

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
Board Meeting
Friday, March 5, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.
8407 Wall Street, Suite N-102
Austin TX

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Tim Brown, Professional Member
Dorinda Noble, Professional Member
Denise Pratt, Public Member
Candace Guillen-Kettelkamp, Professional Member
Jody Armstrong, Professional Member
Nary Spears, Professional Member
Stewart Geise, Public Member
Mark Talbot, Public Member

Staff Present:

Carol Miller
Dan Meador
Cindy Bourland
Stephen Mills
Georgia Norman

Guests Present:

Kathy Rider
Carolyn King
Megan Browning
Ray Altman
Vicki Hansen
Adrienne Robison
Cassie Fielding
Melody Boyet

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 2:35 pm by Mr. Brown, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the December 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Pratt to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion regarding reports from the following board Committees. Dr. Noble gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed 13 cases, of which 10 were closed, 1 case was proposed for a cease and desist and 1 case was tabled. The committee also discussed the board-ordered supervision plan form and standard requirements for board-ordered supervision. A motion was made by Ms. Pratt to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Noble gave the Licensing Standards and Qualifications Committee report. The committee reviewed 10 cases. The committee also discussed the board-ordered supervision plan form and standard requirements for board-ordered supervision. A motion was made by Ms. Armstrong to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Armstrong gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed the Alternative Method of Examining Competency (AMEC) program, continuing education provider audits, the proposal to establish minimum requirements for a continuing education course to be offered to fulfill the continuing education requirements for renewal in professional ethics and social work values; the board's jurisprudence examination and the creation of a social work brochure for the website, as a profession-specific alternative to the Consumer Fact Sheet. A motion was made by Dr. Noble to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding the Default Order for Santos Garcia. A motion was made by Mr. Geise to accept the order. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding the Default Order for Ray Aleman. Not discussed.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion regarding the Default Order for Holly Biggs. A motion was made by Dr. Noble to accept the order. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion regarding the dates of the September 2010 board meeting. The next meeting date will be September 9-11, 2010. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to change the date. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion regarding election of a Vice-Chair of the board. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to nominate Dr. Noble. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 10 was the discussion regarding whether chemical dependency treatment should be considered "clinical" in the context of LCDC licensure requirements and the role of Qualified Credentialed Counselor (QCC). Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Kettelkamp and Mr. Brown will form a study group.

Agenda Item 11 was the discussion regarding a request by NASW/TX for the board to review requirements for board-approved supervisor status. Ms. Hansen gave the report.

Agenda Item 12 was the discussion regarding the draft social work brochure for the website, as a profession-specific alternative to the Consumer Fact Sheet. No action taken.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding appeal from Anthony Matranga, LCSW, to be released from board-ordered supervision.

Agenda Item 13 was the report from the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. No report.

Agenda Item 14 was the report from the Texas Society for Clinical Social Work. Ms. Ryder gave the report.

Agenda Item 15 was the report from any other stakeholder groups. No reports.

Agenda Item 16 was the report from the Board Chair and update concerning current challenges and accomplishments; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; committee appointments and functions; workload of board members; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the board. Mr. Brown gave the report.

Agenda Item 17 was the report from the Executive Director's and update concerning program operations; customer service accomplishments, inquiries, and challenges; current and/or historical licensee statistics; media, legislative, and stakeholder contacts and concerns; workload processing; special projects assigned to executive director; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the licensure program. Ms. Miller gave the report.

Agenda Item 18 was the Management report and update from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit manager, including unit organization and staffing; program costs and revenue; current operational initiatives; customer service accomplishments and challenges; workload processing and statistical information; status of rulemaking within the unit; legislative and media contacts and tracking; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the unit. Ms. Bourland gave the report.

Agenda Item 19 was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board.

Agenda Item 20 was to schedule the next meeting(s). The next meeting date will be June 3-5, 2010.

Agenda Item 21 was public comment. No public comment.

Agenda Item 22 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
Licensing Standards and Qualification Committee
Friday, March 5, 2010, 9:00 am
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin TX

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Dorinda Noble, Professional Member
Candace Guillen-Kettelkamp, Professional Member
Jody Armstrong, Professional Member
Denise Pratt, Public Member

Staff Present:

Carol Miller
Dan Meador
Georgia Norman
Stewart Myrick

Guests Present:

Warren Ponder
James Bercik
Kay Schiller
Vicki Hansen
Sandra Lopez
Sydney Slye
Marcus Wade
Kathy Rider
Annette Hardy

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order by Dr. Noble.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes from the December 2009 Licensing Standards and Qualification Committee meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion regarding the following licensing qualification issues:

The application of Warren Ponder was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of James Bercik was reviewed. Dr. Noble was recused. A motion was made by Ms. Armstrong to approve the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of Jerrold Goodman was discussed. A motion was made to grant the LCSW license. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of Marcus Wade was discussed. A motion was made to approve the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of Annette Hardy was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Kettelkamp to deny the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of Andrew Etuk was discussed. A motion was Ms. Armstrong to request updates regarding pending case. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of Cheryl Lowery was discussed. A motion was made Dr. Noble to approve the application and refer the case to the Ethics Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of Jan Finch was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Armstrong to table this for additional information. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of William Gesslin was discussed. No action taken.

The application/request of Dianna Smith was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Ketelkamp to deny the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding applications for supervisor training provider status for the following:

The application of Sandra Lopez was reviewed. A motion was made by Ms. Kettelkamp to approve the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application of the University of Houston was reviewed. A motion was made by Ms. Kettelkamp to approve the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding board-ordered supervision plan form and standard requirements for board-ordered supervision.

Agenda Item 6 was public comment. Ms. Hansen addressed the board.

Agenda Item 7 was to set the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be June 3, 2010.

Agenda Item 8 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
Professional Development Committee
Thursday, March 4, 2010, 2:00 pm
Hobby Building, Tower III
333 Guadalupe, Room 225
Austin TX

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Jody Armstrong, Professional Member
Mark Talbot, Public Member
Nary Spears, Professional Member
Stewart Geise, Public Member

Staff Present:

Carol Miller
Dan Meador
Stewart Myrick
Georgia Norman
Becky Evers
Alice Bradford

Guests Present:

Vicki Hansen

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 2:04 pm by Ms. Armstrong, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes from the December 2009 Professional Development Committee meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Spears to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion regarding the completion of the requirements for the Alternative Method of Examining Competency (AMEC) program participants.

The following individuals will begin the probationary period:

Stephanie Bryant
Jacqueline Flores
Alma Gutierrez
Lynn Mora

A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to approve. The motion was seconded and passed.

The following individuals have completed portfolios completed and approved for full licensure:

Irene Garcia
Michelle King-Thompson
Elizabeth Lopez

A motion was made by Mr. Geise to approve. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding continuing education provider audits. Mr. Myrick gave the report. No action taken.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding a proposal to establish minimum requirements for a continuing education course to be offered to fulfill the continuing education requirements for renewal in professional ethics and social work values.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding the board's jurisprudence examination. Ms. Evers gave the report. No action taken.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion regarding draft social work brochure for the website, as a profession-specific alternative to the Consumer Fact Sheet. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to recommend approval of the brochure. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 8 was to set the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be June 3, 2010.

Agenda Item 9 was public comment. No one addressed the board.

Agenda Item 10 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
Ethics Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 4, 2010, 9:00 am
Hobby Building, Tower III
333 Guadalupe, Room 225
Austin TX

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Dorinda Noble, Professional Member
Candace Guillen-Kettelkamp, Professional Member
Stewart Geise, Public Member
Mark Talbot, Public Member

Staff Present:

Carol Miller
Dan Meador
Georgia Norman
Steve Slough
Gerard Bonner

Guests Present:

Peter Gregg
Bruce Campbell
Edie Yentis
Gerald Rogers
Kenda Dalrymple
Glen Hall Speegle
Traci Gardner-Petteway
Jeff Allen
Tammy Clouston
Paul Cook
John Williams
Patrick Castillo
Vicki Hansen
AJ Matranga

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:15 am by Dr. Noble, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes from the February 2010 Ethics Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Complaint # 1072100029 (PG) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Geise to close this complaint with advisement upon agreement to complete 6 hours of continuing education within 6 months otherwise a reprimand will be issued. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072090080 (EY) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to issue a cease and desist and return the license. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion passed.

Complaint # 1072090135 (GR) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to table this complaint for additional investigation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072090132 (GS) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Kettelkamp to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072090109 (TG) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Kettelkamp to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072090081 (JA) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to write a letter of advisement regarding confidentiality. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072090105 (TC) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Geise to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072090106 (SBF) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Geise to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072090091 (PC) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion passed.

Complaint # 1072090096 (JW) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072100008 (PC) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Geise to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint #1072090098 (LG) was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Noble to propose closing this complaint with a letter of advisement regarding termination and record keeping. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1072100058 (RB) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding appeal from Anthony Matranga, LCSW, to be released from board-ordered supervision. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to continue with probation but require a fitness evaluation every 6 months by an LCSW and recommend monthly updates from employer. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding executive director's report on the following cases where disciplinary actions have been recommended, Informal Settlement Conferences have been held or SOAH hearings have been requested:

1072080010 (JA)
1072080072 (LW)
1072080075 (RA)
1072090050 (SG)
1072090060 (SG)
1072090100 (KD)
1072090026 (JF)
1072090033 (SM)
1072090092 (PL)
1072090082 (SG)
1072090088 (PP)
1072090070 (FW)
1072090043 (RR)
1072090104 (MR)

No action taken.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding board-ordered supervision plan form and standard requirements for board-ordered supervision.

Agenda Item 7 was to set the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be May 7, 2010.

Agenda Item 8 was public comment. Ms. Hansen addressed the board.

Agenda Item 9 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.