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MEETING MINUTES

September 27th, 2024

The Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers met at 10am on September 27th, 2024, at the Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner at 921 Northeast 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. The meeting was held in accordance with the *Administrative Procedures Act* and *Open Meeting Act of Oklahoma*.

Members Present:

Chair Beverly Coon, LMSW, LCSW
Vice Chair Angela Dickson, LCSW
Secretary Clark Grothe, LCSW
Melanie, McKinley, LCSW
April Courouleau, LMSW
Stacey Blaylock, LCSW
David Spencer, Public Member

Agenda Item 1: Role Call of Board Members:

Meeting called to order at 10:17am. A quorum was met with six Board members present to facilitate and conduct the business of the agency. Ms. McKinley arrived to the meeting at 10:25am.

Agenda Item 2: Review and possible amendment and/or approval of the July 17th, 2024, meeting minutes:

Ms. Blaylock made a motion to approve the July 2024 Board minutes with suggested amendments by Legal Counsel Kramer. Motion was seconded by Mr. Spencer. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion and possible action: HB 3015.

After discussion among board members, Board Chair Coon appointed a sub-committee consisting of board members Spencer, Grothe and Blaylock for further review of HB 3015 and its impact on the supervisory process for licensees completing supervision for advanced level licensure. Director Marks was directed to craft draft rules to present at the November 2024 Board Meeting. Mr. Grothe made a motion for Marks to craft draft rules addressing HB 3015 to

present at the November 2024 Board Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spencer. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Agenda Item 4: November Board Meeting date has been changed to November 1st, 2024 to accommodate ASWB Delegate Assembly Meeting:

Mr. Spencer made the motion to change the date of the November board meeting from November 8th, 2024 to November 1st, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Grothe. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Marks to update information with the Oklahoma Secretary of State.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion and possible action: Personal Appearance by Dr. Kylene Rehder to present research and proposal to change the Licensed Social Work Associate licensure title to Licensed Bachelor's Social Worker.

Dr. Rehder appeared before the Board to request a title change for the Bachelor's level license. The Board heard research presented by Dr. Rehder who suggested a title change to Oklahoma's bachelor level license creates a language alignment with other US jurisdictions in addition to aligning with the language noted in the proposed interstate compact agreement. Mr. Grothe made a motion for staff to pursue legislative action to change the tile of Licensed Social Worker Associate to Licensed Bachelor's Social Worker.

Agenda Item 6: (A) Discussion and possible action on the following Citizen Complaints filed against social workers:

- i. **Complaint 2024-190 Complaint Committee recommends dismissal.**
Mr. Grothe made a motion to dismiss complaint 2024-190. Seconded by Ms. Blaylock. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.
- ii. **Complaint 2024-207 Complaint Committee recommends dismissal.**
Mr. Grothe made a motion to dismiss complaint 2024-207. Seconded by Ms. Blaylock. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Agenda Item 6: (B) Presentation of the Complaint Log to the Board. No Action.

Agenda Item 7: Discussion and possible action: approval of online application submissions reviewed and vetted by Board staff.

Ms. Blaylock made the motion to approve the applications noted on the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Courouleau. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Agenda Item 8: Mr. Marks presented the Executive Director's report. The report included the following:

- A. Financial Reports will be presented beginning November 2024.
- B. 2025 Renewals. Board was informed the agency will be taking a firmer stance regarding verification of CEUs needed for renewal.
- C. Agency Rules are currently being re-written with updates to address recent changes to the law and to remove out-dated information due to updates to agency website.

- D. FTE Update. Marks informed the Board of the agency's intention to pursue legislative action to increase agency FTE from one (1) to four (4).
- E. Interstate Compact. Marks provided an update regarding committee work and informed the Board of our agency's intention to pursue legislative action, which, if passed, will make Oklahoma a "member" state of the Compact for the social work profession.
- F. Tablets. Marks advised that the galaxy tablets would be returned as OMES IT. Marks advised OMES IT Support staff do not have the capability to address security issues embedded into those tablets. Marks intends to pursue iPads once the issue with the existing tablets are resolved.

Agenda Item 9: New business: None

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment:

Ms. Blaylock made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Ms. McKinley. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Adjournment at 11:53am.

Remaining 2024 Meeting Dates

November 1st