

MINUTES
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD
April 19, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Andrew Harner called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. in Room W064, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana and declared a quorum, in accordance with IC § 25-23.6-2.

Members Present:

Andrew Harner, MSW, L.C.S.W., President
Kimble Richardson, M.S. L.M.H.C., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T., MHC Section Chair
Michael Aemmer, MA, L.S.W., L.M.F.T.
Rex Stockton, Ed.D., L.M.H.C., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T., Psychologist, MHC Section Chair
George Brenner, L.S.W., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T.
Carol Gaff-Clark, Ed.D., L.M.H.C., CADAC-IV
Ruth Hallett, Consumer Member

Members Absent:

Geneva Osawe, MSW, L.M.F.T., L.C.S.W., MFT Section Chair, Vice-President
Vacant, SW Section Chair
Vacant, Consumer Member
Vacant, Psychiatrist Member

Staff Present:

Valerie Jones, Board Director
Ronnie Saunders III, Assistant Board Director
Donna Sembroski, Legal Counsel, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda, as amended.

RICHARDSON/HALLETT
Motion carried 7-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 25, 2010

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting of the Board, as amended.

STOCKTON/BRENNER
Motion carried 7-0-0

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. James Henry Grace, License #34005830A

Re: Positive Response on Renewal Application

Mr. Grace appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on his renewal application. Mr. Grace answered "yes" to the following questions:

"Since you last renewed, have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal or state law or are criminal charges pending?"

Mr. Grace appeared before an administrative law judge ("ALJ") panel of the Board on March 22, 2010 where he discussed the positive response on his renewal application. Mr. Grace informed the ALJ panel that he was charged with possession of marijuana that was being kept by his daughter. He stated that the daughter's boyfriend had called the police and told them that she was keeping the drug in her parents' home. Subsequently, Mr. Grace was arrested.

Mr. Grace further stated that he is currently being prescribed methadone for pain management as a result of bulging disks from a car accident. Mr. Grace has been taking the prescribed methadone since 1996.

As a result of his arrest, Mr. Grace was placed on probation for eleven (11) months and has complied with all terms and conditions. He submitted documentation of the probation information for review.

The ALJ recommended that Mr. Grace be renewed on probation. As a result, he was required to appear before the full board.

The Board reviewed the ALJ records and Mr. Grace's renewal file.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to renew Mr. Grace's license on probation with the following terms and conditions:

1. Submit a letter from his prescribing physician within 60 days indicating that he is prescribing the medication and the specific reasons he is prescribing the medication.
2. No opportunity to withdraw until criminal probation is complete.
3. Require probation officer to submit copies of all drug screens to the Board.
4. Submit quarterly submitted with the following information:
 - a) Employment
 - b) Address changes
 - c) Report from supervisor if he becomes employed in a social work position

HALLETT/RICHARDSON
Motion carried 7-0-0

B. Marjorie Ellen Hill, License #34005128A

Re: Positive Response on Renewal Application

Ms. Hill appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on her renewal application. Ms. Hill should have answered "yes" to the following questions:

"Since you last renewed, have you been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or have staff membership or privileges been revoked, suspended, or subject to any restriction, probation, or other type of discipline?"

The Board questioned Ms. Hill about the positive response. Ms. Hill appeared before an ALJ panel in March

A motion was made and seconded to renew the respondent's license on probation with the following terms and conditions:

1. Submit a signed copy by her supervisor of her probation order within 14 days.
2. Quarterly reports from a licensed mental health practitioner supervisor addressing the boundary issues.
3. Weekly individual supervision addressed in the quarterly supervisors reports.
4. All Category I CEUs in professional boundaries for the April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2012 either online or in person.
5. No opportunity to withdrawal for at least 2 years.
6. Personal appearance every 6 months.

RICHARDSON/BRENNER
Motion carried 7-0-0

C. Greig Ronald Thompson, Jr., License #39001233A

Re: Positive Response on Renewal Application

Mr. Thompson appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on his renewal application. Mr. Thompson answered "yes" to the following questions:

"Since you last renewed, have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal or state law or are criminal charges pending?"

The Board questioned Mr. Thompson about his positive response. Mr. Thompson informed the Board that after celebrating at a football game he was stopped by police while driving home. Mr. Thompson informed the Board that he spent the night in jail, had a court appearance on December 16, 2009, and took a drug and alcohol test. He has had two appearances with a probation officer, taken a MADD course and completed court ordered community service. He will be on probation until December 14, 2010.

Mr. Thompson is currently employed at Batesville Community Schools as a guidance counselor and has never been previously arrested or received treatment from a mental health professional. Mr. Thompson received an initial evaluation by Andrea Longstreet.

Mr. Thompson's blood alcohol level at the time of his arrest was .22. The Board expressed concern about the alcohol evaluation submitted. Mr. Thompson informed the board that since his arrest he has reduced his alcohol intake and will not drive when he does drink.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to renew Mr. Thompson's license on probation with the following terms and conditions:

1. Submit to a clinical interview with by an addiction professional or an addictionologist and comply with any recommendation made by the evaluator.
2. No opportunity to withdrawal until criminal probation is complete.
3. Submit quarterly reports.

BRENNER/GAFF-CLARK
Motion carried 7-0-0

D. Julia Louis Brown, License #34004930A

Re: Positive Response on Renewal Application

Ms. Brown appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on her renewal application. Ms. Brown answered "yes" to the following questions:

"Since you last renewed, have you been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or, have staff membership or privileges been revoked, suspended, or subjected to any restriction, probation, or other type of discipline or limitations?"

The Board questioned Ms. Brown about her positive response. Ms. Brown informed the Board that she had issues with her clinical director at her previous employer, Valle Vista Health System, after Ms. Brown was requested by her supervisor to inform a court of incorrect information. However, Ms. Brown informed the Board that she refused and gave the court what she believed was the correct information.

Ms. Brown stated that while at her previous employer, she never received any disciplinary action until her termination.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to renew Ms. Brown's license.

RICHARDSON/ AEMMER
Motion carried 7-0-0

E. Margaret Kosalko, License #33002163A

Re: Positive Response on Renewal Application

Ms. Kosalko appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on her renewal application. Ms. Kosalko answered "yes" to the following questions:

"Since you last renewed, have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal or state law or are criminal charges pending?"

The Board questioned Ms. Kosalko about her positive response. Ms. Kosalko informed the Board that she made a poor decision and was arrested for operating while intoxicated after drinking at her mother's home. At the time of her arrest, her blood alcohol level was .16.

Ms. Kosalko received a 30-days restricted license in Indiana and Michigan as a result of her arrest and placed on criminal probation.

Ms. Kosalko has completed her criminal probation and currently works at St. Anthony Hospice in Michigan City, Indiana.

Ms. Kosalko informed the Board that she was previously arrested in 1990 or 1991. The board reviewed the substance abuse evaluation submitted by Ms. Kosalko.

When asked about what she learned in the educational programs she attended, Ms. Kosalko stated that she used alcohol as a coping method.

Ms. Kosalko reports she now uses meditation and acupuncture, and yoga to relieve her stress instead of alcohol.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to renew Ms. Kosalko's license to practice social work.

HALLETT/RICHARDSON
Motion carried 7-0-0

F. Miles C. Nitz, License #35001567A

Re: Positive Response on Renewal Application

Mr. Nitz appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on his renewal application. Mr. Nitz answered "yes" to the following questions:

"Since you last renewed, have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal or state law or are criminal charges pending?"

The Board questioned Mr. Nitz about his positive response. Mr. Nitz informed the Board that while at a festival he became intoxicated and drove home. He stated that he did not believe that he was intoxicated when he got in the car.

When arrested he had a .13 blood alcohol level. As a result of the arrest, Mr. Nitz lost his job. Mr. Nitz stated that he had never been previously arrested.

Mr. Nitz completed his probation 6 months early and currently teaches at IPFW and maintains his own private practice. Additionally, he meets with a professor at IPFW for supervision.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to renew Mr. Nitz's license upon receipt, review and approval of his substance abuse evaluation Ms. Gaff-Clark or Mr. Brenner.

GAFF-CLARK/STOCKTON
Motion carried 7-0-0

G. D. Andrew Puntney, License #34005488A

Re: Positive Response on Renewal Application

Mr. Puntney appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on his renewal application. Mr. Puntney answered "yes" to the following questions:

"Since you last renewed, have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal or state law or are criminal charges pending?"

The Board questioned Mr. Puntney about his positive response. Mr. Puntney informed the Board he had been drinking the night of his arrest and admitted that he has had a drinking problem for the previous 2 years.

Mr. Putney informed his current supervisor of his issues and attends two to four AA meeting per week. In addition, he has abstained from alcohol since his arrest.

Mr. Putney is currently employed by the Southwestern Behavioral Health Care as an outpatient therapist.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to renew Mr. Puntney's license on probation with the following terms and conditions:

1. Meet all of the requirements of the drug and alcohol program and complete the treatment standards suggested by his therapist, Patrick Rhoades.
2. Submit a copy of his drug and alcohol assessment report to the Board.
3. No opportunity for withdrawal until the completion of the drug and alcohol program.
4. Submit quarterly reports

BRENNER/STOCKTON
Motion Carried 7-0-0

H. Terrence Charles Lovejoy, License #34005640A

Re: Positive Response on Renewal Application

Mr. Lovejoy appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on his renewal application. Mr. Lovejoy answered "yes" to the following questions:

"Since you last renewed, have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal or state law or are criminal charges pending?"

The Board questioned Mr. Lovejoy about his positive response. Mr. Lovejoy informed the Board that he was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a blood alcohol level of .13-.16 after celebrating with his partner.

As a result of his arrest, he was sentenced to a 20 hour course, random drug screens calls, 40 hours of community service, and attendance at a Victims Impact Panel.

Mr. Lovejoy is currently working as an adoption social worker. He informed the Board that his direct supervisor is aware of his arrest and conducts supervision every 2-weeks.

Mr. Lovejoy is not currently attending AA, but has continued being open and honest with his family, employer, and friends. He believes he was a binge drinker and has not consumed alcohol since his arrest on July 22, 2007.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to renew Mr. Lovejoy's license to practice clinical social work.

STOCKTON/AEMMER
Motion carried 7-0-0

I. Gloria Ann Thompson, License #34005479A

Re: Positive Response on Renewal Application

Ms. Thompson appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on her renewal application. Ms. Thompson answered "yes" to the following questions:

"Since you last renewed, have you been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or, have staff membership or privileges been revoked, suspended, or subjected to any restriction, probation, or other type of discipline or limitations?"

The Board questioned Ms. Thompson about her positive response. Ms. Thompson informed the Board that after having a child she stepped down from her role as a mental health therapist supervisor.

During her employment she worked 50 hours full time per week after requesting to work 4 days per week. Ms. Thompson stated that she was working more hours than she was physically able to work and after an audit she was suspended without pay for missing notes and not having enough direct client hours.

Ms. Thompson further informed the Board that after changing her work patterns and receiving no additional performance complaints, she was terminated on February 17, 2010 and is currently unemployed.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to renew her license to practice clinical social work.

STOCKTON/HALLETT

Motion carried 7-0-0

J. Connie Jean Richter, License #34005525A

Re: Positive Response on Renewal Application

Ms. Richter appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on his renewal application. Ms. Richter answered "yes" to the following questions:

"Since you last renewed, has any Health Profession license, certificate, registration, or permit you hold or have held been disciplined or are formal charges pending?"

The Board questioned Ms. Richter about her positive response. Ms. Richter informed the Board that while in the process of resigning from a community health facility she exposed some ADA violations she reported as a result of her disability.

After making the reports she received complaints about her work performance for documentation issues. She was also reported by a child psychiatrist for practicing medicine without a license and was admonished by the Kentucky Board of Social Work.

Ms. Richter is currently working in private practice in the State of Indiana.

The Board reviewed the documentation submitted and after discussion, a motion was made and seconded to renew Ms. Richter's license.

RICHARDSON/GAFF-CLARK

Motion carried 7-0-0

K. Patrick Michael Clisham, License #35001548A

Re: Positive Response on Renewal Application

Mr. Clisham appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on his renewal application. Mr. Clisham answered "yes" to the following questions:

“Since you last renewed, have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal or state law or are criminal charges pending?”

The Board questioned Mr. Clisham about his positive response. Mr. Clisham informed the Board that while in Alaska, he was pulled over and arrested for driving while intoxicated.

When he came back to Indianapolis he enrolled in an outpatient program. Mr. Clisham is currently on unsupervised probation until August 2010 and is currently unemployed.

Mr. Clisham completed his outpatient program in May and has been sober since his treatment. He is involved in an “In the Rooms” internet support group.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to renew Mr. Clisham’s license on probation with the following terms and conditions:

1. No opportunity to withdrawal until criminal probation is complete.
2. Submit quarterly reports to the Board.
3. Continuation of his sobriety plan.

