

**STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE
Minutes of May 11, 2007 Board Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Derek Hussey established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Members present: Derek Hussey, Sharon Abrams, Ann Marie Mullins, and Karen Fatz.

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

Members Absent: Sheila Thibodeau and Kathryn Klingaman.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review and Approval of April 13, 2007 Minutes

Sharon Abrams made a motion to approve the minutes for April 13, 2007. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 4 in favor

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adjudicatory Hearing – 10:00 a.m.

• **Kristy Higgins**

The hearing began at 9:25 a.m. and closed at 11:10 a.m.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey and seconded by Ann Marie Mullins that the Board found a violation of 32 MRSA §7059(1)(E) and a violation of the NASW Code of Ethics Sec. 1.06(c). The motion included a reprimand and a \$1,500 fine for each violation, and the costs of the hearing, to be paid within one year.

Vote: 4 in favor

B. Complaint Presentations

2007-SOC-3257

A complaint was filed against a LCSW by an agency alleging unprofessional conduct by engaging in a dual relationship with a former case manager of a client

After a review and discussion of the materials, Ann Marie Mullins made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Sharon Abrams seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor

2007-SOC-3349

A complaint was filed against a LSW by a parent alleging unprofessional conduct as part of a DHHS casework investigation.

After a review and discussion of the materials, Karen Fatz made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Ann Marie Mullins seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor

2006-SOC-2921

Sharon Abrams made a disclosure that she had a former employer relationship with the licensee, but did not need to recuse herself from the case and could act impartially.

A complaint was filed against a LCSW by a former client in an agency alleging unprofessional conduct. The allegation of unprofessional conduct is a result of the licensee making contact with former clients after terminating employment with the agency.

After a review and discussion of the materials, Sharon Abrams made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Derek Hussey seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 recused – Karen Fatz)

2006-SOC-3172

A complaint was filed against a LSW by a parent alleging unprofessional conduct as a result of a DHHS child protective proceeding.

After a review and discussion of the material, a motion was made by Karen Fatz to dismiss the complaint. Sharon Abrams seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 against - Ann Marie Mullins)

C. Complaint Items

SW-470 – Coleman

After discussing the consultation requirements, Derek Hussey made a motion to send a letter to the licensee and consultant to submit the reports to the board no later than May 31st. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

D. CEU Pre-Approval Applications

Youth Alternatives - Approved
Spring Harbor Hospital (2) - Approved
Providence Service Corp. (2) - Approved
Lorman Business Center - Approved
Donna DeMuth, LCSW - Approved

E. Miscellaneous

Sandra Jellison – Review Decision and Order

A motion was made to approve the Decision and Order by Sharon Abrams and seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 4 in favor

F. Applications

Joseph Summers

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to preliminarily deny the application. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

G. Transcript Review for Clinical Concentration

Cheria Clow Rollins - Incomplete

H. Degree Inquiries

Susanna Keith – Sufficiently related
Jessie Merritt – Not sufficiently related
Ryan Labrecque – Sufficiently related

I. Exam Accommodation

Brigitte Kablitz - Approved

J. Administrator's Report

Penny Vaillancourt provided the board with an update on the notification being sent to licensees regarding online renewals which becomes effective June 1, 2007. She also provided the board with licensing and financial updates.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2007, in the Central Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley
Board Clerk