

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on July 20, 2017. Board Chair, Sharrie Cranford, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

There was a quorum of members present including:
District I representative Sharrie Cranford – Chair
District II representative Jennifer Venable-Humphrey – Vice Chair
District III representative Valeri White
District IV representative Amy Smith – Secretary
District VI representative Marilyn Colson
District VII representative LaShea Cobb-England

Ellen Leonard, Board Legal Counsel, was present. Executive Director Laura Hughes was also present for the meeting.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes:

Copies of the minutes from the April 13, 2017, Board Meeting were reviewed. Valeri White made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Copies of the minutes from the May 25, 2017, Board Meeting were reviewed. LaShea Cobb-England made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Valeri White seconded the motion. Amy Smith and Jennifer Venable-Humphrey abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Board Business:

- a. Executive Director Laura Hughes updated the Board on status of complaints. There are currently eleven (11) open complaints. One (1) complaint has been closed. Of those eleven (11) open complaints, seven (7) will be scheduled for hearings. It was discussed and decided that the hearings will be scheduled for the upcoming September 2017 meeting of the Board with a date to be determined later in today's meeting.
- b. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to accept approval of new licenses issued since the last Board meeting. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. The Board discussed the license status of Ms. Cecilia L. Bryant. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion that Ms. Bryant be sent a certified letter advising her of her current licensure status with her check included. The letter will advise her of a deadline date by which she must provide the requested information in order for her license to remain current. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. Discussion was held regarding Ms. Venable-Humphrey's motion. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made an amended motion that Board staff make an attempt to phone Ms. Bryant to advise her of her current licensure status and what information is needed in order for her license to remain current. Pending her response to the telephone call, Ms. Bryant will be sent a certified letter advising her of her current licensure status with her check included. The letter will advise her of a deadline date by which she must provide the requested information in order for her license to remain current. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Alissa Lapidus addressed the Board to appeal the Board's decision related to her PIP status. A decision was made to table Ms. Lapidus request until later in the meeting.

The Board broke at 10:05am, and reconvened at 10:15am.

New Board Business:

- a. There were no updates for the Board on members who have been invited to speak at a conference or program.
- b. Discussion was held regarding renewal notices. No motion was made related to this discussion.
- c. Amy Smith made a motion to notify Leilani Eady in writing that her license is no longer valid due to failure of her CE audit, and to notify her of her options for reinstatement via the Administrative Code. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded the motion. There was discussion held regarding the reinstatement fine. The motion passed unanimously following discussion.
- d. The request of Michael Watson was discussed and reviewed. The Board agreed that procedure outlined in the Administrative Code should be followed.

Other Requests:

- a. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey addressed information regarding treatment and monitoring of impaired professionals that are reported to the Board. The Board revisited resources previously discussed, and discussed setting a procedure for how impaired professionals will be monitored in the future. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion that a subcommittee be created to assess service provision and monitoring of impaired professionals. LaShea Cobb-England seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously following discussion.
Chairperson Sharrie Cranford appointed LaShea Cobb-England, Jennifer Venable-Humphrey, and herself to serve on the subcommittee.

Proposed dates for next Board Meeting: Friday, September 8, 2017 at 9:30am.

The Board broke at 10:55am, and reconvened at 11:01am.

The request of Alissa Lapidus was revisited at this time. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to accept the CAPP Program CE's completed by Alissa Lapidus and reinstate her license retroactively to December 2015. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded the motion. Discussion was held regarding the motion on the table.

The Board broke at 11:25am, and reconvened at 11:29am.

Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to enter closed session. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered closed session at 11:30am. The Board reconvened open meeting at 11:40am.

The Board voted on the motion of Sharrie Cranford regarding the request of Alissa Lapidus at this time. The motion failed to pass with all opposed.

Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to accept the 20 hours of CE's submitted in 2016 by Ms. Lapidus. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The motion failed to pass with Sharrie Cranford voting for, and the remaining members of the Board voting in opposition.

Valeri White made a motion to backdate the application submitted by Ms. Alissa Lapidus to January 25, 2016. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board advised that a renewal license would be printed to reflect an effective date of January 25, 2016.

PIP Applications:

- a. Catherine Joanna Bell Altoji – Approved Clinical Social Work
- b. Christopher Cargile – Approved Social Casework and Denied Clinical Social Work
- c. Melinda Clark – Approved Clinical Social Work
- d. Manuela Daniels – Approved Social Casework and Approved Clinical Social Work
- e. Jamie Key - Approved Social Casework and Approved Clinical Social Work
- f. Iola McCloud – Denied Social Casework and Denied Clinical Social Work; Board agreed that a letter will be sent to Ms. McCloud advising that based on the application information provided, it appears that she is practicing illegally per the Statute.
- g. Shannon Kish McElroy –Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work, Denied Social Work Administration
- h. Jennifer Sasser – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work
- i. Tara Sprewell-Moore – Approved Clinical Social Work, Denied Community Organization, Denied Social Work Administration

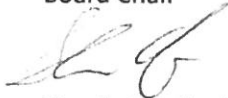
j. Dorann Wilburn Tanner – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work, Denied Social Work Administration

Requesting Reconsideration or Addition

k. Maggie Hill Klyce – Approved reconsideration of Clinical Social Work

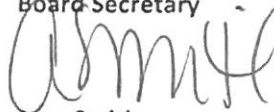
Jennifer Venable-Humphrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:40pm. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair



Sharrie Cranford

Board Secretary



Amy Smith