

MINUTES

**UTAH
SOCIAL WORK BOARD
MEETING**

January 8, 2009

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

CONVENED: 9:12 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:10 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

Patsy Smith

Board Members Absent:

Andrew Johnston

Guests:

DOPL Staff Present:

F. David Stanley, Division Director

Wayne Holman, Chief License/Invest. Manager

Ronda Trujillo, Compliance Specialist

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes for December 4, 2008. Mr. de St. Aubin motioned to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Ronda Trujillo, Compliance Specialist

#1. David Wilkes is not in compliance with his stipulation. The Division has not received his psychological evaluation that was due December 17, 2008. His December fine payment is past due. His eight (8) hours of continuing education are due May 17, 2009.

Discussion:

The Board expressed concerns regarding Mr. Wilkes' compliance with his stipulation. He was late with his payments and failed to keep his November appointment with the Board. Mr. Oborn stated that the Division was willing to work with Mr. Wilkes regarding a payment schedule.

#2. Barbara Snow is in compliance with her stipulation. The Division received her therapy report from Dr. Ralph Gant. Dr. Gant stated that the objectives of the therapy have been achieved and recommends treatment be terminated. Ms. Snow's supervisor reports are current.

Discussion:

The Board noted that Ms. Snow has been consistently in compliance with her stipulation. The Board talked about terminating her therapy requirements.

#3. Anntionette Titus, New Probation Interview. Ms. Titus should have a plan for probation including names of evaluators.

Discussion:

The Board reviewed Ms. Titus' stipulation noting that she developed a dual personal relationship with a client. The Board noted that Ms. Titus signed an agreement with her employer stating that she would terminate this relationship. Ms. Titus failed to terminate the relationship.

#4. William Green is in compliance with his stipulation. The Division received the therapy report from Paul Peterson. His supervisor reports are current. Mr. Green should bring a letter stating he is self-employed and will not be submitting employer reports. The Board requested Mr. Green to submit a written request to move his reports to quarterly.

Discussion:

The Board noted that Mr. Green has had some struggles in establishing his office.

Update:

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that the Division is working out a surrender of license with Mr. Ed Huntsman. Mr. Oborn stated that the stipulation would state that he could not re-apply for at least two (2) years. He would have to show he meets current license requirements and meet with the Board when he reapplies.

Taken out of order on the agenda.

Application Review:

The Board reviewed the application submitted by Ms. Sandra Gustaveson. The Board reviewed her transcripts noting that she has a degree in social sciences and completed other related courses. The Board agreed Ms. Gustaveson meets licensure requirements and recommend her social worker license be issued.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. David Wilkes, Probation Interview

Mr. Wilkes presented himself to the Board. Ms. McAfee conducted the interview. Mr. Wilkes stated that he continues to struggle with short-term memory loss since his stroke. He continues working on different methods to help him. Mr. Wilkes stated that he continues working in an administrative manner. He has been asked to develop training for other therapists. He trains all staff members in group therapy. Mr. Wilkes stated that he has signed up for six (6) hours of ethics continuing education. He continues looking for other CE courses to complete this requirement in his stipulation. The six (6) hours of CE's was found by Ms. Trujillo, Compliance Specialist, and reviewed by Mr. Oborn. The Board expressed concerns regarding Mr. Wilkes not completing the psychological evaluation as required in his stipulation. Mr. Wilkes stated that he is looking for a therapist who will accept his insurance. The Board asked him to keep Ms. Trujillo updated weekly. Mr. de St. Aubin motioned to amend Mr. Wilkes stipulation to have the full payment due on March 17, 2009 or as directed in writing by the Division, seconded by Mr. Frandsen. The motion carried unanimously. The Board asked to see Mr. Wilkes on February 5, 2009. **Mr. Wilkes is not in compliance with his stipulation.**

