

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE
Minutes of June 8, 2007 Board Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Derek Hussey established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

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

Others present: Penny Vaillancourt, Board 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 May 11, 2007 Minutes

Karen Fatz made a motion to approve the minutes for May 11, 2007. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 5 in favor

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. License Denial Hearing – 10:00 a.m.

• **Amy Hocking**

The hearing began at 11:15 a.m. and closed at 1:04 p.m.

Motion made by Derek Hussey and seconded by Karen Fatz to deny the application and uphold the denial.

Vote: 2 in favor (3 against: Sharon Abrams, Sheila Thibodeau, and Kathryn Klingaman)

The motion does not carry.

Motion made by Kathryn Klingaman and seconded by Sharon Abrams to grant the appeal and issue the license.

Vote: 2 in favor (3 against: Sheila Thibodeau, Derek Hussey, and Karen Fatz)

The motion does not carry.

Motion made by Karen Fatz and seconded by Sheila Thibodeau to uphold the denial and deny the application because the employment hours were not completed in a clinical setting.

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Vote: 3 in favor (2 against: Sharon Abrams and Kathryn Klingaman)

The motion carries.

License Denial Hearing – 11:00 a.m.

- **Darrell Caron**

The hearing began at 1:26 p.m. and closed at 2:18 p.m.

Motion made by Karen Fatz and seconded by Sheila Thibodeau to grant the appeal.

Vote: 5 in favor

B. Complaint Presentations

SW-472

A complaint was filed against a LSW claiming that health information was given without a release.

Karen Fatz made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Derek Hussey seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

2006-SOC-2983

A complaint was filed against a LCSW claiming that the therapist had interfered with the guardian ad litem for the child. There were also questions on the clinical judgment of the therapist regarding sexual abuse allegations made against the father.

Motion made by Derek Hussey and seconded by Sharon Abrams to issue a letter of guidance to the licensee, stay in the file for five years, concerning the provision of the letter to the court.

Vote: 5 in favor

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2006-SOC-2740

A complaint was filed against a LCSW regarding a child involved in a custody dispute. The complaint was made because the parent's retainer was not returned after the LCSW withdrew from the case.

Derek Hussey made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Kathryn Klingaman seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

2007-SOC-3325

A complaint was filed against a LCSW providing home based services to a client

Motion made by Derek Hussey and seconded by Karen Fatz to refer to a hearing for violation of Section 106c of the Code of Ethics (dual relationship).

Vote: 5 in favor

Motion made by Derek Hussey to offer a consent agreement, to include consultation once a month for one year, to provide quarterly reports of the consultation, and a formal warning. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 5 in favor

2006-SOC-3048

A complaint was filed against a LMSW-CC alleging that the complainant was forced to participate in family sessions with abusive ex-husband which is not standard of care.

Motion made by Sheila Thibodeau to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 5 in favor

2006-SOC-3049

A complaint was filed against a LCSW

Motion made by Derek Hussey and seconded by Sharon Abrams to dismiss the complaint.

Vote: 5 in favor

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C. Complaint Items

SW-463 – Higgins – Decision & Order

Motion to approve the Decision & Order, with noted changes, made by Derek Hussey and seconded by Karen Fatz.

Vote 3 in favor (2 recused - Sheila Thibodeau and Kathryn Klingaman)

SW-470 – Coleman – Consultation reports

Motion to approve the consultation reports made by Derek Hussey and seconded by Sheila Thibodeau.

Vote: 5 in favor

SW-455 – Day - Consultation report

Motion to approve the consultation report made by Karen Fatz and seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 5 in favor

SW-483-484 – Patrikis-Spanger – Quarterly report

Motion made by Derek Hussey and seconded by Sharon Abrams to approve the report.

Vote: 5 in favor

D. CEU Pre-Approval Applications

Lorman Business Center - Approved
Hospice of Hancock County - Approved
AdCare Educational Institute - Approved
Providence Service Corp. - Approved
DHHS - Approved
Health Education & Training Institute (4) - Approved

E. Applications

Justin Gifford – Approved
Korinne Brannen – Denied
Marisol Needle - Approved

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G. Transcript Review for Clinical Concentration

Philip Advocate – Incomplete
Andrew Parker - Clinical

H. Degree Inquiries

Karen Riml – Not sufficiently related
Julie Mahar – Not sufficiently related
Kristen Bean – Sufficiently related

I. Exam Accommodation

Michelle Greer – Approved

J. Renewal Application

Brenda Boston

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

Vote: 5 in favor

K. Request for Inactive Status

Melissa Savage - Approved

L. Administrator's Report

Penny Vaillancourt provided the Board an update on the budget bill that was passed. She also gave the licensing update and informed the Board that online renewal notices have been mailed out to licensees.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2007, in the Central Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley
Board Clerk