

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 31, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on May 31, 2019. Board Chair, Dr. Michael Smith, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District I representative Sharrie Cranford

District II representative Jennifer Venable-Humphrey

District III representative Valeri White

District IV representative Amy Smith – Secretary

District V representative Dr. Michael Smith - Chair

Ellen Leonard, Board Legal Counsel, was present. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson was also present for the meeting. The following individuals were also present for the meeting: Haley Wilson, Student intern from Troy University; Brandon Watson, Student Intern from Troy University; Carolyn Miller, LICSW, PIP, Social Work Director of Family Health Services with Alabama Department of Public Health; William Kennedy, LICSW, State Social Work Director with Alabama Public Health.

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 March 6, 2019, meeting were reviewed. Valeri White made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Board Business**

- a. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson updated the Board on status of complaints. There are currently two (2) pending complaints. One complaint has a proposed agreement for Board review and vote today.

The proposed agreement regarding licensee, Lindsey Garrison was reviewed by the Board. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Amy Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to accept approval of new licenses issued since the last Board meeting. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## New Board Business

- a. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey updated the Board on the Spring Education Conference of the Association of Social Work Boards. She informed the Board regarding the Board Member Exchange, and advised regarding ASWB plans to create a task force related to issues surrounding licensure supervision.
- b. Executive Director (ED) Rachel Dickinson provided the Board with a Finance Report Update. ED Dickinson advised the Board that SB370 did not pass. The sponsoring senator for the bill has expressed a willingness to help review the existing law and draft proposed changes to the the Board to review. In addition, the Board was advised that it has been determined that by rewording the Code from “reinstatement fine” to “renewal fee,” that we should be able to resume collecting monies related to late renewals. She did advise that we still remain unable to collect CE Provider fees. This has had about a \$15k impact on the Board budget over the last two years.
- c. Valeri White and Jennifer Venable-Humphrey updated the Board on the Supervision subcommittee progress. There was discussion around the creation of a Supervision registry where certain criteria must be met for a person to be approved as a Supervisor to be listed on the register. State Social Work Director for Alabama Department of Public Health asked that the Board strongly consider keeping the State agency exemption for Licensure Supervisors.
- d. Mr. William Kennedy, LICSW, State Social Work Director with Alabama Public Health, addressed the Board to express concern regarding the language in proposed legislation regarding classroom versus non-classroom CEs. He explained that the ADPH often holds “teleconferences” that are not inside of a single classroom, but are real-time, live classroom experiences via video/audio transmission. The Board agreed to take his concerns under advisement when considering proposed legislation.

Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to accept the proposed amendments to Chapter 850-X-8 Code of Alabama 1975, with the following change: amend “traditional classroom-based education” to read “live classroom education event.” Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Michael Smith made a motion to accept the remaining changes to Chapter 850-X-2, 4, 6, 7 & 10 Code of Alabama 1975 as proposed. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- e. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to accept and offer online license verification from other states. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Discussion was held by the Board regarding endorsements and PIP by endorsement. The Board agreed to table the topic for future discussion.
- g. The Board discussed the topic of Clinical CE for retired licensees, and how “Clinical” is defined. The Board agreed they would be referred back to the definition of “Clinical” as it is defined in the Code of Alabama 1975.

## Other Requests

- a. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to allow Kolera Burrows, LMSW, to earn her additional 2 months of supervision outside of the identified timeframe. Valeri White seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey, Dr. Michael Smith, and Valeri White voted in favor of the motion. Sharrie Cranford and Amy Smith opposed. The motion carried.
- b. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to deny the request of Gary Daniels, LBSW, to earn CEs during his grace period. Amy Smith seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Valeri White, Jennifer Venable-Humphrey and Amy Smith voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Michael Smith and Sharrie Cranford opposed. The motion carried.
- c. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to deny the request of Kenya Parker, LBSW, to earn CEs during her grace period. Valeri White seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Valeri White, Jennifer Venable-Humphrey and Amy Smith voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Michael Smith and Sharrie Cranford opposed. The motion carried.
- d. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to deny the request of Brittany Townsend to use her hours of supervision despite being 6 months short of her 24 months as required. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to deny the request of Teresa Vines to earn her CEs in her grace period. Amy Smith seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey, Amy Smith, and Valeri White voted in favor of the motion. Sharrie Cranford and Dr. Michael Smith opposed. The motion carried.

## PIP Applications

- a. Baggett, Carrie – Approved Clinical Social Work
- b. Bone, Crystal – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work, Denied Social Work Administration
- c. Brooks, Rhonda – Approved Social Casework
- d. Carley, Duane – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work
- e. Craig, Bethany – Approved Clinical Social Work
- f. Doughty, Florence – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work
- g. Duncan, Shelia – Approved Clinical Social Work
- h. Gordon, Kimberly – Approved Social Casework, Denied Community Organization, Approved Social Work Administration
- i. Guthery, Candace – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work

- j. Haag, Margaret – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work
- k. Hampton, Tarae – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work
- l. Hanns, Alva – Denied Clinical Social Work
- m. Ivey, Erica – Approved Clinical Social Work
- n. Jackson, Stacy – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work, Denied Community Organization, Denied Social Work Administration
- o. Kelley, Meza – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work, Denied Community Organization, Denied Social Work Research, Denied Social Work Administration
- p. List, Katherine – Approved Clinical Social Work
- q. Martin, Sonia – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work
- r. Murry, TeNisha – Approved Social Casework, Denied Clinical Social Work, Denied Social Work Administration
- s. Peacock, Tammy – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work, Denied Social Work Research, Approved Social Work Administration
- t. Phillips, Angel – Approved Clinical Social Work
- u. Rampy, Kelly – Denied Clinical Social Work, Denied Social Work Administration
- v. Reaves, Charlotte – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work, Approved Community Organization, Denied Social Work Research, Approved Social Work Administration
- w. Schuck, Heather – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work, Approved Social Work Administration
- x. Smith, Amy – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work
- y. Southern, Sara – Approved Clinical Social Work
- z. Stiltner, Hanna – Approved Clinical Social Work
- aa. Huey, Brittany – Approved Social Casework, Approved Social Work Administration, Denied Clinical Social Work

**Requesting Reconsideration or Addition**

- bb. Blackstock, Joel – Approved Social Casework

Proposed date for next Board Meeting: August 8, 2019, at 9:30am.

Valeri White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55am. Amy Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Board Chair**

**Board Secretary**



~~Dr. Michael Smith~~

Sharrie Grantford

Amy Smith