



## *Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board*

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

**Thursday, July 19, 2007**

**Members Present:** Mr. Tim Brady, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ms. Karen Huey,  
Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker  
**Staff Present:** Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink,  
Mr. Jim Rough, Ms. Tamara Tingle  
**Guests Present:** Dr. Richard Boettcher, Mr. P.R. Casey IV, Assistant Attorney General,  
Mr. Daniel Coleman, Ms. Ritika Sharma

The SWPSC meeting was called to order by Ms. Tucker at 9:30 a.m.

**1. Discussion/Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Tucker asked if there were any changes or discussion of the agenda. No changes or discussion were made. Dr. Cluse-Tolar made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion carried.

**2. Approval of May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Minutes**

Ms. Tucker asked for the approval of the May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 minutes. No changes were made. Ms. Huey made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Mr. Brady abstained. Motion carried.

**3. Working Meeting**

The SWPSC proceeded with a working meeting to Review Applications for Licensure, Audit 10% of all Applicants Licensed by Staff, CEU Programs and Providers, and Renewal Issues.

**4. Approval of Applications for Licensure**

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to approve the following applications for licensure. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

<b>SWA -</b>	<b>6</b> Application Approved
<b>LSW -</b>	<b>16</b> Applications Approved
<b>LSW (Related Degree) -</b>	<b>7</b> Applications Approved
<b>LISW -</b>	<b>3</b> Application Approved

**32** Applicants were Approved for Licensure by the SWPSC at the July 2007 meeting.



The hearing on this matter was held on Friday, April 27, 2007 commencing at 11:00 a.m. The applicant was not in attendance at this hearing. The hearing provided full opportunity for direct and cross examination, the submission of documents, and for arguments to be made.

Ms. Music applied for a license as a social worker on or about November 15, 2006. The Board reviewed the application to determine whether Ms. Music had met the requirements for licensure set forth in R.C. 4757.28. That section requires that an applicant must complete an application, pay the required fee, pass the Board's examination, and have at least a baccalaureate degree in social work. However, a grandparent clause contained in R.C. 4757.28(B)(2)(a) provides that an applicant whose degree was granted prior to October 10, 1992 may qualify for licensure if the degree is "a baccalaureate degree in a program closely related to social work and approved by the committee." In this case, Ms. Music does not have a college degree. She holds an active license as a social worker in West Virginia.

On or about February 2, 2007, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Denial letter, notifying Ms. Music of its intention to deny her application for licensure as a social worker. Ms. Music made a timely request for a hearing through her letter dated February 21, 2007.

At the hearing, the State called witnesses in support of its case. In closing statements, the State contended that Ms. Music's application should be denied because she does not have a college degree, and therefore she does not meet the requirements of R.C. 4757.28 to be licensed as a social worker.

Ms. Shamansky concluded, via the Hearing Officer Report and Recommendations dated April 30, 2007, that Ms. Music has not met the qualifications for licensure as a social worker in the State of Ohio, pursuant to R.C. 4757.28 because she does not have a college degree in social work, nor in any other field. Ms. Shamansky recommended that Ms Music be denied a license as a social worker.

Ms. Huey moved that this hearing officer report close with a denial. The motion was seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Ms. Tucker recused herself. Motion carried.

#### **(E) Goldman Reviews**

**Chasity Chamberlin** – On May 29, 2007, the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Chamberlin to provide an opportunity to request a hearing on the Board's proposal to deny her a Social Work Assistant registration because, on the date of her application, she did not possess the necessary requirements set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4757.29 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-19-03. The Board did not receive a hearing request by Ms. Chamberlin. Based on underlying facts gleaned during the course of Ms. Kreinbrink's job duties as a Certification/Licensure Examiner 2 to substantiate the aforementioned, the SWPSC voted to deny Ms. Chamberlin her Social Work Assistant registration application at the July 19, 2007 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Huey to deny the application for certification as a Social Work Assistant to Ms. Chamberlin. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee recused herself. Motion carried.

**Whitney A. Fisher** – On April 26, 2007, the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Fisher to provide an opportunity to request a hearing on the Board's proposal to deny her a Social Work license because, on the date of her application, Ms. Fisher did not possess a qualifying degree in social work as required by Ohio Revised Code 4757.28(B)(2) and Ohio Administrative Section 4757-19-01(C)(2). The Board did not receive a hearing request by Ms.