Ms. Barbara Snow, Probation Interview

Ms. Snow presented herself to the Board. Mr. Attallah conducted the interview. Ms. Snow stated that she has met with the psychologist and finished the therapy requirement. She meets with her supervisor and works as required in her stipulation. She has been in therapy for six (6) months. The Board noted that Ms. Snow's therapy was amended for her to do therapy rather than take an anger management course. The Board asked to see Ms. Snow on April 2, 2009. **Ms. Snow is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Ms. Anntionette Titus, New Probation Interview

Ms. Titus presented herself to the Board with her husband. The Board introduced itself to Ms. Titus. Ms. Smith conducted the interview. The Board meeting closed at 10:52 A.M. to discuss Ms. Titus' medical issues. There are no recording or written notes during this time. The Board meeting opened at 11:04 A.M. Ms. Titus reviewed with the Board the reasons why her license is on probation. Ms. Titus stated that she felt vulnerable during her illness and that a client had manipulated and threatened her during the period of her violations. Ms. Titus feels that she was not prepared to appropriately address this situation until after her health improved. Ms. Titus stated that she advised her supervisor of her dual relationship in December, after the fact. Ms. Titus advised the Board that she returned to work at Davis Behavioral Health about two (2) months ago. Ms. Titus stated that she has an appointment with Joan Zone on January 19, 2009 and she is waiting for confirmation. If she cannot make this appointment, the next available appointment will be in March. The Board asked Ms. Titus to contact Ms. Trujillo if she cannot see a therapist before March. The Board advised Ms. Titus that her supervisor reports are due by the 20th of each month, starting January 20, 2009. The Board advised Ms. Titus that her supervisor will need to submit a vitae for the Board's approval. The Board reminded Ms. Titus that her essay is to be at least three (3) pages long and is due February 20, 2009 for the Board to review at the Board meeting, March 5, 2009. The Board noted Ms. Titus has eight (8) months to complete twenty (20) hours of continuing education. The Board encouraged Ms. Titus to review her stipulation with the Board and provide the Board with a step-by-step outline including continuing

education courses. The Board asked her to submit this before January 28, 2009. The Board stated that the hours she earned before her license was placed on probation will count towards her Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) license as long as her supervisor is willing to sign off on them. The Board asked to see Ms. Titus on February 5, 2009. **Ms. Titus is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Mr. William Green, Probation Interview

Mr. Green presented himself to the Board. Mr. de St. Aubin conducted the interview. Mr. Green gave the Board a letter stating he is self-employed. He also provided a copy of his quarterly therapist report. Mr. de St. Aubin reviewed the letter with the Board. Mr. Green stated the he continues to meet with Will Dredge and they work on discussing appropriate boundaries. Mr. Green stated that he advised a family he was not comfortable providing them therapy in their home and referred them. Mr. Green stated that things are very slow right now. His insurance will not cover the co-pay for his therapy. The Board advised Mr. Green that his stipulation requires only quarterly reports from his therapist. After a brief discussion Mr. Frandsen motioned to move Mr. Green's meeting with the Board to quarterly, seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion carried unanimously. The Board asked Mr. Green to keep it advised of any changes in his employment or supervisor. The Board asked to see Mr. Green on April 2, 2009. **Mr. Green is in compliance with his stipulation.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Report on research regarding ESL accommodations for ASWB Exam

The Board discussed English as a Second Language (ESL) accommodations for the Association of Social Workers Board (ASWB) exam. The Board noted that some states will not accept scores if special considerations were made for ESL applicants. Mr. Oborn stated that Utah's statutes state that all business is conducted in English. Mr. Oborn stated he will do more research and report back to the Board. Mr. Oborn stated that ASWB representatives have not taken a stance and are leaving it up to the individual states.

APPLICATIONS:

None at this time

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

February 5, 2009

2009 Board Meetings Tentatively Scheduled
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 12:10 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.

February 5, 2009
Date Approved

(ss) Tammer Attallah
Tammer Attallah Chairperson, Utah Social Work
Licensing Board

January 26, 2009
Date Approved

(ss) Richard Oborn
Richard Oborn, Bureau Manager, Division of
Occupational & Professional Licensing