Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners

Ethics Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.
Hobby Building, Tower II
333 Guadalupe, Room 225
Austin TX 78756-3183

Minutes

Board Members Present:
Jeannie McGuire, Professional Member
Matt Shaheen, Public Member
Tim Brown, Professional Member
Dorinda Noble, Professional Member

Staff Present:
Charles Horton
Dan Meador
Gerard Bonner
Steve Slough
Champ Kerr
Darryl Reed
Georgia Norman

Guests Present:
Arlene Shorter
Linda Froher
Laila Narsi
Bobbie Mueller
Kay Oliver
Kenda Dalrymple
Ruth Helpert-Nunez
Tania Pitts
Julie Pryor
Michelle Rappaport
Martha Galvan
Deborah Hight
Patti Turner
Leonor Vargas
Perla Chavez
Bill Bednar
Sue Gallego
Bill Aleshire

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 1:45 pm by Mr. Brown, chair.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion on the following pending complaints:

Complaint # 1072070005 (AS) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. McGuire to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072060095 (LF) was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Noble to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072070027 (LN) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. McGuire to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072070012 (SO) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. McGuire to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.
Complaint # SW-06-068 (MP) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. McGuire to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072070029 (RHN) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. McGuire to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072070014 (TP) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. McGuire to close with advisement regarding representation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072070002 (LV) was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Noble to close this complaint with a letter of advisement regarding reporting. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion passed.

Complaint # 1072070004 (MR) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to propose a 1-year probated suspension with board supervision, quarterly reporting and the completion of 3 hours of continuing education in ethics. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion passed.

Complaint # 1072060110 (DJW) was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Noble to close this complaint with a letter of advisement regarding boundaries and recommended continuing education in professional boundaries and relationships with clients. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # SW-06-083 (LT) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072060094 (JC) was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Noble to close this complaint with a letter of advisement regarding reporting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2007 Ethics Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Shaheen to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion relating to proposed changes in 22 Texas Administrative Code 781 (board rules) regarding the code of conduct and professional standards of practice of social workers and general matters related to the regulation of social workers.
**Agenda Item 4** was the discussion regarding executive director’s report on cases where disciplinary actions have been recommended, informal settlement conferences have been held or SOAH hearings have been requested.

SW-03-073 CMK has defaulted.
SW-04-084 PR has defaulted.
SW-04-086 SM has accepted disciplinary action.
SW-04-090 PR has defaulted.
SW-04-085 PR has defaulted.
SW-04-080 DJ has defaulted.
SW-04-101 MS has requested an informal conference.
SW-05-010 DJ has defaulted.
SW-05-009 SS is pending SOAH.
SW-05-039 TS is pending SOAH.
SW-02-021 LC has requested an informal conference.
SW-06-024 NS & SW-06-059 NS has requested an informal conference.
SW-06-036 TI is pending SOAH.
SW-06-082 CP has requested an informal conference.
SW-06-032 & SW-04-054 VA is pending SOAH.

**Agenda Item 6** was to set the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be May 4, 2007.

**Agenda Item 7** was public comment. There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item 8** was to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm. The motion was seconded and passed.

Tim Brown, Chairman