

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
Board Meeting
Saturday, December 8, 2012, at 9:00 am
Exchange Building, Room N-102
8407 Wall Street
Austin TX 78754

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Nary Spears, Professional Member
Jody Armstrong, Professional Member
Terrie Argumaniz-Gomez, Professional Member
Candace Guillen, Professional Member
Timothy Martel Brown, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Carol Miller
Georgia Norman
Elaine Snow
Cindy Bourland

Guests Present:

Sydney Slye
Tammy Linseisen

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:00 am by Mr. Brown, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the June 9, 2012, meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding reports from the following Board Committees:

Mr. Brown gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed 22 cases, of which 17 cases were closed, 1 case was tabled, 2 cases were proposed for disciplinary action and 2 cases were reviewed with compliance. A motion was made by Ms. Armstrong to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Brown gave the Licensing Standards and Qualification Committee report. The committee reviewed 24 cases, of which 10 cases were approved, 12 cases were denied and 2 cases were tabled. The committee also discussed the creation and approval of a policy statement to clarify for the public the options for any Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) who seeks to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and whose primary location of practice is in a "non-clinical" setting; a request from the Center for Counseling and Family Relationships for approval of a Supervisor Training Course Curriculum; posting redacted copies of actual Clinical Supervision Plans on the board's website; public comments on Clinical Supervision Plan Approval Criteria towards meeting minimum requirements for LCSW licensure; Clinical Supervision Plan Approval Criteria towards meeting minimum requirements for licensure as an LCSW and the creation and approval of a policy for staff regarding review of requests for Association of Social Work Boards' (ASWB) license examination eligibility following three or more

failed attempts. A motion was made by Ms. Gomez to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Brown gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed public comments on proposed new and amendments to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 781, as published in the October 5, 2012, edition of the Texas Register (37 TexReg 7848), concerning the licensure and regulation of social workers; the final adoption of proposed new and amendments to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 781, concerning the licensure and regulation of social workers; a petition for rule change from Erica Talley, Licensed Master Social Worker; and the approval of a policy related to using a two-year timeline as a general guide for review and consideration of rule changes. A motion was made by Ms. Spears to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Brown gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed the completion of the requirements for the Alternative Method of Examining Competency (AMEC) program participants, continuing audits of education providers and the Board's jurisprudence examination. A motion was made by Ms. Armstrong to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding the Order for final action for the following licensees:

- Karen Norris
- Crystal James
- Rosa Marie Nowotny

A motion was made by Ms. Spears to approve the orders. The motion was seconded and passed

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding public comments on proposed new and amendments to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 781, as published in the October 5, 2012, edition of the Texas Register (37 TexReg 7848), concerning the licensure and regulation of social workers. A motion was made by Ms. Armstrong to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion regarding the final adoption of proposed new and amendments to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 781, concerning the licensure and regulation of social workers. A motion was made by Ms. Spears to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion regarding creation and approval of a policy statement to clarify for the public the options for any Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) who seeks to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and whose primary location of practice is in a "non-clinical" setting. A motion was made by Ms. Guillen to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 9 was the update on March 10, 2012, task force of the Board related to the Board's review of a proposal for an Impaired Professionals Program with Texas Nurses Foundation to create the Texas Monitoring and Assistance Program for Professionals (TMAPP). No action taken.

Agenda Item 10 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 11 was the report from the Executive Director 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 12 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 Professional Licensing and Certification Unit. Ms. Bourland gave the report.

Agenda Item 13 was public comment. One person addressed the board.

Agenda Item 14 was to schedule the next meeting(s). The next meeting dates will be March 14-16, 2013.

Agenda Item 15 was items for future consideration. There were none.

Agenda Item 16 was board announcements and comments. There were none.

Agenda Item 17 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.