

The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners

Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2023

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on May 4, 2023 at the Montgomery office. Board Chair, Kai Mumpfield, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District II representative Kai Mumpfield, Chair

District III representative Jamie DeLee

District IV representative

District V representative Dr. Shalunda Allen-Sherrod

District VI representative Wendy Peek

District VII representative

Executive Director, Rachel Dickinson and attorney, Ellen Leonard, were 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

Minutes from the March 28, 2023 meeting were distributed. Mrs. DeLee made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Peek seconded the motion. All voted to pass the minutes.

Old Board Business

- a. The director updated that there are 2 new open complaints making a total of four.
- b. The Board Chair Ms. Mumpfield made the motion to approve the new licensee list with changes of adding Alabama State University and The University of Alabama to the missing education section of the list of licensees. Vice Chair Dr. Sherrod seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

The Board reviewed and discussed the new clinical social work language updates and the potential effect that could be had by the Governor's Current Executive Order not allowing rule changes. The Board agreed that with the passage of the legislation allowing LICSW's to diagnose, that keeping the new rule language to a minimum would be the best decision at this time given the Executive Order currently in place until 2024. The recommended update to Chapter 850-X-8, Continuing Education is as follows: 850-X-8 (4)(c) "3 of which must be a comprehensive review of the current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual. Proof of this must be mailed or electronically mailed to the Board at the time of renewal." The recommended update to Chapter 850-X-2, Definitions is as follows: 850-X-2 (3)(b)(2)(3): 2. Clinical social work is a specialized area of social work practice that includes assessment, diagnosis, treatment, client centered advocacy, evaluation and treatment of behavioral, mental, developmental or emotional disorders;. Clinical social work is a specialized area of social work practice

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3. Clinical social workers cannot practice outside their scope of practice. The scope of practice does not include the diagnosis, treatment, or provision of advice to a client for problems or complaints relating to conditions outside the boundaries of the practice of social work. For the purposes of this section, the terms diagnose and treatment, whether considered in isolation or in conjunction with the rules of the board, may not be construed to permit the performance of any act which a licensed clinical social worker is not educated or trained to perform including, but not limited to, any of the following: (1) Administering and interpreting psychological tests or intellectual, neuropsychological, personality, or projective instruments. (2) Admitting any individual to a hospital for treatment of any condition that is outside the boundaries of the practice of social work, as provided in subsection (b). Treating any individual in a hospital setting without medical supervision. (4) Prescribing medicinal drugs. (5) Authorizing clinical laboratory procedures or radiological procedures. (6) Using electroconvulsive therapy. Nothing in this section shall be construed to create a requirement that any health benefit plan, group insurance plan, policy, or contract for health care services that covers hospital, medical, or surgical expenses, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, medical service organizations, physician-hospital organizations, or any other individual, firm, corporation, joint venture, or other similar business entity that pays for, purchases, or furnishes group health care services to patients, insureds, or beneficiaries in this state, including entities created pursuant to Article 6, commencing with Section 10A-20-6.01 of Chapter 20, Title 10A, Code of Alabama 1975, provide coverage or reimbursement for the services described or authorized in this section."

A motion to approve was made by Vice Chair, Dr. Sherrod and seconded by Mrs. DeLee. Three members voted yes one member voted no. The motion carried.

Notice of Intended Action will be submitted by the Executive Director to the Alabama Legislative Authority.

PIP Applications


Mrs. DeLee made a motion to approve the PIP applications. Vice Chair, Dr. Sherrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The date for the next board meeting will be July 7, 2023 at 10 AM. Ms. Mumpfield moved to adjourn at 11:22 AM. Ms. DeLee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Kai Mumpfield

Board Chair



Dwan Madden

Secretary