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Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2006

Members Present: Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Mr. Orest Holubec,
Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker
Staff Present: Ms. Marcia Holleman

1. The SWPSC meeting was called to order by Ms. Tucker at 9:00 a.m. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

2. **Discussion/Approval of Agenda**

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

3. **Working Meeting**

The SWPSC proceeded with a working meeting to Review Applications for Licensure; Correspondence; CEU Programs and Providers; and Renewal Issues.

4. **Correspondence**

Mr. Stephen Hale— Mr. Hale made a request for a limited bartering agreement with his counselor. Per the September Committee meeting, the committee had requested additional information surrounding the request. Mr. Hale's response to the committee answered their concerns. Mr. Holubec noted that they had worked out a specific arrangement, Ms. Tucker was satisfied that all questions were answered. The arrangement was approved with a time limit of one year.

Ms. Anne Mallett- Ms. Mallett made a request to obtain supervision outside of her agency that she may have to pay for if she couldn't obtain it free of cost. The committee had additional questions stemming from her request: How did she feel her current supervision was not adequate? How had she sought to exhaust all resources to obtain unpaid supervision? Ms. Holleman will request more information from Ms. Mallett.

5. **Proposed rule changes**

The committee continued to review and make suggested changes to the proposed rules.

6. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Ms. Tucker at 4:30 p.m.

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Friday, November 18, 2006

Members Present: Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker, Mr. Orest Holubec
Staff Present: Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Mr. Jim Rough
Guest Present: Mr. Henry Lustig, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Liaison

Mr. Tucker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of September 21 & 22, 2006 SWPSC Minutes

Ms. Tucker asked for the approval of the September, 2006 minutes. Mr. Holubec made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Reisbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

3. Discussion of Pending Applicants

None.

4. Approval of Applications for Licensure

A motion was made by Ms. Reisbeck-Lee to approve the following applications for licensure. Seconded by Mr. Holubec Motion carried.

The following applications were approved for licensure:

SWA - 32 Applications Approved
LSW - 108 Applications Approved
LSW (Related Degree) - 9 Applications Approved
LISW - 52 Applications Approved

A **total of 201** new Social Workers were licensed in November, 2006.

5. National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Mr. Lustig informed the SWPSC that the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers will have a Lobby Day in March, look for additional information.

He also presented a survey from OSU related to the payment of LISW's for supervision. He will contact states and find out what their experience has been with using paid supervision. Ms. Tucker said that it was interesting how each state is different and Ms. Reisbeck-Lee thought it would be interesting to see the results.

6. Investigations

(A) Closed Cases

Dr. Cluse-Tolar made a motion that the following cases be closed as the investigative staff had determined no actionable offenses had been found. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2006-56	2006-74	2006-77	2006-79	2006-101	2006-108
2006-112	2006-114	2006-128	2006-131	2006-134	2006-136
2006-140	2006-142	2006-146	2006-155	2006-166	2006-168

(B) Executive Session

Ms. Tucker requested that the SWPSC meeting go into Executive Session at 9:35 a.m. to discuss Consent Agreements. Accepted By A Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee moved that the SWPSC come out of Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. Accepted By A Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

(C) Consent Agreements

Stephen Goldsberry, LISW – Mr. Goldsberry entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

A motion was made by Ms. Reisbeck-Lee to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

1. Mr. Goldsberry's license to practice social work is hereby **Suspended** for ten days beginning November 20, 2006, and ending December 1, 2006.
2. Mr. Goldsberry must take ten hours of continuing social work education in the area of professional ethics, and six hours of continuing education in supervision, in addition to the thirty required for renewal. These hours must be pre-approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. After Mr. Goldsberry completes these hours, he must submit a copy of his attendance certificate(s) to verify his attendance for these hours. These hours must be completed and verification submitted no later than November 20, 2007. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of Mr. Goldsberry.

JILL M. GOMEZ, LISW – Ms. Gomez entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

A motion was made by Ms. Reisbeck-Lee to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Mr. Holubec. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Gomez license to practice social work is **Suspended** for ten days beginning November 20, 2006, through December 1, 2006.
2. Ms. Gomez must complete ten hours of continuing social work education in the area of professional ethics, and six hours of continuing social work education in the area of supervision. These hours must be pre-approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. Once Ms. Gomez successfully completes these hours of continuing education, Ms. Gomez must ensure verification of completion is sent to the

attention of the Investigation Unit of the Board office. The continuing education credit hours earned from the courses may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. Verification of completion is due in the Board office no later than November 20, 2007. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of Ms. Gomez.

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

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Reisbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Little is required to complete and pass a college or university course in social work ethics, at her expense. The course must be pre-approved by the Board Deputy Director or his designee. Ms. Little must contact the Board's investigative unit to seek pre-approval. The course must be completed by December 31, 2006. Ms. Little must ensure the Board receives an official transcript directly from the college or university at the completion of the course.
2. Ms. Little's social work license is indefinitely suspended for a minimum of one year. If in the future, Ms. Little wishes to have the suspension lifted, she must make a written request to the Board for reinstatement.

7. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Rough reported that he had a draft copy of the Consumer Bill of Rights (Attached). He asked the committee to review and provide feedback.

Mr. Rough reported that he hasn't heard on new/reappointments but the Board had three members eligible for reappointment and needed three new members.

Mr. Rough reported a new staff member, Margaret Adorjan, started on November 6, 2006, replacing Brian Powrie who has accepted another position.

Mr. Rough reported that he had met with Rep. Webster, who has proposed changes to Senate Bill 213.

Mr. Rough reported that the bill for implementation of criminal background checks via fingerprint comparisons to state and federal databases is still in the drafting stages. He is working with other board directors to resolve issues with the proposed bill.

8. Old Business

The committee continued to review and make suggested changes to the proposed rules, drafted revisions will be given to Mr. Rough.

9. New Business

A. **Review of 4757-19-01 (C) Related Degree:** The SWPSC discussed the Related Degree requirements and want to add the rule to those being reviewed. Ms. Tucker will speak with Mr. Rough, committee would like to add a mandatory field work course to the rule.

B. **4757.27 Independent Social Worker License:** Discussion surrounding the protocol of issuing a temporary license to an LISW who is currently licensed as an LSW. Per review of the rule the committee determined it is acceptable to issue a temporary license in this situation.

10. Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

Ms. Tucker attended the ASWB Annual Meeting on November 10th – 12th, 2006 in Baltimore, MD. with James Rough, Director. She reported that the spring meeting would be in Mobile Alabama, covering supervision and ethics issues. Dr. Cluse-Tolar would like to attend. Ms. Tucker said that the ASWB is creating a new position, Mr. Rough is interested in, which will be a representative of the Directors for state boards. Ms. Tucker expressed concerns that the duties would take up too much time way from responsibilities with the board as Mr. Rough is already on the DARS committee. Ms. Tucker reported that Ohio won an award for the best website.

Ms. Tucker said that new board member training would be up coming at the 6/22-6/24 meeting in Arlington, VA. Ms. Reisbeck Lee may want to attend. The committee will discuss further at the January meeting.

Ms. Tucker said that Ohio had been thanked for moving to pre-approval for the examination, and asked how the process was going. Ms. Holleman said that she will know more at the January meeting. One issue at this time: questions surrounding LSW applicants that want to take the LISW exam prior to the two years of supervision. After a discussion the Committee approved Mr. Rough to adjust the language.

11. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Ms. Reisbeck-Lee to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Holubec. Motion carried.

Ms. Molly Tucker, Chairperson