exam scores are good indefinitely. Ms. Holleman and Ms. Kreinbrink will inform the Board’s staff.

4757-23-01(A)(2) “Training Supervision” – The committee reviewed and discussed the current rule language of “The training supervisor is responsible for the professional growth of the supervisee.” Mr. Nelson made a motion to strike the aforementioned language from the rule. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion carried.

4757-9-03(B) Continuing education requirement for renewal of a certificate of registration as a social work assistant or a license as a social worker or an independent social worker –

The SWPSC discussed changing the amount of quarter hours for LSW's with a related degree to be in line with the amount of hours academic institutions currently offer. Ms. Huey made a motion to eliminate the following language from the rule: "...combined minimum of five semester hours, or eight quarter hours, in a." Mr. Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

8. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Friday, September 19, 2008

Members Present: Mr. Tim Brady, Ms. Karen Huey, Mr. Bob Nelson,
Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee

Staff Present: Mr. Rena Elliott, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Mr. Bill Hegarty,
Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink, Mr. Jim Rough,
Ms. Tammy Tingle

Guest Present: Ms. Kelley Armbruster, Parent Coordination Representative,
Mr. Glenn Karr, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW Liaison,
Ms. Brenda Patton, Parent Coordination Representative

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

1. Old Business

Proposed Rule Change to 4757-19-02 – The SWPSC members discussed the background of this potential rule change and reviewed the public comments. They also reviewed the current rule of 4757-19-02, the definition of social work in the law, and OSU’s proposed definition of a “clinical setting.” The committee would like to hold a forum or discussion in regards to 1500 of the 3000 hours being in clinical practice. Mr. Rough stated that this would be acceptable to have a pre-rule filing discussion at the November Board meeting. Mr. Rough will draft an email invitation and have Ms. Riesbeck-Lee review the draft. The meeting will take place on Friday, November 21st at 10 a.m.

2. New Business

Five Year Rule Review – Mr. Rough pointed out that the SWPSC will need to begin discussing the rules that are up for the five year review.

Diagnosis Question – Ms. Stacy Simera sent an email regarding conferring a diagnosis without direct contact with a client and she was wondering if the Board had a position on this topic. The committee discussed this issue and they agree that the best practice is for the evaluator to have face-to-face contact with the client in order to render a diagnosis.

Disclosure Statement for Social Worker Trainees – Ms. Kreinbrink stated that several students and agencies have been asking whether or not it is required for Social Worker Trainees to have a disclosure statement. The committee discussed this issue. Ms. Hosom stated that Trainees are still learning. Mr. Hegarty suggested that the social workers have a dialogue with the counselors to determine if a disclosure statement would be appropriate for both Social Worker and Counselor Trainees. This discussion will be tabled until the November Board meeting.

Draft of 4757-19-05 Social Worker Trainee Applications – Ms. Kreinbrink discussed the proposed rule change with the SWPSC. Two schools with MSW programs have mentioned concerns of requiring only LISW’s with the supervision designation supervising Trainees while they diagnose and treat mental and emotional disorders. The committee discussed this issue and will table it until the November Board meeting.

3. Executive Committee

The committee reviewed the ASWB Annual Meeting informational packet. The meeting will be held November 6-8, 2008 in Providence, Rhode Island. No SWPSC member will be attending this meeting, but Mr. Rough will attend.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Rough stated that the 60 percent attendance for Board members only applies for the full Board meetings. He said that no Board members have an attendance issue.

The budget is due September 15, 2008 for FY 2010 and FY 2011. A copy was sent to the chair prior to submission and will be available on the web site for Board members to review once it is in its final form. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Rough about the state budget cuts and this Board has not been affected.

The laws and rules exam is up and running in the test mode. Mr. Rough has been collecting input to revise the instructions and other items. He also said that there is a link to an appropriate web page for reference material on each question.

Mr. Rough mentioned that the five year rule review items were enclosed in the Board mailing. The proposed rule changes are primarily for clarity or rule drafting standards.

Mr. Rough stated that the ban on non-essential travel out-of-state is still in place. He would like the professional standards committees to discuss the value of attending the annual association meetings. If it is essential to the business of the Board then we can travel and there will need to be a motion and a vote made in the Friday full Board minutes. ASWB pays for one member to travel to the fall business meeting. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee said that both the CPSC and the SWPSC felt that association meeting travel was important, especially the CPSC because of all the testing changes.

Mr. Rough had the SWPSC refer to the memo and letter in regards to the civil service exemption. He had a meeting with NASW-Ohio about the exemption. The Board has requested a formal opinion on this matter from the Attorney General's office.

HB 427 has passed the House on 5/22/08. The senate has recessed for the summer and does not have a session scheduled. Mr. Rough has met with two senators and is waiting for appointments with the remaining Health Committee members. They do not expect a committee meeting until after the elections in November.

The LISW supervision application process is somewhat slow due to the volume and need to process other applications. Mr. Rough thanked Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan, Ms. Paula Broome, Ms. Holleman, and Ms. Kreinbrink for getting so many done in a timely manner. He said that we should be pretty well caught up by the end of the month or early October. There have been a number of late applicants wanting consideration for various reasons and those individuals have been asked to write the SWPSC for that consideration.

The approved rule changes from last meeting were filed and a public hearing was held 9/8/08 and no one was present. Mr. Rough is waiting to hear the JCARR date for rule review and he will also file the change to 4757-23-01.

The annual report to the Governor was reviewed by the Board chair prior to submission and shared with all Board members before it is made public. The FY08 through FY04 annual reports are available on the web site.

Representative Bacon is moving forward on a bill about the Ohio Health Care Provider Information Act. As currently envisioned, we would need to develop a drop down list of specialty areas for each licensing group. 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.

5. Parent Coordination (PC) Presentation

Ms. Armbruster and Ms. Patton distributed an informational handbook about Parent Coordination (PC). They stated that there is not a lot of information about PC. They said that PC is a process whereby an impartial third person, called a PC, helps the parents to implement their parenting plan by: facilitating the resolution of disputes between parents and/or legal guardians, providing education, making recommendations to the parties, and, with prior approval of the parties and the court, making decisions within the scope of the court appointment.

Ms. Armbruster and Ms. Patton noted that PC is not therapy and that it is not a custody or parent evaluation. The PC helps them to emotionally disengage. They said that PC does not take place in the home. Ms. Armbruster and Ms. Patton discussed how PC fits into the Board's existing regulations. Ms. Armbruster, Mr. Karr, and Ms. Patton answered SWPSC member and staff questions on this emerging field.

6. Executive Session

Ms. Huey requested that the SWPSC meeting go into Executive Session at 12:07 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Accepted by a Roll Call Vote – Mr. Brady –yes, Ms. Huey - yes, Mr. Nelson – yes, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee – yes.

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee moved that the SWPSC come out of Executive Session at 12:20 p.m. Accepted by a Roll Call Vote – Mr. Brady –yes, Ms. Huey - yes, Mr. Nelson – yes, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee – yes.

7. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion carried.

Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Chairperson