

MINUTES

UTAH SOCIAL WORK BOARD MEETING

November 6, 2008

Room 474 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:23 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:12 P.M.

Bureau Manager:

Rich Oborn

Board Secretary:

Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Tammer M. Attallah, Chairperson

Jean V. McAfee

Mark de St. Aubin

Dennis R. Frandsen

Board Members Absent:

Patsy Smith

Andrew Johnston

Guests:

None

DOPL Staff Present:

F. David Stanley, Division Director

Ronda Trujillo, Compliance Specialist

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
MINUTES:**

The Board reviewed the minutes for October 2, 2008. Mr. Frandsen motioned to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Ms. McAfee. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Update Enrique Velasquez:

Mr. Oborn received an e-mail, dated October 29, 2008, from Mr. Velasquez. Mr. Velasquez's employer is cutting back on work schedules and he is not doing any clinical work right now.

Discussion

The Board reviewed Mr. Velasquez's stipulation and expressed concerns regarding Mr. Velasquez's work

hours. The Board noted that he has sixty (60) days from the date his employment is terminated to start working again. After that time, he will not be in compliance with his stipulation.

Ronda Trujillo, Compliance Specialist

#1. David Wilkes is not in compliance with his stipulation. His license is expired. His employer reports need to be submitted if he is working in the field. The first payment on his fine is due November 11, 2008. He needs to submit a plan for probation to include names of evaluators and continuing education courses for pre-approval. He needs to submit a resume from his psychologist and his supervisor. His supervisor cannot be his brother.

Discussion:

The Board reviewed its last interview with Mr. Wilkes. The Board noted that Mr. Wilkes supervisor cannot be his brother. The Board noted that Mr. Wilkes is currently working in administration and not doing clinical work. The Board wants a resume from his supervisor and psychologist.

#2. William Green is in compliance with his stipulation. He needs to submit his supervisor reports, his vitae from his proposed therapist, Paul Peterson, and the certificate showing he has completed four (4) hours of ethics.

#3. Fredrick Carlson is in compliance with his stipulation. The Board requested he submit a plan for his probation and a vitae from David Petersen, his supervisor. The Division needs a clarification regarding why Michelle Petersen signed the evaluation report instead of Gary Vista. Mr. Vista is the approved supervisor.

#4. Garison Jeppesen is in compliance with his stipulation. He needs to submit a vitae for Jerry Buie, his therapist. Mr. Jeppesen has an essay due in February. The Board briefly reviewed the letter Mr. Jeppesen submitted regarding his missing the last Board meeting.

#5. K. Edward Huntsman is not in compliance with his stipulation. Mr. Huntsman has not submitted his employer/supervisor report for September 20, 2008 and October 20, 2008. He has not submitted his twelve (12) step documentation; and he has not registered with Compass Vision Inc. (CVI). Mr. Huntsman was sent a non-compliance letter.

NOTE* As of November 24, 2008, Mr. Huntsman has not renewed his CSW license as required by his stipulation.

Discussion:

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that the Division has been trying to contact Mr. Huntsman by phone and e-mail. Messages had been left with family members and there has been no response from him. The Board reviewed the e-mail Mr. Huntsman sent to Mr. Oborn during the October Board meeting. The Board discussed Mr. Huntsman's requests and expressed concerns that he is not meeting the requirements in his stipulation.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. David Wilkes, Probation Interview

Mr. Wilkes presented himself to the Board. Mr. de St. Aubin advised the Board that he has a previous professional relationship with Mr. Wilkes. Mr. Wilkes stated that he had no problem with Mr. de St. Aubin being involved in his interviews. The Board reviewed the employer/supervisor report from Mr. Aaron Larsen, LCSW. Mr. Wilkes stated that he works sixty (60) hours a week performing administrative duties. The Board advised Mr. Wilkes that his license has expired and that he needs to renew it. Mr. Wilkes gave the Board a copy of his plan for his probation; however, the Board stated that it would like his plan to name the evaluator and specify continuing education courses he is planning to complete. The Board also asked for a resume from his psychologist and his therapist. The Board asked Mr. Wilkes to submit the resume by November 20, 2008. The Board asked to see Mr. Wilkes on December 4, 2008. **Mr. Wilkes is not in compliance with his probation.**

Mr. William Green, Probation Interview

Mr. Green presented himself to the Board. Mr. de St.

Aubin conducted the interview. Mr. Green submitted his certificate showing that he completed eight (8) continuing education hours in ethics. Mr. Green stated that he had some problems with the initial office space he was going to rent for his practice. He is talking to someone else about sharing an office space. Mr. Green stated that he has three (3) clients. Mr. Green advised the Board that his therapist, Mr. Dredge, challenges him in his thought process and they have a good dialogue between them. They meet twice a week. The Board advised Mr. Green that he still needs to submit a vitae for Mr. Paul Peterson and request that it be submitted by November 13, 2008. Mr. Green advised the Board that he might be offered a position with First Step House; however, this will require him to do supervision. He would be supervising some certified social workers and interns with the graduate school. Mr. Green stated that his stipulation states he cannot supervise without the Board's approval and he is asking the Board to amend the stipulation to allow him to supervise clinically. The Board noted that Mr. Green has been on probation six (6) months and has been consistently in compliance. After talking with Mr. Green in detail, the Board stated it would need more information before considering amending his stipulation. The Board requested Mr. Green to submit a statement that provides the following information regarding his request to supervise clinically:

- #1. Number of students;
- #2. Type of setting;
- #3. Oversight;
- #4. Students will need to be informed regarding his license being placed on probation;
- #5. A formalized plan;
- #6. Written support from his therapist; and
- #7. Written support from his supervisor.

The Board asked to see Mr. Green on December 4, 2008. **Mr. Green is in compliance with his stipulation.**

Mr. Fredrick Carlson, Probation Interview

Mr. Carlson presented himself to the Board. Mr. Frandsen conducted the interview. Mr. Carlson gave the Board copies of his compliance plan and reviewed it with the Board. Mr. Carlson submitted a resume for David Petersen, his proposed supervisor. Mr. Carlson

stated that he is an employee of Job Corps and that Mr. Petersen is working there. Mr. Carlson advised the Board that Michelle Peterson signed the first report because she is one of the supervisors there and Mr. David Petersen was out of the office when the report was due. Gary Vesta is the Director, Hank Owens the Assistant Director, Kathy Holloway the Human Resource Representative, and Michelle Peterson and David Petersen are supervisors. Mr. Frandsen motioned to accept David Peterson as Mr. Carlson's clinical supervisor, seconded by Mr. de St. Aubin. The motion carried unanimously. The Board asked to see Mr. Carlson on December 4, 2008. **Mr. Carlson is in compliance with his stipulation.**

Mr. Garrison Jeppesen, Probation Interview

Mr. Jeppesen presented himself to the Board. Mr. de St. Aubin recused himself. Ms. McAfee conducted the interview. The Board reminded Mr. Jeppesen that his essays are due February 9, 2009. Ms. McAfee motioned to close the meeting at 11:02 A.M. to discuss Mr. Jeppesen's professional competence and physical or mental health, seconded by Mr. Frandsen. The motion carried unanimously. There were no written notes or recording made during this time. The meeting opened at 11:10 A.M. Mr. Jeppesen summarized the following requests made by the Board:

#1. He submit a resume for his therapist, Jerry Buie:
#2. He submit a report from his supervisor, Rob Beattie;
#3. He make progress on his two (2) essays due February 2009; and
#4. He continue to follow the treatment plan recommended by this therapist and psychologist. The Board asked to see Mr. Jeppesen on December 4, 2008. **Mr. Garrison is in compliance with his stipulation.**

Mr. K. Edward Huntsman, Probation Interview

Mr. Huntsman failed to keep his appointment with the Board.

Discussion:

Mr. de St. Aubin motioned that Mr. Huntsman become in full compliance with the Board by the end of business day today (November 6, 2008) or that the Division move forward to obtain an order to show cause, seconded by Ms. McAfee. The motion carried

unanimously. The Board also noted that Mr. Huntsman could chose to surrender his license.

Ms. Christie Ackmann, Request for Additional Supervisees

Ms. Ackmann presented herself to the Board. Mr. Oborn stated that Ms. Ackmann is requesting to supervise additional supervisees. Ms. Ackmann stated that her current job description indicates she only supervises. Her caseload is down to only a few clients that she has been working with for some time. The Board talked with Ms. Ackmann in detail. Mr. de St. Aubin motioned to allow Ms. Ackmann to supervise no more than five (5) certified social workers and two (2) second year student interns, through November 2010, and to notify the Division of any changes in her job description or job duties, seconded by Mr. Frandsen. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Proposed changes to the Social Worker Practice Act, NASW

Mr. Oborn reviewed the proposed changes to the Social Work Practice Act with the Board. Mr. Oborn stated they would like to meet with the Board in December to share their direction.

APPLICATIONS:

None at this time

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

December 4, 2008

2009 Board Meetings Tentatively Scheduled

January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 12:12 P.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

December 4, 2008

Date Approved

(ss) Tammer Attallah

Tammer Attallah, Chairperson, Utah Social Work Licensing Board

November 25, 2008

Date Approved

(ss) Richard Oborn

Richard Oborn, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing