

**STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE
Minutes of October 12, 2007 Board Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Derek Hussey established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Members present: Derek Hussey, Sharon Abrams, Sheila Thibodeau, Terry Adams, Kathryn Klingaman, and Ann Marie Mullins.

Others present: Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; Colleen Eugley, Board Clerk; Merica Tripp, Research and Planning Associate; and Robert Perkins, AAG.

Members Absent: Karen Fatz.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review and Approval of September 14, 2007 Minutes

Sharon Abrams made a motion to approve the minutes for September 14, 2007. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 5 in favor (1 recused – Kathryn Klingaman)

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Complaint Presentations

2007-SOC-3348

A complaint was filed against a LCSW by a client alleging unprofessional conduct.

A motion was made by Terry Adams to refer to a hearing for possible violations of the NASW Code of Ethics regarding documentation of records, mandatory reporting, confidentiality, and self-determination. Ann Marie Mullins seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor (1 opposed – Kathryn Klingaman)

A motion was made by Terry Adams to offer the licensee a consent agreement, which would include an admission to the violations, a formal warning, and consultation once a month for 12 months. Sheila Thibodeau seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 in favor

2007-SOC-3602

A complaint was filed against a LSW by a former employer alleging unprofessional conduct when the licensee released information about a client..

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, a motion was made by Kathryn Klingaman to dismiss the complaint for lack of a violation. Derek Hussey seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 in favor

2007-SOC-3766

A complaint was filed against a LCSW by a relative alleging unprofessional conduct as it related to a family divorce situation.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, a motion was made by Sheila Thibodeau to dismiss the complaint for lack of a violation. Kathryn Klingaman seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor (1 recused – Sharon Abrams)

2007-SOC-3731

A complaint was filed against a LMSW-CC by a parent alleging unprofessional conduct relating to a DHHS child protective proceeding.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, a motion was made by Derek Hussey to dismiss the complaint for lack of a violation. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 6 in favor

2007-SOC-3782

A complaint was filed against a LSW by a parent alleging unprofessional conduct relating to a DHHS child protective case.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, a motion was made by Sharon Abrams to dismiss the complaint for lack of a violation. Sheila Thibodeau seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 in favor

2007-SOC-3783

A complaint was filed against a LSW supervisor, which is related to complaint 2007-SOC-3782, by a parent alleging unprofessional conduct relating to a DHHS child protective case.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, a motion was made by Sheila Thibodeau to dismiss the complaint for lack of a violation. Sharon Abrams seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 in favor

B. Complaint Items

SW-423

Sheila Thibodeau made a motion to offer the licensee an amended consent agreement for failing to complete the consultation requirements. The licensee will remain on suspended status until the Board receives the required documentation of consultation. The Board agreed to renew the license with a retroactive date of February 1, 2007 upon receipt of the signed consent agreement. Derek Hussey seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 in favor

2006-SOC-2817

Sheila Thibodeau made a motion to accept the consultation report. Ann Marie Mullins seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 in favor

C. CEU Pre-Approval Applications

Medical Care Development (2) - Approved
Center for Psychiatric Research - Approved
Lorman Business Center (3) - Approved

D. Applications

Sara Metzidakis

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to preliminarily deny the application for not meeting the clinical examination requirements. The motion was seconded by Sheila Thibodeau.

Vote: 6 in favor

Katie Mills

A motion was made by Ann Marie Mullins to approve the LCSW application. The motion was seconded by Sheila Thibodeau

Vote: 6 in favor

Heather Tyler

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

Vote: 6 in favor

E. Transcript Review for Clinical Concentration

Susan Slotnick-Lobosco – Clinical

Kathryn Clement - Incomplete

F. Degree Inquiries

Cecilia Vistica – Not sufficiently related

Christopher Powers – Sufficiently related

Evangeline Richard – Sufficiently related

G. Exam Accommodation

Amber Elliott - Approved

H. Renewal Applications

Barbara Bogus

A motion was made by Kathryn Klingaman to approve the application. Sharon Abrams seconded the motion.

Vote: 2 in favor (3 against – Sheila Thibodeau, Terry Adams, and Derek Hussey)(1 recused – Ann Marie Mullins)

The motion fails.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to deny the application based upon OUI convictions. Sheila Thibodeau seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 against – Kathryn Klingaman) (1 recused - Ann Marie Mullins)

I. Administrator's Report

Penny Vaillancourt provided the board with a financial and licensee number updates.

Also, Penny informed the Board that HIPDB self-query reports will be mandatory with new applications effective November 1, 2007. There was also discussion regarding the new requirements under PL 402 regarding 10 day notification to the board when there is a name change, address change, criminal conviction, etc.

J. Other

Sigilia Fletcher – Decision and Order

A motion was made by Derek Hussey and seconded by Sheila Thibodeau to approve the Decision and Order.

Vote: 5 in favor (1 recused – Ann Marie Mullins)

Karen Plumhoff - Decision and Order

A motion was made by Derek Hussey and seconded by Sheila Thibodeau to approve the Decision and Order.

Vote: 5 in favor (1 recused – Ann Marie Mullins)

IV. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley
Board Clerk