



Mississippi Board of Examiners For Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists

Minutes for February 14, 2020 Board Meeting

The Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists (Board) held a Board meeting on Friday, February 14, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. in Suite 761, on the 1st floor of the Jackson Medical Mall, 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Avenue, Jackson, MS 39213.

Jennifer Fulcher called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. A quorum of Board members were present.

Members present were Jennifer Fulcher, LSW, Board Chair, Jamie Williams, LMFT, Chair MFT Discipline Specific Committee, Candace Riddley, LCSW, Chair SW Discipline Specific Committee, Pamela Rollins, LMFT, Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Sharon Adams, LMFT, Beth Little, LCSW, and Beth McNamee, LCSW. Also in attendance were Billy Dilworth, Executive Director, Gloria Green, Shay Love, Interim Executive Director, NASW-MS, Phylandria Hudson, LCSW, and Erica Allen. Absent from this meeting was and Victoria Murdy, LCSW and Brenda Viverette, LSW.

A motion was made by Sharon Adams and 2nd by Jamie Williams to approve the January 2019 minutes with no corrections. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerard Tarrant and 2nd by Sharon Adams to accept the agenda as is. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

Reports from NASW:

- ❖ Shay Love has been appointed Interim Executive Director of NASW-MS.

Expenditure Report:

Billy Dilworth, Executive Director, reviewed the Expenditure Report. Fiscal Year 2020 Fund Balances as of January 31, 2019 are: Monthly Expenditures - \$19,936.29; Carryover - \$290,006.83; and Ending Balance - \$299,119.59. A copy of the report is attached.

A motion was made by Sharon Adams and 2nd by Jamie Williams to accept the Expenditure Report for January 31, 2019. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

Complaints File Report:

Billy Dilworth discussed the Complaints File Report, updating the Board on the status of pending complaints and investigations. A copy of the report is attached.

- ❖ Case number SW20-205 has been assigned to Beth McNamee.
- ❖ A hearing for the subjects of case numbers SW19-195 and SW19-201 have been tentatively re-scheduled for April 10, 2020 or May 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- ❖ A motion was made by Jamie Williams and 2nd by Candace Riddley to go into executive session after the licensure vote for discussion of licensure of case numbers MFT19-199, SW18-182, SW19-196, and SW19-201. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- ❖ The updated rules and regulations have been made available via the website as of February 10, 2020.

Chair of the Board Report:

- ❖ A motion was made by Candace Riddley and 2nd by Sharon Adams to approve and authorize travel and expenses for Jennifer Fulcher to attend the ASWB 2020 Education Meeting April 22-26, 2020 in Chicago, Illinois at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

MFT Report:

- ❖ MAMFT Conference will be held Feb 27-28, 2020 in Hattiesburg, MS.

SW Report:

- ❖ Candace Riddley, Beth Little, Beth McNamee, Jennifer Fulcher, and Billy Dilworth will be presenting at the NASW-MS on March 26-27, 2020.

Board Members Report:

- ❖ No report was given.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ Continuing Education:
 - ◆ SW Continuing Education offerings: Eight offerings reviewed, six are pending review, and one designated provider application is pending.
 - ◆ MFT Continuing Education offerings: There were no offerings reviewed.

Social Work Licensure Report: The following Social Work Candidates were presented for Licensure:

LSW Level

LaKeisha Thompson
Holly Ladnier
Alexis Coombs
Erin Chapman
Alicia Clark

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LSW level on February 14, 2020. A motion was made by Beth Little and 2nd by Jamie Williams to approve these candidates for licensure at the LSW level. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LSW Level by Reciprocity

There were no candidates presented for licensure by Reciprocity at the LSW level.

LMSW Level

Grace Ethridge
Madison Schaefer
Kasy Ates
Tamra Jerdine
Rachel Schneider
Kristy Truitt
Lanee DeJohnette
Austin Conner
Angela Childress

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LMSW level on February 14, 2020. A motion was made by Beth Little and 2nd by Jamie Williams to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LMSW Level by Reciprocity

Jennifer George
Jessica Koen

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LMSW level by reciprocity on February 14, 2020. A motion was made by Beth Little and 2nd by Jamie Williams to approve this candidate for licensure at the LSW level. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LCSW Level

Brittany Stewart
Lane McClellan
Rose Favre
Jamesa Robinson
Debra Marshall
Deborah Brewster
Alexis Foust
Jameika Harris

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LCSW level on February 14, 2020. A motion was made by Beth Little and 2nd by Jamie Williams to approve these candidates for licensure at the LCSW level. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LCSW Level by Reciprocity

Shirley Boothe
Deidra Sampson
Traci Witthuhn
Deborah Dobbins

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity on February 14, 2020. A motion was made by Beth Little and 2nd by Jamie Williams to approve these candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LSW Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented for LSW reinstatement

LMSW Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented for LMSW reinstatement

LCSW Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented for LCSW reinstatement.

Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Report: The following candidate(s) were presented for licensure at the LMFT and/or LMFTA level:

LMFTA Licensure

There were no candidates presented for licensure at the LMFTA level.

LMFT Licensure

There were no candidates presented for licensure at the LMFT level.

LMFT Licensure by Endorsement

There were no candidates presented for LMFT licensure by Endorsement.

LMFT Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented for LMFT Reinstatement.

CLOSED DETERMINATION

A motion to go into a closed determination session to determine if the Board had reason to go into executive session was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Jamie Williams. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

In closed determination session, a motion was made by Jamie Williams and 2nd by Sharon Adams that the Board had reason to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating and discussing case numbers MFT19-199, SW18-182, SW19-196, SW19-201, the order of discipline for violation of social work laws, rules, and regulations, which deliberation could lead to appeal of the Board's order or litigation against the Board. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

The Board announced to the public the above desired reason for going into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Candace Riddley and 2nd by Beth Little to dismiss case number SW19-196 with a letter of advisement. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

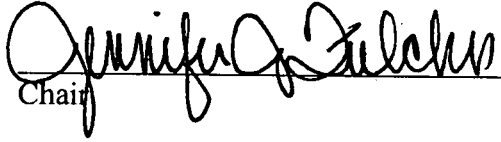
A motion was made by Candace Riddley and 2nd by Pamela Rollins to dismiss case number SW18-182 with a letter of advisement. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.


A motion was made by Jamie Williams and 2nd by Sharon Adams for the board to come out of executive session. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

The Board resumed in open meeting and announced to the public the above described action taken by the Board in executive session. The Board deferred making a decision pending receipt of further information.

A motion was made by Sharon Adams and 2nd by Beth McNamee to adjourn regular board meeting business to committee work. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be held March 13, 2020, in Suite 761 on the 1st floor of the Jackson Medical Mall, 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Avenue, Jackson, MS 39213 at 10:30 a.m.


Chair


Recorder

AGENDA

Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists

“Protect the Public”
February 14, 2020

10:00 a.m.

- I. Convene Meeting: Opening Comments
- II. Public Comments
- III. Review Minutes and Agenda
- IV. Executive Director Report
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Disciplinary Actions
 - i. New Complaints
 - ii. Reports on Current Investigations
 - iii. Reports on Disciplined Licensees’ Progress
- V. Board Chair Report
- VI. MFT Chair Report
- VII. SW Chair Report
- VIII. Legal Counsel Report
- IX. Committee Reports
- X. Board Member Reports
- XI. Licensure Votes
 - a. Social Work
 - b. MFT
- XII. Follow-Up Responsibilities

Action Needed	Responsible Party	Report Date

- XIII. Closing Comments & Adjourn to Committee Work

All Public Comments Must Be Submitted to the Board Chair for Inclusion in Meeting

COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT AS OF 2/14/2020

CASE #	DATE OF ORIGIN	ASSIGNED TO	DATE ASSIGNED	ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATOR	INVESTIGATION COMPLETED	REPORT TO BOARD	STATUS/NOTES
SW17-161	3/22/2017	LITTLE	reassigned 9/14/18			12/14/2018	Informal Settlement Offer
SW17-168	8/16/2017	MURDY	8/18/2017				Revising Consent Order
SW18-171	1/8/2018	LITTLE	1/12/2018			12/14/2018	Informal Settlement Offer
SW18-177	7/17/2018	MURDY	8/10/2018				
MFT18-178	7/17/2018	TARRANT	8/10/2018				Informal Settlement Offer
SW18-182	10/9/2018	RIDDLEY	10/12/2018				
SW18-183	12/6/2018	MURDY	12/14/2018				
SW18-184	12/6/2018	MURDY	12/14/2018				
SW19-188	3/18/2019	MURDY	4/12/2019			5/24/2019	Voted to request more info
SW19-190	4/8/2019	FULCHER	5/24/2019				
SW19-191	5/8/2019	VIVERETTE	5/24/2019			12/13/2019	Letter of Advisement
SW19-193	6/10/2019	MCNAMEE	7/12/2019				
SW19-194	6/13/2019	LITTLE	7/12/2019				
SW19-195	7/12/2019	MURDY	7/12/2019			12/13/2019	Informal Settlement Offer Hearing 2/14/2020 10 am
SW19-196	11/13/2019	RIDDLEY	12/13/2019				
SW19-197	9/20/2019	VIVERETTE	10/11/2019			12/13/2019	Letter of Advisement re-assigned 11-8-19
SW19-198	9/25/2019	MCNAMEE	10/11/2019				
MFT19-199	10/24/2019	WILLIAMS	11/8/2019				
SW19-200	12/2/2019	MCNAMEE	12/13/2019				
SW19-201	11/13/2019	RIDDLEY	12/13/2019				
MFT19-202	12/9/2019	ADAMS	12/13/2019				
MFT19-203	12/9/2019	ROLLINS	12/13/2019				
MFT19-204	12/17/2019	TARRANT	1/10/2020				

