# The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners Board Meeting Minutes August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 in person at the Montgomery office located at 100 North Union Street. Board Chair, Kai Mumpfield, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

There was a quorum of members present including: District II representative Kai Mumpfield, Vice Chair in person District III representative Jamie Nicole DeLee in person District V representative Dwan Madden in person District VI representative Marilyn Colson in person District VII representative Dr. Bob McKinney in person

Executive Director Rachel Dickinson was also present for the meeting. Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by verbal yes or no. 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 June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Dr. McKinney and was seconded by Marilyn Colson to accept the minutes. All board members voted to accept the minutes.

## **Old Board Business**

- a. Marilyn Colson made a motion to accept approval of new licenses issued since the last Board meeting. Dr. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. We had a total of 10 bachelors, 77 masters, and 47 clinical.
- b. Executive Director Dickinson gave an update on the complaint status. We currently have 2 open complaints.

#### **New Board Business**

- a. New Board member Dwan Madden introduced herself to the Board.
- b. Executive Director Dickinson presented the financial report. She reported that the Board is in great shape heading into the final month of the Fiscal Year.
- c. Notice of Intended Action Final Approval was needed before updates to the rules could be made.

- i. Updated Continuing Education rule to reflect changes for CEU hours received by students and professors. Students can earn 5 CEU hours for each complete semester hour and professors earn double CEU hours for each hour taught.
- ii. Updated Fees to reflect the passing of legislation to allow the Board to charge for reinstatements, license verifications and supervision certification. A Motion was made by Ms. Colson to accept the changes to the rules and Ms. DeLee seconded the motion. All board members approved.
- d. Discussion was had surrounding the training proposals submitted to the Board. The Members agreed that all submitted proposals needed to expand on the type of training offered (in person/virtual/pre-recorded). Will there be a cap on the virtual hours? If the training is remote how will they ensure participation of the attendees. They needed to cover all areas required in the rules 17 requirements for LBSW and LMSW and 20 for LICSW's. Proposals needed to also detail the scope of the training. How many days/hours would the training last? The Board agreed to a minimum of twelve hours. The Board discussed and agreed that attending the training would also count toward CEU's. The Board would also like to see an evaluation of the training program included. The Board asked Executive Director Dickinson to return the proposals and ask for more information. The Director suggested holding a one-hour Q&A session with anyone interested in submitting proposals after the next Board Meeting. The Board agreed. The Director will contact everyone interested with the time and a link to attend virtually.
- e. The Board had to accept and approve two settlement agreements.
  Dr. McKinney made a motion to accept the settlement agreements and Ms. Colson seconded the motion. All board member approved to accept the agreements.

#### **Other Requests**

Open discussion was held regarding the current state of the Social Work profession in the state of Alabama. Ms. Mumpfield would like to see the Board hold a session and invite all interested persons to attend to discuss the status of social work in Alabama. She suggested working with NASW-AL and other groups to help sponsor the event.

#### **PIP Applications**

- a. Ashley Blaylock Approved Social Casework
- b. Camille Jones Approved Social Casework
- c. Barbara Powell- Approved Social Casework
- d. Allison Smalley- Approved Social Casework
- e. Angela Thompson- Approved Social Casework
- f. Serenity Young- Approved Social Casework

Marilyn Colson made a motion to approve them and was seconded by Dr. Bob McKinney. All passed with a yes vote.

The date for the next Board meeting will be October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10 AM. Jamie Nicole DeLee moved to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kai Mumpfield Board Chair

Jamie Nicole DeLee Secretary