Fisher. Based on underlying facts gleaned during the course of Ms. Holleman's job duties as a Licensure Examiner to substantiate the aforementioned, the SWPSC voted to deny Ms. Fisher her Social Work license application at the July 19, 2007 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Huey to deny the application for licensure as a Social Worker to Ms. Fisher. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Dr. Cluse-Tolar recused herself. Motion carried.

**(F) Notice of Opportunity for Hearings**

**Lisa Depoussaint Little, LSW** – On November 17, 2006, Ms. Depoussaint Little, entered into a consent agreement with the Board. As a part of the consent agreement, Ms. Depoussaint Little was ordered to complete and pass a college or university course in social work ethics, at her expense. The course was also to be pre-approved by the Board's Investigative Unit and documentation verifying completion of the course was to be received by the Board no later than December 31, 2006. The Board then granted an extension, at Ms. Depoussaint Little's request, to complete the course by May 1, 2007. As of this date no pre-approval has been sought and documentation verifying the completion of the course has not been received by the Board, therefore, Ms. Depoussaint Little is in violation of the consent agreement which constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(22).

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to accept the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Depoussaint Little based on these allegations. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

**Debbie Heuser, LSW** – In January 2007, Ms. Heuser's social work license was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. In April 2007 and June 2007, Ms. Heuser was requested to comply with the audit requirements but the Board did not receive any communication from her. To date, Ms. Heuser has yet to respond to the Board's January 2007 audit. Not complying with the audit requirement constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(21)(b).

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to accept the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Heuser based on these allegations. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Mr. Brady abstained. Motion carried.

**Juliet Passon, LSW** – Ms. Passon, while employed by The Buckeye Ranch, Inc. at Alum Crest High School, Columbus, Ohio on or about April 2005, through May 2005, engaged in a sexual relationship with a client (client #1). This conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(D)(1) and (2) and 4757-11-01(B).

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to accept the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Passon based on these allegations. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

**Mary Shumard, LSW** – In April 2007, Ms. Shumard's social work license was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. In June 2007, Ms. Shumard indicated she was not going to comply with the audit. Not complying with the audit requirement constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(21)(b).

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to accept the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Shumard based on these allegations. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Mr. Brady abstained. Motion carried.

**(G) Consent Agreements**

**Peggy A. Dodds, LSW** – Ms. Dodds entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Dodds is a licensed social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Dodds received her social work license on October 10, 1986.

On or about May 2006 through January 2007, Ms. Dodds engaged in the practice of social work as an independent practitioner by being self-employed at One Family Adoptions, St. Mary's Ohio. Ms. Dodds also conducted a home study as an adoption assessor without the appropriate supervision or requirements to be under contract with or employed by a court, a private non custodial agency, or private child placing agency when conducting the study. Ms Dodds' agency did not have the state licensure required through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for the agency to be approved to participate in the placement of children for adoption. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Sections 4757.26(C) and 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4757-5-01(B)(1)(b) and 4757-11-01(C)(10).

Ms. Dodds admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Huey to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Dr. Cluse-Tolar abstained. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Dodds' license to practice social work is hereby **Reprimanded**.
2. Ms. Dodds is required to complete six (6) hours of continuing education in professional social work ethics, in addition to the thirty (30) required for renewal. These 6 hours must be pre-approved by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. All costs associated with the continuing education are at the expense of Ms. Dodds. Ms. Dodds must submit proof of completion of the ethics continuing education to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. Verification of completion is due in the Board office no later than July 20, 2008.
3. Ms. Dodds will be on probation for a period of one (1) year, upon employment or at her current place of employment. During the one year probationary period Ms. Dodds must be supervised in all aspects of her practice of social work and receive face-to-face supervision one hour every two weeks. Ms. Doods' supervisor must be pre-approved by the Board. All cost associated with supervision will be at Ms. Dodds' expense. Experience obtained while under a consent agreement with the Board shall not count towards the experience requirement for licensure at the independent level. The request for supervisor approval must be made in writing, including a copy of the supervisor's vita and be submitted no later than two weeks after the signing of this consent agreement or once she returns to social work practice. Supervision should focus on, but not be limited

to, ethical decision making and standard of care. Supervision should be considered training in nature and should not be limited to simply approving and denying case plans. Ms. Dodds' supervisor must submit quarterly reports to the Board for the one year period detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas of improvement and make a recommendation with regards to Ms. Dodds' suitability to practice. However, if Ms. Dodds' supervisor is concerned with her practice at any time during the probationary period the Board should be notified immediately. It is Ms. Dodds' responsibility to ensure that the Board receives all supervisory reports.

**Gerlinde Higginbotham, LSW** – Ms. Higginbotham entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Higginbotham is a licensed social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Higginbotham received her social work license on December 16, 1994.

While Ms. Higginbotham practiced social work between December, 2006 through March, 2007, on a contract basis with Catholic Social Services, in Columbus, Ohio, she falsified billing documents demonstrating home visits and billable hours for services she did not provide. Inaccurate record keeping and falsification of records is a violation of O.R.C. 4757.36(A)(1) and O.A.C. 4757-5-01 (I)(1).

Ms. Higginbotham admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Huey to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Dr. Cluse-Tolar abstained. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Higginbotham's license to practice social work (S-0020776) is **Suspended** for nine (9) months beginning July 20, 2007 through April 20, 2008.
2. Ms. Higginbotham must take an additional six (6) hours in social work ethics continuing education. All hours must be pre-approved by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. Once Ms. Higginbotham successfully completes this continuing education, she must send verification directly to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The certificates verifying completion are due in the Board office no later than January 20, 2008. The credit earned from the workshops may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the continuing education are at the expense of Ms. Higginbotham's.

**Joann B. Kurek, LISW** – Ms. Kurek entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Kurek is a licensed independent social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Kurek received her independent social work license on May 22, 1998.

During the course of Ms. Kurek's treatment of a minor client, she failed to maintain the appropriate standards of care expected of a licensed independent social worker by rendering a biased opinion about the minor client's father without ever performing an assessment of him and

by inappropriately communicating with the Guardian Ad Litem to provide her opinions regarding the father of the minor client. Ms. Kurek's actions constitute a violation of ORC 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(B)(1)(b).

Ms. Kurek admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Huey to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Dr. Cluse-Tolar abstained. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Kurek's license to practice social work is hereby **Suspended** for three (3) months beginning July 21, 2007, and ending October 21, 2007.
2. After Ms. Kurek serves her suspension and returns to work as a social worker, she must receive face-to face supervision, by an individual pre-approved by the Board, one-hour every week for a period of 2 years. Ms. Kurek should not select a supervisor with which she has a prior relationship. If any previous relationship with the supervisor exists, Ms. Kurek must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for supervisor approval. The 2-year supervision period will not begin until Ms. Kurek's supervisor is approved in writing. Ms. Kurek will have until November 15, 2007, to notify the Board of her proposed supervisor. Should she not have a proposed supervisor by this date, she must notify the Board in writing with the reason. Supervision should focus on, but not limited to, Ms. Kurek's role in professional standards of care, ethical decision-making, and proper record keeping. Ms. Kurek must be very vigilant when working with children who are involved in child custody/visitation issues. Ms. Kurek's supervisor is required to submit a report to the Board, quarterly, detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas for improvement. At the end of the 2-year supervised period, Ms. Kurek's supervisor will make a final report encompassing the 2 years of supervision. If Ms. Kurek's supervisor is concerned with her practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is Ms. Kurek's responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the supervisor's reports. All costs associated with the supervision are at the expense of Ms. Kurek.
3. Ms. Kurek must take 8 hours of continuing education in the hours of professional social work ethics. These hours must be pre-approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. These hours are in addition to the thirty hours Ms. Kurek needs to renew her independent social work license. All of the costs associated with these hours are borne by Ms. Kurek. After she completes these 8 pre-approved hours, Ms. Kurek must submit copies of her attendance certificates to the Board's Deputy Director. Ms. Kurek will have until December 31, 2007, to complete this requirement.

**Tanya O'Daniel, LISW** – Ms. O'Daniel entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. O'Daniel is a licensed independent social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. O'Daniel received her independent social work license on March 22, 2002.

Ms. O'Daniel independently practiced social work at Aspen Wellness Center in Sidney, Ohio. Beginning on or about April 20, 2006, through July 26, 2006, Ms. O'Daniel provided marriage counseling to a husband and wife couple. After Ms. O'Daniel terminated with the couple, she

began a social relationship with the husband and traveled with friends of hers and friends of the prior client, to Hawaii in September 2006. Multiple relationships constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C)(2).

Ms. O'Daniel admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Huey to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Dr. Cluse-Tolar abstained. Motion carried.

