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### **Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes**

**Thursday, May 21, 2009**

**Members Present:** Mr. Tim Brady, Ms. Karen Huey, Mr. Bob Nelson,  
Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker  
**Staff Present:** Ms. Rena Elliott, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink  
Ms. Patty Miller, Mr. Jim Rough, Ms. Tammy Tingle  
**Guests Present:** None

1. **Meeting Called to Order**

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

2. **Discussion/Approval of May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 Agenda**

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee asked if there were any changes or discussion of the May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 agenda. The Committee asked that the following items be added to the agenda: rule 4757-1-07, the 30% cut in all non-payroll expenses, and ORC 2907.03. Mr. Brady made the motion to approve the agenda with the additions. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of the March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Minutes**

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee asked if there were any changes or discussion of the March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 minutes. Ms. Tucker made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

4. **Investigations**

(A) **Closed Cases**

Ms. Tucker made a motion that the following cases be closed as Mr. Brady had determined no actionable offenses had been found. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Mr. Brady recused himself. Motion carried.

2008-276	2009-11	2009-30	2009-32	2009-33
2009-35	2009-39	2009-44	2009-48	

**(B) Executive Session**

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee requested that the SWPSC meeting go into Executive Session at 9:22 a.m. to discuss the Hearing Officer Report, Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, Consent Agreements, and Goldman Reviews (Disciplinary). Accepted by a Roll Call Vote – Mr. Brady –yes, Ms. Huey – yes, Mr. Nelson – yes, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee - yes, Ms. Tucker - yes.

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee moved that the SWPSC come out of Executive Session at 9:49 a.m. Accepted by a Roll Call Vote – Mr. Brady –yes, Ms. Huey – yes, Mr. Nelson – yes, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee – yes, and Ms. Tucker – yes.

**(C) Hearing Officer Report**

**William R. Bohaboy, LISW-S** – Ms. Tucker made a motion to concur with the hearing officer’s report and revoke the license of Mr. Bohaboy. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Brady recused himself. Motion carried.

**(D) Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

**When voting, the committee members are not aware of the name of the licensee; the licensee’s name is provided after the motion has passed.**

**Sarah Tkac, LSW** - A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to approve the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Tkac. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

**(E) Consent Agreements**

**Robert Carson, LISW-S** - A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to accept the Consent Agreement between the Board and Mr. Carson. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Brady recused himself. Motion carried.

**Danielle Feezle, LSW** - A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to accept the Consent Agreement between the Board and Ms. Feezle. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Brady recused himself. Motion carried.

**Sujean Meine, LISW** - A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to accept the Consent Agreement between the Board and Ms. Meine. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Brady recused himself. Motion carried.

**(F) Goldman Reviews (Disciplinary)**

**Elisha Jones, LSW** – A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to revoke Ms. Jones’ social worker license based on the Board’s proposal to discipline her due to boundary violations. She did not request a hearing. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Brady recused himself. Motion carried.

**Patricia A. Sharp, SWA** – A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to revoke Ms. Sharp’s social worker assistant registration based on the Board’s proposal to discipline her because she received two misdemeanor convictions related to her course of practice at a mental health agency in Ottawa County, Ohio. She did not request a hearing. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

**5. 30% Cut in all Non-Payroll Expenses**

Mr. Rough discussed the 30% cut in all non-payroll expenses required for submission to the Office of Budget and Management with the SWPSC. He suggested one day meetings and also not paying rent. Mr. Rough would like the Board to write a letter to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) in regards to this matter.

**6. Working Meeting**

The SWPSC proceeded with a working meeting to Review Pending Applications for Licensure, Files to be Audited, CEU Programs and Providers, and Licensure Renewal Issues.

**7. Approval of Applications for Licensure**

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to approve the following applications for licensure. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

<b>SWA -</b>	<b>2 Applications Approved</b>
<b>LSW -</b>	<b>4 Applications Approved</b>
<b>LSW (Related Degree) -</b>	<b>3 Applications Approved</b>
<b>LISW -</b>	<b>1 Application Approved</b>

**10** Applicants were approved for Licensure by the SWPSC at the May 2009 meeting.

**184** Applicants were Licensed by Staff prior to the May 2009 meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker in regards to the other applicants. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

<b>LSW (Related Degree) -</b>	<b>4 Applicants with a Related Degree Issued Intent to Deny Exam Pre-Approval</b>
	<b>1 Applicant with a Related Degree Needs to Submit Additional Information</b>

**8. New Business**

**4757-1-07 Standard fines for discipline actions** – The SWPSC discussed in detail the proposed draft to 4757-1-07. This draft will not be approved during this meeting.

**9. ASWB**

The Committee reviewed and discussed the 2008 exam pass rates and Mr. Hegarty's ASWB conference report.

**10. Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion carried.

## Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Friday, May 22, 2009

**Members Present:** Mr. Tim Brady, Ms. Karen Huey, Mr. Bob Nelson,  
Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee

**Staff Present:** Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink, Mr. Jim Rough

**Guest Present:** Ms. Stacy Arbaugh, student from Ohio University, Ms. Diane Betts,  
student from Ohio University, Ms. Casey Bolitho, student from Ohio  
State University, Ms. Amanda Eppley, student from Ohio University,  
Ms. Meagan Fadely, student from Ohio State University,  
Ms. Sharon Hanger, NASW Board Treasurer and Taskforce Chair,  
Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW Liaison, Ms. Sabrina Sahle, student from Ohio  
University, Ms. Cindy Webb, Executive Director of NASW

### 1. **Meeting Called to Order**

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

### 2. **Old Business**

**4757-19-02** – Mr. Rough had the Committee refer to the memo he submitted based on the 4757-19-02 rule change and the following issues were included in the memo: the SB223 LSC Analysis from 1996, the need to include the term “psychosocial interventions” in the drafted rule, and that the draft must include “clinical setting” instead of “setting” because you can not override the statute. The SWPSC discussed these issues and scope of practice. They also requested feedback from the student guests on the topic of administrative vs. clinical supervision for the LISW. Mr. Lustig encouraged the Committee to define “clinical setting.” Mr. Brady gave a real life example of an administrative licensee, no identifying information was given, who was able to receive supervision towards their independent license and the SWPSC discussed the supervision and if administrative social workers can do “psychosocial interventions.” Mr. Rough said there may need to be two professional employment reference forms for clinical and administrative supervision. Further discussion of this rule change was tabled until the July Board meeting.

### 3. **Executive Director’s Report**

OBM is requiring all agencies to submit a spending plan for FY 2010 starting July 1, 2009 with a 30% cut in all non-payroll expenses, which will be difficult to accomplish without cutting essentials.

The Board mailed renewals starting with the July through December 2009 mailings with online renewal information only, which will cut costs. Mr. Rough is looking at changing the wallet card process too.

Mr. Rough mentioned that the Executive Committee planning goals are on the agendas for each professional standards committee.

Mr. Rough stated that the laws and rules exam is up and running in the live mode. The newsletter highlighted its availability.

Mr. Rough provided budget testimony at a Senate hearing on April 21, 2009 and discussed the consolidation language in sections 125.22 and 207.10.90, which was subsequently passed in an acceptable form.

House Bill 648 also known as Joe the Plumber law has some unique challenges that the Board and other state agencies are working to define. Mr. Rough stated that the Joint Management Group wants to draft a functional policy and then a rule.

Mr. Rough mentioned that the five year rule review items were enclosed in the Board mailing. The proposed rule changes are primarily for clarity or rule drafting standards. There is a separate set of rule changes requested by the committees as listed.

The MFT rules from the passage of House Bill 427 are in place as of April 18, 2009.

Mr. Rough discussed the formal AG's opinion regarding the civil service exemption; the exemption status is absolute. In light of this decision, several state agencies are now working to reconcile position description titles with licensure requirements so as to resolve this issue to their satisfaction. They are almost ready to ask for a meeting of all interested state agencies with the Office of Collective Bargaining. Following that meeting, they will talk to the unions.

Mr. Rough will draft a memo to OBM and will address the four areas of the budget cuts required to reach a 30% cut that are of most importance and should not be cut: board meetings, wall certificates, ethics trainings, and replacement of the PCs.

#### **4. New Business**

**Discussion for feedback to the CEU Committee** – The CEU committee decided that they will not allow licensees to carryover extra CEUs from one renewal period to another. The MFTPSC and the SWPSC will use Louisiana's social work CEU form with one minor change. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee said the Board should consider doing a consumer newsletter to educate licensees about CEUs. Mr. Lustig stated that NASW can put CEU information in their letters and Mr. Rough will put CEU information on the Board's website. Mr. Nelson educated the SWPSC on the topic of webinars.

#### **5. National Association of Social Workers (NASW)**

Ms. Webb said the civil service exemption issue is first and foremost for NASW and it may be put in the budget bill.

She mentioned that the economy may play a factor in the type of complaints that the investigations department receives.

Ms. Webb also stated that the Maryland Board requires its licensees to submit a competency statement and NASW would support the Board if they chose to do this task.

Ms. Webb is receiving a number of calls about unethical practice. She would like administrators of agencies to have a license because they would then have to adhere to ethical practice. NASW is looking at ethics trainings and whether licensees should take the same trainings or hear the

same material every renewal period. NASW wants licensees to build on their ethics and enhance themselves ethically via various trainings that build on one another.

Ms. Webb stated that NASW appreciates the thoughtful process that the SWPSC has when making rule changes. She also mentioned that NASW is available to assist the SWPSC.

**6. New Business**

**ORC 2907.03 Sexual Battery** – The Committee referred to Mr. Rough’s memo on ORC 2907.03. The SWPSC would like to review the entire bill and will table their discussion until the July meeting.

**7. Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Ms. Huey to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

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Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Chairperson