

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE
Minutes of January 5, 2007 Board Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Derek Hussey established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Members present: Kathryn Klingaman, Derek Hussey, Sharon Abrams, Sheila Thibodeau, and Karen Fatz.

Others present: Penny Vaillancourt, Administrator; Colleen Eugley, Board Clerk; Robert Perkins, AAG; and Kevin Cookson, OLR Investigator.

Members Absent: Ann Marie Mullins.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review and Approval of December 8, 2006 Minutes

Derek Hussey made a motion to approve the minutes for December 8, 2006, as amended. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Klingaman.

Vote: 5 in favor

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Complaint Items

SW-483 and SW-484

Derek Hussey made a motion to approve the quarterly reports. Kathryn Klingaman seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

SW-427

Derek Hussey made a motion to approve the quarterly report. The motion was seconded by Karen Fatz.

Vote: 5 in favor

2006-SOC-2903

Karen Fatz made a motion to approve the letter of guidance. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 5 in favor

B. Complaint Presentations

2006-SOC-2765

A complaint was filed against a LSW-Conditional alleging inappropriate behavior with clients after she had been terminated from the agency she was working for. Licensee has not responded to the complaint notice.

After a review of the materials presented, a motion was made by Kathryn Klingaman to set the matters for an adjudicatory hearing based on two potential violations of the NASW Code of Ethics Section 1.06(c) dual relationships and Board Rule Chapter 16(3)(4)(a) and (b), engaging in sexual misconduct with a client and engaging in sexual misconduct with a former client. Karen Fatz seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to offer the licensee a consent agreement to resolve the case with the following terms: an admission to the dual relationship violation, a voluntary surrender of license, and a formal reprimand. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Klingaman.

Vote: 5 in favor

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to inform the licensee that failure to respond to a complaint in writing could be evidence of incompetence or misconduct and could result in disciplinary action. The motion was seconded by Karen Fatz.

Vote: 5 in favor

2006-SOC-2987

A complaint was filed against a LSW-Conditional licensee alleging unprofessional conduct. Complainant believes the social worker used her status as a social worker to influence a doctor's decision regarding medications.

Sharon Abrams made a motion to dismiss the complaint due to lack of a violation. Sheila Thibodeau seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

C. CEU Pre-Approvals

The Maine Arts in Healing Initiative - Approved
V.A. Togus, Dept. of Social Work Services - Approved
American Red Cross – Pine Tree Chapter - Approved
The Acadia Hospital - Approved
Health Education & Training Institute (5) - Approved
Jeri Stevens, LCPC (2) - Approved

D. Applications

LCSW

Carol Atleson – preliminarily denied at December meeting – Board discussion only
Amy Hocking - Denied

LSW-Conditional

Kylie Allen – Approved
Edith Sears – Approved
Ernesto Silva - Denied

Renewals

Mara Best – Approved
Claire Roger-Anctil - Approved

E. Transcript Review for Clinical Concentration

Karen Gleeson - Clinical
Deanna Mullins - Incomplete
Emily Mitchell - Clinical

F. Degree Inquiries

Lisa Kittredge - sufficiently related degree

G. Inactive Status

Cynthia Braun – Approved

Active Status from Inactive Status

Veronica Moffitt – Approved

H. Administrator's Report

Penny Vaillancourt informed the Board that the fee reduction ruling hearing was being held today. She also informed the Board about the proposed merger between the Departments of Professional and Financial Regulation and Economic and Community Development.

She also provided the board with a legislative update, including a discussion regarding OLR's proposed legislation.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2007, in the Central Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley
Board Clerk