1. Ms. O'Daniel's license to practice social work is **Suspended** for one (1) year beginning August 15, 2007, through August 14, 2008.
2. After Ms. O'Daniel serves her suspension, she must receive face-to face supervision, by an individual pre-approved in writing by the Board, one-hour every week or two-hours two times per month for a period of 2 years. Ms. O'Daniel should not select a supervisor with which she has a prior relationship. If any previous relationship with the supervisor exists, Ms. O'Daniel must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the written request for supervisor approval. The 2-year supervision period will not begin until Ms. O'Daniel's supervisor is approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. Supervision should focus on, but not limited to, Ms. O'Daniel's role in professional relationships, ethical decision-making, and issues relating to boundaries in therapy. Ms. O'Daniel's supervisor is required to submit a report to the Board, quarterly, detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas for improvement. At the end of the 2-year supervised period, Ms. O'Daniel's supervisor will make a final report encompassing the 2 years of supervision. If Ms. O'Daniel's supervisor is concerned with her practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is Ms. O'Daniel's responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the supervisor's reports. All costs associated with the supervision, if any, are at the expense of Ms. O'Daniel. Once Ms. O'Daniel successfully completes this supervision, she must ensure verification of the completion is sent to the Investigation Unit at the Board offices.

**Jennifer Slater, LSW** – Ms. Slater entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Slater is a licensed social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Slater received her social work license on March 14, 1987.

On August 3, 2006, Ms. Slater was convicted in the Court of Common Pleas in Ashland County, Ohio of Improperly Furnishing Firearms to a minor, a felony of the fifth degree, in violation of ROC Section 2923.21(A)(3). Ms. Slater's actions constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(5).

Ms. Slater admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Huey to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Dr. Cluse-Tolar abstained. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Slater must attend a mandatory 12-Step program at least monthly until April 30, 2008. Ms. Slater must notify the Board's investigation unit of the name of the 12-Step

program she will be attending within 2 weeks of the approval of this Consent Agreement. Ms. Slater must have the leader of the 12-Step program send in a quarterly statement to the Board's investigation unit verifying her attendance at least monthly.

2. Ms. Slater must received mental health counseling, by an individual pre-approved by the Board, for a period of 1 year. Ms Slater must submit the name and contact information of her intended mental health therapist to the Board's investigative unit for written approval. The 1-year mandated mental health treatment period will not begin until Ms. Slater's mental health therapist is approved. Ms. Slater's mental health therapist is required to submit a report to the Board, quarterly, providing information discussed in therapy. At the end of the 1-year period, Ms. Slater's mental health therapist will make a final report encompassing the 1 year of therapy. If Ms. Slater's mental health therapist is concerned with her ability to practice as a social worker at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is Ms. Slater's responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the therapy reports. All costs associated with the therapy are at the expense of Ms. Slater.

**Christopher L. Tennant, LSW** – Mr. Tennant entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Mr. Tennant is a licensed social worker licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Mr. Tennant received his social work license on November 19, 2004.

In March 2007, while Mr. Tennant was employed at Caprice Health Care Center, Youngstown, Ohio, he blurred his professional boundaries by accepting a gift from a client valued at between \$500.00 and \$1,000. Blurring professional boundaries constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C).

Mr. Tennant admits the allegations referenced above.

A motion was made by Ms. Huey to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Dr. Cluse-Tolar abstained. Motion carried.

1. Mr. Tennant's license to practice social work is hereby **Reprimanded**.
  2. Mr. Tennant must take six (6) hours of continuing social work education in the area of professional ethics. These hours must be pre-approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. After Mr. Tennant completes these hours, he must submit a copy of his attendance certificate(s) to verify his attendance for these hours. These hours must be completed and verification submitted no later than January 31, 2008. The credit earned from these hours may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of Mr. Tennant.
7. **Steven Rutemueller** – Mr. Rutemueller submitted his Independent Social Worker Professional Employment Reference form showing proof of his completed 1 year and five months of supervision. Mr. Rutemueller's supervisor did not recommend that he be granted the LISW license for that previously specified amount of time. The SWPSC discussed this matter and approved those supervision hours.

**8. Administrative Social Work**

The SWPSC, Mr. Casey, and staff discussed, in detail, administrative social work in regards to supervision. This discussion has been tabled until the September 2007 Board meeting.

- 9. Ritika Sharma** – Ms. Sharma and Dr. Boettcher met with the SWPSC in regards to administrative social work supervision for Ms. Sharma’s LISW licensure. The SWPSC discussed this topic and decided on the following response to Ms. Sharma: “The SWPSC does not plan to make a decision in advance of the application for LISW. The SWPSC does plan to review and further define essential terms.” Mr. Rough will send this response, via a letter, to Ms. Sharma.

**10. Correspondence**

The SWPSC received a letter from Ms. Jaclyn Scanlan thanking them for approving her petition to have both an LISW and PCC supervise her for the LISW licensure.

**11. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

## Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Friday, July 20, 2007

**Members Present:** Mr. Tim Brady, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ms. Karen Huey, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker  
**Staff Present:** Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink, Mr. Jim Rough  
**Guest Present:** Mr. Glenn Abraham, Mr. Henry Lustig, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Liaison, Mr. Glenn Karr

The SWPSC meeting was called to order by Ms. Tucker at 9:02 a.m. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

### 1. **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Rough welcomed the two new board members Tim Brady for the SWPSC and Tommie Robertson for the MFTPSC. He briefly discussed the orientation that he provided these new members.

Mr. Rough discussed the cover letter from Teresa Lampl from OCBHP and the two sample policies and procedures from agencies concerning their consumer rights documents and what consumers are given.

Mr. Rough mentioned the draft of the Internet Therapy rule 4757-5-13. He hopes to have this rule done within six months.

Mr. Rough discussed the memo on the CEU audit that he emailed all Board members. This topic was discussed in further detail during the CEU committee meeting on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Representative Webster has followed up with the governor's office and has not received a response to date on support for the MFT issue.

Mr. Rough brought attention to the press release for disciplined licensees, those who were suspended or revoked, from the May Board meeting.

Mr. Rough filed the rule changes for the JCARR hearing. In addition, he referred the committee to the letter from the Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association (OPPA). This letter was in regards to proposed rules 4757-3-01, 4757-5-02, and 4757-5-06 and the OPPA's opposition to those changes.

The House Bill 104 for the implementation of criminal background checks via fingerprint comparisons to state and federal databases passed in the House. Representative Core introduced the bill in the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

Mr. Rough distributed the newest draft of the CSWMFT Board's brochure. He encouraged the SWPSC to review this draft and to make comments.

Mr. Rough stated that, if there is no opposition, the Social Worker Trainees will be put on the billing matrix on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Rough discussed the union issue in that the Commerce Department requested a review of the Certification Licensure Examiner classification. He stated that this could affect the pay level of the CSWMFT's employees who are in that classification. He will be working with the Office of Collective Bargaining to get all of the CSWMFT's employees in the same classification.

Mr. Rough mentioned that he included his Work Plan for fiscal year 2008 for the Board's review.

2. **Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)**

The committee explained to Mr. Brady what ASWB is and how our Board works with this organization. Ms. Holleman referred the SWPSC to the ASWB newsletter that staff received.

3. **National Association of Social Workers (NASW)**

Mr. Lustig encouraged all Board members to join this organization.

In addition, Mr. Lustig stated that the NASW conference would be held on November 1 and 2 in Columbus.

4. **Professional Disclosure Statements**

The SWPSC discussed the professional disclosure statement issue in further detail. They requested that rule 4757-5-12(B) be stricken from the rules.

5. **Staff Report**

Ms. Kreinbrink has processed 1,355 exam pre-approvals.

The SWPSC reviewed and made suggestions on the draft of the Independent Social Worker Personal Employment Reference Form. In addition, the committee discussed including job duties on the LISW online licensure application.

Ms. Holleman stated that she and Ms. Kreinbrink are in the process of developing a log to be used to document supervision for the LISW. The committee discussed this matter and they suggested that a random audit LISW logs. Ms. Holleman and Ms. Kreinbrink will have a draft log for the committee to review at the September meeting.

6. **New Business**

Dr. Cluse-Tolar talked about the CEU committee meeting. She said that audits will continue to be pulled at the current rate of 10% of licensees and how those who are not meeting the CEU and/or audit requirements are being referred to investigations. She discussed how some agencies are providing their provider number to other agencies. Mr. Hegarty suggested that people who provide programs not advertise "pending" CEU's, but only advertise those with a Board approved provider number.

The SWPSC discussed what occurred during the executive committee meeting. She stated that Mr. Rough will draft a policy for the full Board chair so that they know their position duties as chair.

In addition, the SWPSC talked about the personnel committee meeting. They said that things are in place to review Mr. Rough's performance and that all Board members should give their input for his review.

The committee discussed the 100% productivity standard and how it is affecting employers and their employees.

**7. Old Business**

The SWPSC will table the definitions discussion until the September meeting.

The committee will table the topic of bartering until the September meeting after the Ad Hoc Bartering Committee meets.

**8. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

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Ms. Molly Tucker, Chairperson