DISCIPLINED LICENSEES' PROGRESS REPORT AS OF 2/14/2020

Licensee Name, #, Case #	License expiration date	Assigned To	Disciplinary action details	Probationary Period	1 Report completed	2 Report completed	3 Report completed	4 Report completed	Probation Completion Date
Chris Huff, C5077 SW15-151	4/30/2021	Murdy	3 yr. probation, \$3000.00 fine. Paid \$1000.00 on 3/14/2017, Paid \$1,000.00 3/4/2018. Paid \$1,000.00 on 3/14/19. Fine paid in full. Informal Hearing 11-8-19 in relation to additional filed complaint SW19-188 12/13/2019 Board voted to request additional info	3 yrs beginning 4/8/2017	4/30/2018	9/26/2018			
Stark Farrell, C6287 SW16-157	4/30/2019	Riddley	3yr. probation, \$3,000.00 fine, license expired	3 yrs. Beginning 5/11/18					

MS Board of Examiners for Social Workers/Marriage Family Therapists

FY 2019 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
PERSONAL SERVICES												
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 13,405.59	\$ 14,238.85	\$ 14,193.03	\$ 13,590.03	\$ 13,590.03	\$ 13,623.03	\$ 13,623.79					
Travel	\$ 506.47	\$ 506.47	\$ 658.97	\$ 776.42	\$ 681.61	\$ 634.25	\$ 495.92					
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES												
Employee Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Postage, Box Rent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Promotional Expenses(Exhibits, Displays)	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -					
Rent	\$ -	\$ 4,941.75	\$ 1,647.25	\$ 164.40	\$ 164.40	\$ 164.25	\$ 3,294.50					
Office Equipment Rental	\$ -	\$ 164.40	\$ 893.40	\$ 164.40	\$ 164.40	\$ 164.40	\$ 968.46					
Personnel Service Contracts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 261.50					
ITS Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171.73	\$ 86.04	\$ 85.93	\$ 91.95	\$ 102.01					
MMRS Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,519.25	\$ -					
Court Reporter	\$ -	\$ 345.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Fidelity Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Membership Dues	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 531.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Public Network Access Charges	\$ 128.09	\$ 128.09	\$ 128.09	\$ 128.09	\$ 128.09	\$ 128.09	\$ 750.00					
Cellular	\$ -	\$ 50.92	\$ 50.92	\$ 50.92	\$ 51.35	\$ 51.47	\$ 51.44					
Total Contractual Services	\$ 378.09	\$ 5,930.16	\$ 2,891.39	\$ 2,461.32	\$ 3,577.02	\$ 3,602.41	\$ 5,557.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COMMODITIES												
Printing & Binding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Paper Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Other Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Other Equipment	\$ -	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.25	\$ 36.98	\$ -					
Procurement Card	\$ 266.12	\$ 315.37	\$ 169.63	\$ 211.41	\$ 205.04	\$ 165.15	\$ 258.98					
Food For Board Meetings	\$ -	\$ 35.50	\$ 27.49	\$ 38.73	\$ 27.99	\$ 10.25	\$ -					
Total Commodities	\$ 266.12	\$ 361.12	\$ 207.37	\$ 271.39	\$ 243.28	\$ 214.38	\$ 258.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EQUIPMENT												
Office Machines/Furniture	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Total Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Monthly Expenditures	\$ 14,556.27	\$ 21,036.60	\$ 17,950.76	\$ 17,099.16	\$ 18,091.94	\$ 18,074.07	\$ 19,936.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Monthly Revenue	\$ 13,820.00	\$ 34,686.90	\$ 40,220.90	\$ 22,922.34	\$ 9,130.86	\$ 6,346.95	\$ 8,719.90					
Prior YR Revenue	\$ 10,783.80	\$ 30,977.90	\$ 40,005.00	\$ 29,649.95	\$ 6,395.00	\$ 3,070.00	\$ 9,220.00	\$ 8,971.95	\$ 63,785.69	\$ 50,635.00	\$ 29,590.00	\$ 11,675.00

	Board of Examiners		Cumulative Report		Difference	Percent	FY 2020	AS OF JANUARY 31, 2020	
	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected				FUND BALANCE	
PERSONAL SERVICES									
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 96,264.35	\$ 165,662.00	\$ 69,397.65	58%				\$ 290,006.83	
Travel	\$ 4,260.11	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,739.89	36%					\$ 135,857.85
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES									
Employee Training	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0%					\$ 126,745.09
Postage, box rent	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 2,950.00	34%					\$ 299,119.59
Promotional Expenses (exhibits displays)	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,315.00	\$ 1,515.00	54%					\$ 184,978.68
Rent	\$ 13,178.00	\$ 19,767.00	\$ 6,589.00	67%					
Office Equipment Rental	\$ 2,519.46	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 3,080.54	45%					
Personnel Service Contracts	\$ 261.50	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,738.50	0%					\$ 130,101.65
ITS Fees	\$ 537.66	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,562.34	26%					
MMRS Fees	\$ 1,519.25	\$ 6,445.00	\$ 4,925.75	35%					
Court Reporter	\$ 345.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 655.00	0%					
Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ 205.00	\$ 205.00	154%					
Fidelity Bonds	\$ 531.87	\$ 345.00	\$ (186.87)	57%					
Membership Dues	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 740.00	59%					
Public Network Access Charges	\$ 898.23	\$ 1,522.00	\$ 2,000.00	50%					
Cellular	\$ 307.02	\$ 612.00	\$ 304.98	42%					
Total Contractual Services	\$ 24,397.99	\$ 57,601.00	\$ 33,203.01						
COMMODITIES									
Printing & Binding	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -500.00	0%					
Office Supplies	\$ 11.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 389.00	3%					
Paper Supplies	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	0%					
Other Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%					
Other Equipment	\$ 79.98	\$ 123.00	\$ 43.02	65%					
Procurement Card	\$ 1,591.70	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,408.30	53%					
Food For Board Meetings	\$ 139.96	\$ 500.00	\$ 360.04	28%					
Total Commodities	\$ 1,822.64	\$ 4,623.00	\$ 2,800.36	39%					
EQUIPMENT									
Office Machines/Furniture	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0%					
Total Equipment	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0%					
Total Expenditures	\$ 126,745.09	\$ 240,886.00	\$ 114,140.91	53%					

**Mississippi Board of Examiners
For**

**Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists
Candidates for Licensure-February 14 2020**

LSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
LaKeisha Thompson	Yes	USM	BSW	P	N	12/31/2019
Holly Ladnier	Yes	USM	BSW	P	N	12/31/2019
Alexis Coombs	Yes	USM	BSW	P	N	01/23/2020
Erin Chapman	Yes	UMS	BSW	P	N	02/05/2020
Alicia Clark	Yes	USM	BSW	P	N	02/05/2020

LMSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Grace Ethridge	Yes	UAL	MSW	P	N	01/23/2020
Madison Schaefer	Yes	GVSU	MSW	P	N	01/23/2020
Kasy Ates	Yes	UAL	MSW	P	N	12/31/2019
Tamra Jerdine	Yes	JSU	MSW	P	N	01/23/2020
Rachel Schneider	Yes	FLSU	MSW	P	N	12/31/2019
Kristy Truitt	Yes	UAL	MSW	P	N	02/05/2020
Lanee DeJohette	Yes	MVSU	MSW	P	N	02/05/2020
Austin Conner	Yes	UMS	MSW	P	N	02/05/2020

Reciprocity on LMSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Jennifer George	Yes	UMEM	MSW	P	N	01/23/2020
Jessica Koen	Yes	USM	MSW	P	N	01/23/2020

LCSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Brittany Stewart	Yes	USM	MSW	P	N	01/23/2020
Lane McClellan	Yes	CU	MSW	P	N	01/23/2020
Rose Favre	Yes	USM	MSW	P	N	01/23/2020
Jamesa Robinson	Yes	SFAU	MSW	P	N	02/05/2020
Debra Marshall	Yes	USM	MSW	P	N	02/05/2020
Deborah Brewster	Yes	CUSW	MSW	P	N	01/23/2020
Alexis Foust	Yes	USM	MSW	P	N	02/05/2020
Jamieka Harris	Yes	ECU	MSW	P	N	02/05/2020

Reciprocity on LCSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Shirley Boothe	Yes	UH	MSW	P	N	09/18/2019
Deidra Sampson	Yes	SUNO	MSW	P	N	12/31/2019
Traci Witthuhn	Yes	NU	MSW	P	N	01/23/2020
Deborah Dobbins	Yes	UTA	MSW	P	N	02/05/2020

**Mississippi Board of Examiners
For**

**Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists
Candidates To Be Reviewed for Licensure with Neg. Information-
February 14, 2020**

LSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background

LMSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Angela Childress	Yes	JSU	MSW	P	N	01/23/20

LMSW Level by Reciprocity

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background

LCSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background

LCSW Level by Reciprocity

Christen Rod	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background