

MINUTES

**UTAH
SOCIAL WORK BOARD
MEETING**

June 4, 2009

**Room 210 – 2nd Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:10 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:17 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:
Board Members Present:

Rich Oborn
Lee Avery

Tammer M. Attallah, Chairperson
Jean V. McAfee
Mark de St. Aubin
Patsy Smith
Andrew Johnston
Dennis R. Frandsen

DOPL Staff Present:

Kent Barnes, Compliance Manager

Guests:

Jeff Titus

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
MINUTES:**

The Board reviewed the minutes dated May 7, 2009. Mr. Johnston motioned to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPLIANCE REPORT:
Kent Barnes, Compliance Manager:

#1. Mr. Stringham is in compliance with his stipulation. He is working on completing the continuing education requirements. He has until September to verify the completion of this requirement.

Discussion:

The Board discussed moving Mr. Stringham's meetings with the Board to quarterly. The Board noted that he has been in compliance since he started his probation.

#2. Ms. Allred is in compliance with her stipulation. Her employer and supervisor reports are current. She needs to take and pass the ASWB exam before July 26, 2009 when her CSWI license expires.

Discussion:

Mr. Oborn stated that Mr. Felt is approved to supervise Ms. Allred. Mr. Felt confirmed that he is not supervising more the three (3) supervisees. The Board briefly discussed moving Ms. Allred's meetings with the Board to quarterly.

#3. Mr. Green is in compliance with his stipulation. The Division received his supervisor reports from Will Dredge and Cory Ruward, his employer report from Terry Sellers, and his therapist report from Paul Peterson. Supervisor and employer reports are due monthly; his therapist reports are due quarterly.

#4. Ms. Theresa Schubach is not in compliance with her stipulation. The Division has not received the therapy report that was due by May 20, 2009.

Discussion:

If she brings this report with her to her appointment, she will be in compliance.

#5. Ms. Anntionette Titus is in compliance with her stipulation. She has started a new job at Blue Skies Recovery Center and sent in a letter from her employer stating she read Ms. Titus' order and she will send the reports, a letter, and her resume. The Division received her essay and psychological evaluation. Per the evaluation, she is attending therapy. Her reports are current.

Discussion:

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that Ms. Titus is requesting a statement in her stipulation be changed to clarify the dates and period of the unprofessional conduct. Mr. Oborn reviewed the statement as it currently stands in her stipulation and reviewed Ms. Titus' proposed change. The Board briefly discussed the possible change in language. The Board reviewed the resume for Mr. K.C. Benn, LCSW, who Ms. Titus is requesting as her supervisor. Her employer report

was submitted by Pam Gramse, LSAC, Blue Skies Recovery Center. The Board will need to approve these. Karen Logan is her proposed therapist.

Update:

1. Ms. Berry is proposing approval of her therapist.
2. Mr. Velasquez is not working in the field at this time.
3. Ms. Melanie Walters is a new probationer. She holds the Social Service Worker (SSW) license and the Certified Professional Counselor Intern (CPCI) license. The Professional Counselor Licensing Board will monitor her probation.
4. Mr. Carlson is doing well. His meetings with the Board are quarterly.
5. Ms. Snow is doing well. She will meet with the Board in July.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. James Stringham, Probation Interview

Mr. Stringham met with the Board for his probation interview. Mr. Johnston conducted the interview. Mr. Stringham advised the Board that he:

1. has almost completed a CE course.
2. is sending in the 2nd exam and exam fee.

Once he receives his certificate, he will send a copy to the Division. The Board reminded Mr. Stringham that his continuing education hours are due in September 2009. The Board reviewed Mr. Stringham's request to move his meetings with the Board to quarterly and to amend previous minutes and agendas to show his first name as James. Mr. Frandsen motioned to amend the previous minutes and agendas to reflect Mr. Stringham's first name as James, seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion carried unanimously. The Board noted that Mr. Stringham has been in compliance with his probation. His supervisor reports are current and positive. Mr. Frandsen motioned to move Mr. Stringham's meeting to quarterly, seconded by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously. After further discussion, Ms. Smith motioned to move his supervisor reports to quarterly, seconded by Mr. de St. Aubin. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Stringham was advised his next report is due August 20, 2009. The Board asked to see Mr. Stringham on September 2, 2009. **Mr. Stringham is in compliance with this stipulation.**

Ms. Jacqueline Allred, Probation Interview

Ms. Allred met with the Board for her probation interview. Mr. Frandsen conducted the interview. Ms. Allred stated that she has completed six (6) hours of continuing education and gave the Board her certificate documenting completion of the following course: "I Hate It When That Happens"-Law & Ethics For Social Workers, by Pamela H. Harmell Ph.D. with Ingrid Kohn Paymar, LCSW. Ms. Allred stated that she continues to review the NASW Code of Ethics with her supervisor. She has been studying for the ASWB exam. She does not have an exam date yet. The Board reminded Ms. Allred that her essay is due by January 2010. Her essay must cover the Mental Health Professional Practice Act, Social Worker Practice Act and the NASW Code of Ethics. The Board asked to see Ms. Allred on July 2, 2009. **Ms. Allred is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Mr. William Green, Probation Interview

Mr. Green met with the Board for his probation interview. Mr. de St. Aubin conducted the interview. Mr. Green stated he is working three (3) days a week at the Steps Recovery Center, in Payson Utah. He sees approximately twelve (12) clients. He plans to maintain his private practice. He continues working with Will Dredge as his private practice supervisor. The Board noted that Mr. Green's reports are positive. Mr. Green is in compliance with all areas of his probation. Mr. Frandsen motioned to approve Mr. Green's request which was to :

1. Move the monthly supervisor reports from Mr. Dredge to quarterly.
2. keep Mr. Green's meetings with Mr. Dredge at every two (2) weeks; and
3. require that Mr. Dredge submit additional reports if concerns arise; seconded by Ms. Smith.

