

**STATE OF MAINE  
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE  
Minutes of September 14, 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, Sheila Thibodeau, Terry Adams, and Karen Fatz.

**Others present:** Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; Colleen Eugley, Board Clerk; and Robert Perkins, AAG.

**Members Absent:** Kathryn Klingaman and Ann Marie Mullins.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Review and Approval of August 10, 2007 Minutes

Sharon Abrams made a motion to approve the minutes for August 10, 2007. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused - Terry Adams)**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. License Denial Hearings

Sigilia Fletcher – 9:30 a.m.

The hearing began at 10:24 a.m. and closed at 11:10 a.m.

A motion was made by Terry Adams to uphold the denial. Sharon Abrams seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

Karen Plumhoff – 10:30 a.m.

The hearing began at 11:16 a.m. and closed at 11:55 a.m.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to uphold the denial. Sharon Abrams seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

B. Complaint Presentations

2005-SOC-2343

A complaint was filed against a LCSW by a former employer for allegedly billing for services not performed.

A motion was made by Sheila Thibodeau to table the complaint for more information. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

2007-SOC-3720

A complaint was filed by a parent against a LCSW working as a guardian ad litem alleging unprofessional conduct in a case involving parental rights.

A motion was made by Karen Fatz to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams

**Vote: 5 in favor**

2007-SOC-3644

A complaint was filed by a parent against a LCSW alleging unprofessional conduct as a result of the LCSW failing to provide access to records and failing to obtain consent to treat.

A motion was made by Karen Fatz to dismiss the complaint. Derek Hussey seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

B. Complaint Items

2007-SOC-3325 – Approval of consultant

A motion was made by Karen Fatz to approve the consultant. The motion was seconded by Sheila Thibodeau.

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused - Terry Adams)**

2007-SOC-3345 – Letter of guidance

A motion was made by Karen Fatz to approve the consultant. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused – Sheila Thibodeau)**

SW-488 - Approval of consent agreement

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to approve the consent agreement. The motion was seconded by Karen Fatz.

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused - Terry Adams)**

SW-374 – Approval of consultant

A motion was made by Sheila Thibodeau to table. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

SW-455 – Review report with recommendation

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

C. CEU Pre-Approval Applications

Brain Injury Assoc. of Maine – Approved  
Elder Independence of Maine (2) - Approved  
AdCare Educational Institute (2) - Approved  
Lorman Business Center (2) - Approved  
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, ME Chapter - Approved  
Stephen Andrew, LCSW (3) - Approved  
Maine Medical Center (2) - Approved  
Pine Tree Chapter – American Red Cross - Approved  
Partnership for a Tobacco-Free Maine - Approved  
Rick Bouchard, LCSW - Approved

D. Applications

Carol Sims – Tabled – needs clinical exam  
Leigh Tilden – Tabled – needs clinical exam

E. Transcript Review for Clinical Concentration

Jodi McGary – Clinical  
Kathryn Clement - Incomplete

F. Degree Inquiries

Reed Lowden – Not sufficiently related

G. Exam Accommodation

Patricia Deschamps – Approved  
Charles O'Rourke – Approved

H. Renewal Applications

Tracy Aube Coburn

A motion was made by Sheila Thibodeau to table the renewal application. Sharon Abrams seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

Elizabeth Adams

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to table the renewal application. The motion was seconded by Karen Fatz.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

Alice Jones

A motion was made by Karen Fatz to defer the ceu requirements based on hardship. The motion was seconded by Sheila Thibodeau.

**Vote: 4 in favor**

Susan Cocci-King

A motion was made by Karen Fatz to preliminarily deny the renewal application for failure to obtain consultation and failure to complete the continuing education requirements. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

**Vote: 4 in favor**

I. Correspondence

Daniel Tuttle – Penny Vaillancourt to respond

J. Administrator's Report

Penny Vaillancourt introduced Merica Tripp, Research and Planning Associate, to the Board. She also provided a licensing and financial report.

K. Other

Election of Complaint Officer

A motion was made by Karen Fatz to elect Sheila Thibodeau as the Board's Complaint Officer. Sharon Abrams seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

**IV. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2007, in the Central Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley  
Board Clerk