GAFF-CLARK/HALLETT
Motion carried 7-0-0

L. Marshelia D. Harris, LCSW Applicant

Re: Exam Attempts

Ms. Harris appeared before the Board to discuss the reasons she believes that she has failed to pass the ASWB clinical exam.

Ms. Harris informed the board that she began studying on her own and took the exam although she was having medical issues. On her second attempt she dealt with deaths in the family and on her final attempt family pressures caused her to feel anxious about the exam.

Ms. Harris informed the Board that she believes that she needs a new method of studying and managing her time.

The Board suggested an anxiety reduction course to assist with stress reduction.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to allow Ms. Harris to sit for the exam.

AEMMER/BRENNER
Motion carried 7-0-0

M. Susan L. Dockery, LCSW Applicant

Re: Exam Attempts

Ms. Dockery appeared before the Board to discuss the reason she believes that she has failed to pass the ASWB clinical exam.

Ms. Dockery stated that she took the first exam unprepared. Ms. Dockery stated that believes that she rushes through the questions.

She informed the Board that she is currently under a lot of pressure from her job to pass the exam. As a result, she is taking the online exam and additional exam preparation courses. She believes that she has exam anxiety and needs to relax in order to prepare for the exam.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to allow Ms. Dockery to sit for the exam.

BRENNER/GAFF-CLARK
Motion carried 7-0-0

N. Terry Karen Sims, LSW Applicant
Re: Positive Response on Initial Application

Ms. Sims appeared before the board as a result of a positive response on her LSW application. Ms. Sims checked “yes” to the following question:

“Are you now being, or have you ever been treated for drug or alcohol abuse?”

Ms. Sims informed the board that she spent the night with her family drinking while watching a sporting event.

Ms. Sims stated that the next morning she was nauseated as a result of pain medication. A nurse asked Ms. Sims if she was ok and eventually called the ambulance and took her to the emergency room where it was discovered that she had a blood alcohol level three times the legal limit.

After losing her job she voluntarily admitted herself to a residential program and stayed for one week. Ms. Sims stated that she is an alcoholic and has known this for quite a while. She currently participates in four to five AA meetings a week and has had nine (9) months of sobriety.

Ms. Sims is currently employed with Branches of Life doing home based counseling.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Ms. Sims to sit for the exam. Once the exam is passed Ms. Sims is required to appear before the board with the following information:

1. A letter from her physician stating awareness of her alcoholism in light of her current pain medicine prescription.
2. A letter from her sponsor regarding the current state of her sobriety.

HALLETT/STOCKTON
Motion carried 7-0-0

O. Diane L. Bakemeyer, LCSW Applicant
Re: Positive Response on Initial Application

Ms. Bakemeyer appeared before the board as a result of a positive response on her LCSW application. Ms. Bakemeyer checked “yes” to the following question:

“Are you now being, or have you ever been treated for drug or alcohol abuse?”

Ms. Bakemeyer voluntarily admitted herself into Fairbanks Hospital for reported addiction to cocaine and marijuana. She was inpatient for a week, did a partial hospitalization program for a week and then did a four (4) month outpatient program.

Ms. Bakemeyer currently works for Family Service and has been sober since October 31, 2007. Ms. Bakemeyer was addicted to cocaine and marijuana.

She is currently attending narcotics anonymous two to three times per week and is seeing a personal counselor. Additionally, she is supported by her family, partner, and employer.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Ms. Bakemeyer to sit for the exam. Once the exam is passed Ms. Bakemeyer is required to appear before the board with the following information:

1. A letter from her therapist and employer regarding her continued sobriety.

BRENNER/GAFT-CLARK
Motion carried 7-0-0

P. Sharon K. Helregel, LCSW Applicant

Re: Exam Attempts

Ms. Helregel appeared before the board to request advice from the board to help her pass the exam.

Ms. Helregel explained the reasons she believed she failed the exam. Ms. Helregel further stated that she was going to request a paper exam through the special accommodations process.

The Board recommended taking a relaxation course as well as a comprehension reading course. The Board further recommended taking a break to give herself a chance to recover from her personal losses.

Ms. Helregel further explained her current study process. No board action was required.

Q. Diane Smith, LCSW Applicant

Re: Exam Attempts

Ms. Smith appeared before the Board to discuss the reasons she believes that she has failed the ASWB clinical exam.

In preparation she has received the ASWB exam materials in order to better prepare her for the exam.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Ms. Smith to sit for the exam.

RICHARDSON/STOCKTON
Motion carried 7-0-0

V. DELIBERATION AND FINAL VOTE OF ACTION TAKEN BY ALJ

A. In the Matter of Jackie Mowrer

Administrative Cause No. 2009 BHSB 002

Re: Probation Withdrawal

Ms. Mowrer appeared before the ALJ Panel to request the withdrawal of her probation March 22, 2010. Ms. Mowrer has been on probation since June 1, 2009.

The ALJ Panel went through the probation order to verify that Ms. Mowrer was in compliance.

Ms. Mowrer testified as to what she has learned since being on probation.

Ms. Mowrer has been sober since June 6, 2006 and currently has a sponsor. She currently works in the field of addiction.

ALJ Recommendation: A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Board withdraw the probation from Ms. Mowrer's license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to affirm the ALJ recommendation.

STOCKTON/AEMMER
Motion carried 7-0-0

B. Carmen Miguelina Marte, Pending Clinical Social Work Applicant

Ms. Marte appeared before the ALJ Panel to discuss an ACT Irregularity Report sent to the Board by the ASWB.

Ms. Marte stated that she believed that she was able to take a lunch break and left the testing area to locate a microwave. When she returned she was told by the proctor that she was not supposed to be at her locker. Ms. Marte believes that there was a misunderstanding between the information that she was given from the two proctors.

Ms. Marte stated that neither proctor told her that there was a serious issue. Ms. Marte has taken the exam numerous times using special accommodations because English is her second language.

Ms. Marte currently works as an intensive case manager at the Horizon House where she handles referrals from individuals needing to locate housing.

Ms. Marte informed the ALJ Panel that she has plans to sit for the exam again if permitted.

The ALJ panel recommended that the Board conclude that there was a misunderstanding with the incident at the January 2010 ASWB testing site and determined that she will be allowed to reapply and be considered for examination.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to affirm the ALJ recommendation.

AEMMER/STOCKTON
Motion carried 7-0-0

C. Diane C. Bolton, Pending Clinical Social Work Applicant

Ms. Bolton appeared before the ALJ Panel to discuss the reasons she believes she has been unable to pass the ASWB clinical examination. Ms. Bolton stated that she is struggling with the LCSW examination and has never attempted the LSW.

Ms. Bolton is currently working as a case manager at Community Hospital in a position that does not require a license.

Ms. Bolton informed the ALJ panel that her anxiety and her hypoglycemia interfere with her ability to pass the examination. She furthered stated she has difficulty reading the computer screen due to an eye problem. She has requested and been granted special accommodations.

The ALJ panel recommended that Ms. Bolton be allowed to take the examination again with special accommodations.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to affirm the ALJ recommendation.

HALLETT/RICHARDSON
Motion carried 6-0-1

Mr. Brenner abstained.

VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Final Vote on LSA #09-796

The Board voted issued a final vote to adopt the amended fee rule listed in LSA #09-796.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended fee rule listed in LSA #09-796.

RICHARDSON/STOCKTON

Motion carried 7-0-0

B. Reinstatement for Licenses Expired for Three-Plus Years

1. Kathryn Womack States, License # 33003600A

The Board reviewed documentation from Ms. States regarding her request to renew her expired license to practice social work. Ms. States' licenses have been expired since April 1, 2004. Ms. States submitted documentation of having completed 40 hours of CEUs within the previous 24 months, which is necessary for the renewal of licenses expired for longer than three (3) years.

A motion was made and seconded to request a letter stating the reasons she allowed her license to expire.

The board tabled the information.

2. Sven Christian Schumacher, License # 35000302A & 34000979A

The Board reviewed documentation from Sven Schumacher regarding his request to renew her expired licenses to practice clinical social work and marriage and family therapy. Mr. Schumacher's licenses have been expired since April 1, 2004. Mr. Schumacher submitted documentation of having completed 40 hours of CEUs within the previous 24 months, which is necessary for the renewal of licenses expired for longer than three (3) years. Further, Mr. Schumacher submitted a letter detailing the reasons for failing to renew his license.

A motion was made and seconded to reinstate his expired license to practice clinical social work and marriage and family therapy.

AEMMER/STOCKTON
Motion carried 5-0-2

Dr. Stockton & Ms. Hallett recused themselves.

3. Ethel Elaine Zentz, License # 39001166A

The Board reviewed documentation from Ms. Zentz regarding her request to renew her expired license to practice mental health counseling. Ms. Zentz's license has been expired since April 1, 2002. Ms. Zentz submitted documentation of having completed 40 hours of CEUs within the previous 24 months, which is necessary for the renewal of licenses expired for longer than three (3) years. Further, Ms. Zentz submitted a letter detailing the reasons for failing to renew her license.

A motion was made and seconded to reinstate her expired license to practice mental health counseling.

BRENNER/AEMMER
Motion carried 7-0-0

4. Dana Elaine Cochran Wiley, License # 33002583A

The Board reviewed documentation from Ms. Wiley regarding her request to renew her expired license to practice social work. Ms. Wiley's license has been expired since April 1, 1998. Ms. Wiley submitted documentation of having completed 40 hours of CEUs within the previous 24 months, which is necessary for the renewal of licenses expired for longer than three (3) years. Further, Ms. Wiley submitted a letter detailing the reasons for failing to renew her license.

A motion was made and seconded to require a personal appearance.

RICHARDSON/STOCKTON
Motion carried 7-0-0

5. Debra Leigh Arthur, License # 34004701A

The Board reviewed documentation from Ms. Arthur regarding her request to renew her expired license to practice clinical social work. Ms. Arthur's license has been expired since April 1, 2006. Ms. Arthur submitted documentation of having completed 40 hours of CEUs within the previous 24 months, which is necessary for the renewal of licenses expired for longer than three (3) years. Further, Ms. Arthur submitted a letter detailing the reasons for failing to renew her license.

A motion was made and seconded to reinstate.

STOCKTON/AEMMER
Motion carried 6-0-1

Mr. Harner recused himself.

6. Cynthia Ellen Wright, License # 34004588A

The Board reviewed documentation from Ms. Wright regarding her request to renew her expired license to practice clinical social work. Ms. Wright's license has been expired since April 1, 2006. Ms. Wright submitted documentation of having completed 40 hours of CEUs within the previous 24 months, which is necessary for the renewal of licenses expired for longer than three (3) years. Further, Ms. Wright submitted a letter detailing the reasons for failing to renew her licenses.

A motion was made and seconded to reinstate.

BRENNER/RICHARDSON
Motion carried 7-0-0

C. Continuing Education Waiver Requests

1. Megan McGinn, License # 33004903A

The Board reviewed documentation from Ms. McGinn requesting a waiver of her continuing education requirement for April 2010 – March 31, 2011 or 20 hours.

A motion was made and seconded to waive 20 hours.

STOCKTON/RICHARDSON
Motion carried 7-0-0

D. Positive Response Reviews

1. Mary Louise Pruett, License # 34004128A

The board reviewed the renewal info submitted by Ms. Pruett. Ms. Pruett answered "yes" to the following question:

"Since you last renewed, have you been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or, have staff membership or privileges been revoked, suspended, or subjected to any restriction, probation, or other type of discipline or limitations?"

Ms. Pruett was placed on a progression plan as a result of unsatisfactory work performance.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to renew her license.

AEMMER\STOCKTON
Motion carried 6-0-1

Mr. Brenner abstained

2. Jeanette M. Elliott, License # 34001779A

The board reviewed the renewal info submitted by Ms. Elliott. Ms. Elliott answered "yes" to the following question:

"Since you last renewed, have you had a malpractice judgment against you or settled a malpractice action?"

Ms. Elliott was sued for a breach of confidentiality and her malpractice insurance settled the claim for \$28,000 with no admission of guilt.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to renew her license.

STOCKTON/HALLETT
Motion carried 7-0-0

E. Addiction Licensure Application Clarifications

The board discussed the degree required for licensure as LCAC applicants. The Board expressed concerns with applicants applying with master's degrees from professions that are not considered

VII. CE SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

- A. A motion was made and seconded to approve the continuing education sponsor application of D.O. McCom & Sons Funeral Homes.

HALLETT/RICHARDSON
Motion carried 6-0-0

- B. A motion was made and seconded to approve for the continuing education sponsor application of Northwest Health Care Center/Adult Protective Services.

HALLETT/RICHARDSON
Motion carried 6-0-0

VIII. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEW

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendations made by each section of the Board for the licensure application reviews conducted from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and at any other time since the previous board meeting.

HALLETT/STOCKTON
Motion carried 6-0-0

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Andrew Harner, MSW, L.C.S.W., President

