

MINUTES

**UTAH
SOCIAL WORKER LICENSING BOARD
MEETING**

October 8, 2009

**Room 250 – 2nd Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:15 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 1:00 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:
Board Members Present:

Rich Oborn
Lee Avery

Mark de St. Aubin, Acting Chairperson
Jean V. McAfee
Patsy Smith
Dennis R. Frandsen
Evan C. Coats

Board Members Excused:

Tammer M. Attallah, Chairperson

DOPL Staff Present:

Ray Walker, Regulatory and Compliance Manager
Kent Barnes, Compliance Manager
Masuda Medcalf, Administrative Law Judge

Guests Present:

Jeff Titus

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Swear in new Board member Evan C. Coates

Mr. Evan C. Coates was sworn in as a new Board member. Mr. Coates introduced himself to the Board.

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 3, 2009 Board meeting. Mr. Frandsen motioned to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Ms. McAfee. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Ronda Trujillo, Compliance Specialist

#1. Ms. Jacqueline Allred is in compliance with her stipulation. The monthly report from her supervisor, Jan Watts, is current and positive. The monthly report from her employer, Kristi Johnson, is current and positive. Ms. Allred has always been in compliance.

How does the Board feel about going to quarterly meetings and quarterly reports?

#2 Ms. Anntionette Titus is in compliance with her stipulation. Her monthly supervisor report from K.C. Benn and monthly employer report from Pam Gramse are positive. Is the Board satisfied with the information on the report from K.C. Benn? At the last meeting, the Board asked for more information in his report.

#3. Mr. Fred Carlson is in compliance with his stipulation. His monthly report from his supervisor, Becky Porter, is positive. His monthly report from his employer, Michelle Peterson, is positive. Mr. Carlson has been in compliance with his stipulation. Does the Board want to change his reports to quarterly? He is currently meeting with the Board on a quarterly basis.

#4. Ms. Barbara Snow is in compliance with her stipulation. Her supervisor report from Barbara Belnap is current and positive. Ms. Snow has completed all other conditions of her stipulation.

#5. Ms. Megan Heath is in compliance with the terms of her suspension. Her license was suspended on October 23, 2008. Ms. Heath has been doing drug/alcohol screens for six (6) months and has prescriptions for all medications for which she has tested positive. She has been calling CVI daily for six (6) months. She has permission to have two (2) practitioners, Dr. Vera Carlson (Family Practice) and Dr. James Michael Marcum (Psychiatry). She obtains medication from one pharmacy, Larry's Smithfield Pharmacy (she did have permission to fill one recently at RiteAid in SLC). She would like to have Dr. Marcum as her therapist in place of her previous therapist, Marybeth Raynes. Dr. Marcum is on Ms. Heaths insurance. During her suspension, Ms. Heath attended PIR/12 step meetings regularly and has submitted reports. She is planning to bring an

evaluation from her therapist/aftercare provider of respondents prognosis and progress that supports her license suspension being lifted.

Discussion:

Mr. Coates advised the Board that he knows Ms. Heath and will recuse himself from participating in her interview.

APPOINTMENTS:

Ms. Jacqueline Allred, probation interview

Ms. Allred presented herself to the Board. Mr. Frandsen conducted the interview. Ms. Allred advised the Board that things are going better for her. Ms. Allred stated that she is employed by Odyssey House. The Board discussed moving her meetings and reports to quarterly. Ms. Allred stated that she would prefer to keep her reports monthly and to move her meetings with the Board to quarterly. Ms. Smith motioned to have Ms. Allred meet with the Board quarterly and keep her employer and supervisor reports coming on a monthly basis. Mr. Frandsen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board noted that she needs to make sure the employer provides a supervisor for her. The Board must pre-approve the supervisor. The Board asked to see Ms. Allred on January 7, 2010. **Ms. Allred is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Ms. Anntionette Titus, probation interview

Ms. Titus met with the Board for her probation interview. Ms. McAfee conducted the interview. Ms. Titus stated that her supervisor chooses the files at random and looks at all new files. He also attends some group therapy meetings to monitor her. The Board asked Ms. Titus to have her supervisor include this in his next report to the Board. She feels like she is receiving a lot of support from her therapist, Ms. Karen Logan, and her supervisor, Mr. K.C. Benn. She is working up to 27 hours a week. She works at Blue Skies Recovery Center. She continues to maintain appropriate boundaries with clients. The Board asked to see Ms. Titus on November 5, 2009. **Ms. Titus is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Mr. Fred Carlson, probation interview

Interviewed out of order on the agenda:

Mr. Carlson met with the Board for his probation interview. Mr. Frandsen conducted the interview.