The motion carried unanimously. After further discussion, the Board clarified that reports from Mr. Dredge and Mr. Sellers are quarterly; and the reports from Mr. Ruward are monthly. The Board advised Mr. Green it would like to see him monthly until September. At that time, the Board will revisit Mr. Green's request to move his meeting with the Board to quarterly. The Board asked to see Mr. Green on July 2, 2009. **Mr. Green is in compliance with this**

stipulation.

Ms. Theresa Schubach, Probation Interview

Ms. Schubach met with the Board for her probation interview. Ms. Smith conducted the interview. The Board advised Ms. Schubach that her therapy report, due May 20, 2009, has not been received. Ms. Schubach stated that she would submit it later today. Ms. Schubach requested that the Board meeting be closed to discuss her health issues. Ms. Smith motioned to close the meeting at 11:14 A.M., seconded by Mr. Frandsen. The motion carried unanimously. There were no written notes or recording taken during this time. The meeting opened at 11:38 A.M. Ms. Schubach states she is still having problems obtaining insurance. The Board noted that Ms. Schubach's meetings with the Board are quarterly. The Board asked to see Ms. Schubach September 2, 2009. **Ms. Schubach is not in compliance with her stipulation.**

NOTE* Ms. Schubach submitted her therapy report on June 5, 2009.

Ms. Taylia Bunker, SSW application review

Ms. Bunker met with the Board to review her application for Social Service Worker License. The Board reviewed the summary prepared by Mr. Oborn and a copy of Ms. Bunker's letter, transcripts, and course descriptions. The Board talked with Ms. Bunker in detail. The Board clarified that the principles upon which this decision is made are specific to Ms. Bunker's education. Mr. de St. Aubin motioned to approve the education requirements based upon her compliance with the education requirement specified in Utah Code 58-60-205 (3)(d)(iii). Mr. de St. Aubin based the motion on the conclusion that although Ms. Bunker's degree was in Integrated Studies, her degree's unique combination of several courses in sociology and community health qualified as an "other field" under the statute. Mr. Frandsen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried, four (4) in favor of approval, Ms. Smith abstaining.

Ms. Anntionette Titus, Probation Interview

Ms. Titus met with the Board for her probation interview. Ms. McAfee conducted the interview. Ms. Titus advised the Board that she is now working at Blue Skies Recovery Center. The director of the

facility is Pam Gramse, LSAC. Ms. Titus stated that she works with substance abuse and anger management clients. She works approximately twenty-seven (27) hours a week and will work more hours as the workload allows. The Board reviewed a letter from Ms. Gramse stating she has received a copy of Ms. Titus' stipulation and will provide employer reports to the Board. The Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Keith Benn, LCSW, stating he would supervise Ms. Titus' clinical hours and he received a copy of her stipulation. He has included his resume for the Board's review. Ms. Titus stated that she has completed ten (10) hours of continuing education and that she needs to complete ten (10) more hours. The Board reminded her that these need to be completed and the documentation submitted to the Division by July 20, 2009 for her interview with the Board on August 6, 2009. Ms. Titus advised the Board that she is seeing Karen Logan, LCSW as her therapist. After further discussion, Ms. McAfee motioned to approve Ms. Karen Logan, LCSW, as Ms. Titus' therapist and Mr. K. C. Benn, LCSW, as Ms. Titus' supervisor, seconded by Mr. de St. Aubin. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Titus requested that text in her stipulation be changed to better reflect the dates of her unprofessional conduct. She is concerned that the current text reads that she may not be able to count clinical hours for a year's work experience towards her LCSW. After further discussion, the Board encouraged Ms. Titus to talk with her supervisor about her concerns and then if there was a problem with the hours, the Board would reconsider her request. The Board asked to see Ms. Titus on July 2, 2009. **Ms. Titus is in compliance with her stipulation.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Application Review

There are no additional applications for review.

Emily Berry Proposal for Approved Therapist

The Board reviewed the resume for Alesia Black, APRN, as Ms. Berry's therapist. Mr. Oborn stated that Ms. Berry is not working and will not be meeting with the Board until she gains employment in this field. Mr. Frandsen motioned to approve Ms. Black as Ms. Berry's therapist, seconded by Mr. de St. Aubin. The motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Board Vacancies

Taken out of order on the agenda:

Mr. Oborn noted that this is Mr. Johnston's last Board meeting. He will be receiving his LCSW and can no longer represent CSWs. Ms. Smith's term on the Board is scheduled to end June 30, 2009. Ms. Smith stated she does not want to commit to another four (4) years on the Board; however, she will stay on the Board until her position is filled.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There is no correspondence at this time.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

July 2, 2009

2009 Board Meetings Tentatively Scheduled

July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3.

2010 Board Meetings Tentatively Scheduled

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

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 12:17 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.

July 2, 2009

Date Approved

(ss) Tammer Attallah

Tammer Attallah Chairperson, Utah Social Work Licensing Board

June 23, 2009

Date Approved

(ss) Richard Oborn

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