Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners

Ethics Committee Meeting

Friday, September 9, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

Texas Department of State Health Services (Tower Building), Room T-607 1100 W. 49th Street
Austin, TX 78756

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Jeannie McGuire, Professional Member Holly Anawaty, Public Member Tim Brown, Professional Member

Board Members Absent:

Steve Roberts, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Stephen Mills Charles Horton Georgia Norman Champ Kerr Steve Slough Jack McDaniel

Guests Present:

Linda Mockeridge Claire Keisling John Mercy Todd Warren Gary Reeves Beverly Fromberg Gary Grant David Gossom Martin Cirkiel Meg Bloch Bala Godavari

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 8:44 am by Ms. McGuire, Chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2005 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion and possible action on the following pending complaints:

SW-05-110 (LM) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

SW-05-044 (BF) and SW-05-045 (BF) were discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Anawaty to close these complaints with a letter of advisement regarding boundary issues. The motion was seconded and passed.

SW-05-069 (GR) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Anawaty to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and passed.

SW-05-103 (LW) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

SW-05-092 (BI) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to propose a 2-year probated suspension, must complete 6 hours of continuing education in boundary issues and ethics, weekly supervision with board approved supervisor with quarterly reporting and completion of the jurisprudence examination when available. The motion was seconded and passed.

SW-05-034 (JC) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. McGuire to close this complaint with a letter of advisement regarding the release of records. The motion was seconded and passed.

SW-05-053 (SE) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

SW-05-054 (DA) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

SW-05-102 (SM) and SW-05-107 (SM) were discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to propose a letter of cease and desist and assess an administrative penalty of \$130,000.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

SW-05-106 (JS) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Anawaty to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional but with a letter of non-renewal. The motion was seconded and passed.

SW-05-111 (MG) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion on the following cases where disciplinary actions have been recommended, informal conferences have been held or SOAH hearings have been requested:

SW-05-057 (NL) was discussed.

SW-02-107 (BC) has requested SOAH.

SW-02-108 (LC) has requested SOAH.

SW-03-073 (CMK) has requested SOAH.

SW-04-080 (DJ) has not responded to Notice of Violation.

SW-04-084 (PR) has requested an informal settlement conference.

SW-04-085 (PR) has requested an informal settlement conference.

SW-04-090 (PR) has requested an informal settlement conference.

SW-04-108 (RB) has requested an informal settlement conference.

SW-05-009 (SS) has requested an informal settlement conference.

SW-05-010 (DJ) has requested an informal settlement conference.

SW-05-038 (CV) has requested an informal settlement conference.

SW-05-039 (TS) has requested an informal settlement conference.

SW-05-075 (MH) was not discussed.

Agenda Item 5 was to set the next committee meeting date, which will be October 21, 2005 in Austin.

Agenda Item 6 was public comment. One person addressed the board.

Agenda Item 7 was announcements and comments not requiring committee action. None

Agenda Item 8 was adjournment. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jeannie McGuire, Chairman	