The Board noted that Mr. Carlson is current with his reports. The Board discussed allowing Mr. Carlson to do private practice in order to conduct adoption evaluations. His clients are referred to him by word of mouth. Ms. Becky Porter would supervise him in his private practice too. The Board decided to have Mr. Carlson submit a statement from Ms. Porter stating that she feels it would be appropriate for him to engage in private practice and she would be willing to supervise his practice of adoption evaluations. Mr. Frandsen motioned to move Mr. Carlson's reports to quarterly. After further discussion, Mr. Frandsen recalled his motion. The Board asked to see Mr. Carlson January 7, 2010. **Mr. Carlson is in compliance with his stipulation.**

Ms. Barbara Snow, probation interview

Ms. Snow met with the Board for her probation interview. Mr. de St. Aubin conducted the interview. Ms. Snow advised the Board that she continues following the requirements of her stipulation. She meets with her supervisor, Ms. Barbara Belnap, on a regular basis. The Board reviewed her most recent supervisor report. The Board noted there is a typing error in the date listed on this report. Ms. Snow is meeting with the Board quarterly. Mr. Oborn recommended that Ms. Snow have her supervisor indicate in the next quarterly report whether she would agree that Ms. Snow's probation should be terminated early. The Board asked to see Ms. Snow on January 7, 2010. **Ms. Snow is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Ms. Megan Heath, probation interview

Ms. Heath met with the Board for her probation interview. Ms. Smith conducted the interview. Mr. Coates stated he will recuse himself from this interview. He had a past working relationship with Ms. Heath. Ms. Heath stated that in the last year she has struggled with a lot of pain. She continues doing urine analysis and therapy. Dr. J.M. Marcum has helped her a lot. Mr. Frandsen motioned to close the meeting 11:26 A.M. to discuss Ms. Heath's physical and mental health. The meeting opened at 11:35 A.M. Ms. Heath stated that she has not looked for employment yet. After further discussion, Mr. de St. Aubin motioned to lift the suspension of Ms. Heath's license and return her the active on probation status.

Mr. Frandsen seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Coats recusing himself from voting. Mr. Frandsen motioned to accept Dr. Marcum as Ms. Heath's supervisor, seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion carried with Mr. Coats recusing himself from voting. The Board advised Ms. Heath that she would need to submit an employer report even though she is not currently employed in the social work field. She will need to sign and date this report stating that she is not working in the field. These need to be submitted to the Division by the 20th of each month. The Board asked to see Ms. Heath once she gains employment.

Discussion regarding Emily Berry probation

Discussed out of order on the agenda:

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that Ms. Berry is not seeking employment in the social work field at this time and is requesting a non-disciplinary license. Mr. Oborn reviewed Ms. Berry's file with the Board. Mr. Oborn stated that the Division attorneys decided that a license cannot be suspended for non-disciplinary action. She will need to continue sending in quarterly reports. Her license will continue to be active, but on probation.

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Conflicts between definitions of unprofessional conduct

Mr. Oborn reviewed the memorandum regarding conflicts between definitions of unprofessional conduct with the Board. Mr. Oborn stated that the Division is encouraging that the Board review this section, noting that the Division wants to establish a consistent standard regarding inappropriate dual relationships. Mr. Oborn asked the Board to consider the issue. The Board discussed the issue and chose to continue the discussion at a future Board meeting.

Maintaining of client records for minimum of 10 years

Mr. Oborn is still researching this.

Not on the agenda Gary Poulsen, update:

Mr. Oborn informed the Board that a denial letter was mailed to Gary Poulsen, an applicant for the Certified Social Worker Intern license with whom the Board met during the August and September Board meetings.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Application Review

There are no additional applications for review.

Maintaining of client records for minimum of ten (10) years.

Mr. Oborn is still researching this.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Rule change update

Changes to the Social Worker Licensing Act Rules will become effective on October 22, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There is no correspondence at this time.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

November 5, 2009

2009 Board Meetings Tentatively Scheduled
December 3.

2010 Board Meetings Tentatively Scheduled

January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2 October 7, November 4 December 2.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 1:00 P.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

November 5, 2009

Date Approved

(ss)Mark de St. Aubin

Mark de St. Aubin, Acting Chairperson, Utah Social Worker Licensing Board

October 27, 2009

Date Approved

(ss) Richard Oborn

Richard Oborn, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing