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Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2006

Members Present: Mr. Glenn Abraham, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker
Staff Present: Ms. Marcia Holleman

1. The SWPSC meeting was called to order by Mr. Abraham at 9:00 a.m.

2. **Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

3. **Working Meeting**

The SWPSC proceeded with a working meeting to Review Applications for Licensure; Correspondence; CEU Programs and Providers; and Renewal Issues.

4. **Meetings Scheduled With SWPSC**

9:00 a.m. – **Ms. Rebecca Luckner, pending LSW applicant** - Dr. Cluse-Tolar met with Ms. Luckner. Ms. Luckner discussed her previous felony convictions and the revocation of her RN license through the State of Ohio Nursing Board. Dr. Cluse-Tolar will further discuss this meeting at the at the 7/21/06 SWPSC meeting.

10:30 a.m. – **Mr. John Murray, pending LSW applicant** - Ms. Riesbeck-Lee met Mr. Murray. Mr. Murray discussed his previous misdemeanor convictions. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee will further discuss this meeting at the at the 7/21/06 SWPSC meeting.

1:00 p.m. – **Ms. Connie Scott, pending LSW applicant** - Mr. Abraham met with Ms. Scott. This meeting was regarding the possible practicing without a license. Mr. Abraham will further discuss this meeting at the at the 7/21/06 SWPSC meeting.

5. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Glenn Abraham, Chairperson at 3:58 p.m.

Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Friday, July 21, 2006

Members Present: Mr. Glenn Abraham, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Mr. Jim Rough

Guest Present: Mr. Henry Lustig, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Liaison, Mr. P.R. Casey, AAG, Mr. Jeff Jurca, Attorney-At-Law

Mr. Abraham called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

1. **Discussion/Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Abraham asked if there were any changes or discussion of the agenda. Dr. Cluse-Tolar made the motion to modify the agenda to move the election of the new Chairperson for the SWPSC in between Correspondence and Old Business. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of May 18th & 19th, 2006 SWPSC Minutes**

Mr. Abraham asked for the approval of the May 18th & 19th, 2006 minutes. Ms. Tucker made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

3. **Discussion of Pending Applicants**

Rebecca Luckner, Pending LSW Applicant – Dr. Cluse-Tolar reported that she met with Ms. Luckner due to her previous felony convictions and the revocation of her RN license through the State of Ohio Nursing Board. In March of 1996, Ms. Luckner was charged in Summit County with theft of drugs. She was given treatment in lieu of conviction and completed probation in February, 1997. At the time of her arrest, she was working as a RN. In September, 2002, while at her place of employment, Ms. Luckner was confronted by a representative of the State of Ohio Pharmacy Board regarding the theft of drugs at this particular place of employment. Ms. Luckner admitted to the theft and was subsequently indicted in April, 2003 on 5 counts of theft of drugs, and 5 counts of illegal processing of drug documents. Ms. Luckner pled guilty and was given a sentence of 350 hours of community service and 3 years of probation. In January, 2005, upon the completion of 18 months of probation and the completion of the community service hours she was released from probation. As a result of the aforementioned, Ms. Luckner executed a Voluntary Surrender of her license to practice nursing as a registered nurse with a consent to revocation. Effective March 21, 2003, the State of Ohio Board of Nursing permanently revoked her license to practice nursing as a registered nurse.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar informed that SWPSC that Ms. Luckner discussed with her the circumstances that led up to her drug addiction and subsequent felony charges. Dr. Cluse-Tolar believed that Ms. Luckner was extremely honest and forthcoming as she detailed the struggles she had gone through. Additionally, Ms. Luckner will have 4 years of sobriety in September, 2006. Dr. Cluse-Tolar stated that she would like to table the discussion of whether or not to license Ms. Luckner until the September, 2006 SWPSC. She has requested Ms. Luckner to submit a character reference letter from her AA sponsor as well as additional character reference letters showing evidence of her treatment and recovery.

Mr. John Murray, Pending LSW Applicant – Ms. Riesbeck-Lee reported that she met with Mr. Murray regarding his several misdemeanor convictions that he had in the past with the latest one being in August, 2005. The main concern Ms. Riesbeck-Lee had was that all of his convictions, although misdemeanors, included alcohol, weapons and disorderly conduct. She stated that Mr. Murray was very open and honest in discussing the charges and the extremely personal situations in his life that led up to the charges. Mr. Murray acknowledges that these offenses may stand in the way of his obtaining licensure. He shared that the offenses had already posed a problem with restricting where he could be placed during his field placement in college. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee informed the committee that Mr. Murray does not attend a formal type of treatment for his use of alcohol; however, he is very actively involved in his church and believes that this is what is helping him to overcome his addiction and deal with adversarial situations in his life. It is Mr. Murray's desire to work with Veterans because he himself is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War.

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee stated that Mr. Murray meets all of the criteria regarding education and passing the social work exam. His offenses have always occurred in his home setting she believes that any licensed social worker can have these types of issues, or various others occurring in their lives and homes, and that the board may not even be aware of it. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee reported that, and that Mr. Murray understands that even if he does receive a license to practice social work, he may not be able to obtain employment as a social worker based on the offenses. Mr. Murray stressed to her that he is more than willing to do whatever the SWPSC recommends to allow him in obtaining a license.

Ms. Tucker commented that Mr. Murray chose to self disclose his offenses on his application for licensure and was not being deceitful. Dr. Cluse-Tolar stated that a lot of times we find out after the fact that a person has offenses and did not self-report. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee clarified that basically what the committee is charged with doing is determining whether or not to license Mr. Murray. Dr. Cluse-Tolar and Mr. Abraham raised the concern that his latest offense is just under a year. Dr. Cluse-Tolar suggested that the committee recommend that Mr. Murray receive professional counseling and then ask him to come back in six months with a letter from a social worker making a recommendation regarding Mr. Murray's ability to practice. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee stated that she had discussed the situation with Mr. Hegarty, Deputy Director to see if the committee could issue him a license with certain provisions or restriction. Mr. Hegarty reported that based on the Ohio Revised Code, the SWPSC cannot make this a requirement of licensure. Mr. Hegarty offered several options including that the committee could table the vote today, and vote on Mr. Murray again in September, since that would be one year since the last misdemeanor conviction, or they can deny the license, and start the whole due process of an appeal. Or, the committee could just make a decision today. The committee discussed Mr. Murray at great length and several opinions were shared. After careful deliberation, Ms. Tucker made the motion to license Mr. Murray. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

Ms. Connie Scott, Pending LSW Applicant - Mr. Abraham reported that after meeting with Ms. Scott he determined that she is not practicing without a license. Mr. Abraham made the motion to license Ms. Scott. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Applications for Licensure

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to approve the following applications for licensure. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

The following applications were approved for licensure:

- SWA - 23 Applications Approved
- LSW - 273 Applications Approved
- LSW (Related Degree) - 9 Applications Approved
- LISW – 80 Applications Approved

A total of 385 new Social Workers were licensed in July, 2006.

5. Denials of Applications for Licensure

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to deny the following applications for licensure. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

- Jone Haney – LSW (Related Degree) - Does not meet coursework requirements
- Erin Scribner – LSW (Related Degree) Degree received after 10/10/92
- Marcia Richards – SWA Does not meet coursework requirements

6. Investigations

(A) Oral Presentations from Mr. Jeffrey Jurca and Mr. P.R. Casey

At 9:15 a.m., the SWPSC heard oral presentation on the disciplinary case regarding Ms. Barbara Manges. The committee has previously heard the case regarding Ms. Manges and is prepared to rule on this case after they reconvene from Executive Session. Prior to the committee making a decision regarding Ms. Manges license, her attorney, Mr. Jeffrey Jurca, Esq., had requested to orally address the committee on behalf of his client. Mr. P.R. Casey, AAG, representing the board, had the opportunity to orally respond to Mr. Jurca’s presentation. Mr. Hegarty reminded Mr. Jurca and Mr. Casey that they would each have 5 minutes to make their presentations. Upon the conclusion of the presentations, Mr. Jurca and Mr. Casey thanked the SWPSC for their time.

(B) Close Cases

Dr. Cluse-Tolar made a motion that the following cases be closed as the investigative staff had determined no actionable offenses had been found. Ms. Tucker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2006-12	2006-23	2006-25	2006-32	2006-35	2006-40
2006-43	2006-44	2006-49	2006-59	2006-61	2006-62
2006-66	2006-67	2006-81	2006-82	2006-83	2006-88
2006-91	2006-98				

(C) Executive Session

Mr. Abraham requested that the SWPSC meeting go into Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Accepted By A Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee moved that the SWPSC come out of Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. Accepted By A Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

(D) Consent Agreements

Lisa Beckman, LSW –Ms. Beckman entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Beckman is a licensed social worker licensed to practice social work in the state of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Beckman received her social work license on July 17, 1993.

Ms. Beckman was audited in February 2006 and was required to submit proof that she had completed 30 hours of Board approved continuing education in social work. In March 2006, Ms. Beckman submitted a letter stating that she had thrown out the CEU attendance certificates in preparation for moving. Ms. Beckman did not respond to a May 24, 2006 letter asking of her efforts to obtain replacement certificates from the CEU Providers. Failure to present proof of continuing education hours when audited constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(21)(b).

Ms. Beckman admits the allegations referenced in the aforementioned paragraph.

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Beckman's license to practice social work is hereby **Reprimanded**.

Norma Jean Hammer, LISW – Ms. Hammer entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Hammer is a licensed independent social worker licensed to practice social work in the state of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Hammer received her independent social work license on March 16, 2001.

Ms. Hammer breached professional boundaries while employed at Erie Correctional Institute, Conneaut, Ohio by entering into a personal relationship with a client. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-05-01(C).

Ms. Hammer admits the allegations referenced in the aforementioned paragraph.

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Hammer's independent license to practice social work is **Suspended** for no less than four (4) years, beginning September 23, 2006.
2. Ms. Hammer must take and pass a social work ethics course. The course must be taken for credit, from an accredited university, and pre-approved by the Board. Online coursework will not meet this requirement. Once Ms. Hammer successfully completes this course, Ms. Hammer must ensure verification of completion is sent to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The credit earned from the course may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal.

The renewal requirements must be met during the period of the license suspension. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of Ms. Hammer.

Christy Chadderton, LISW – Ms. Chadderton entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Chadderton is a licensed independent social worker licensed to practice social work in the state of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Chadderton received her independent social work license on July 22, 2005.

Ms. Chadderton entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board on May 20, 2006. In lieu of complying with the requirements set forth in the previously agreed Consent Agreement, Ms. Chadderton requested surrendering her independent social work license.

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

1. The Board will allow Ms. Chadderton to **Surrender** her social work license in lieu of complying with a previously agreed to Consent Agreement. This surrender is permanent and precludes Ms. Chadderton from applying for a social work, counselor, or marriage and family therapist license in the state of Ohio at any time in the future.

Mary Migra, LISW – Ms. Migra entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Migra is an independent social worker licensed to practice social work in the state of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Migra received her independent social work license on September 21, 2001.

While Ms. Migra was employed at Psych and Psych Services, Elyria Ohio, she breached her professional social work boundaries by entering into a romantic relationship with an ex-client within 2 years of the termination of treatment. Ms. Migra self-reported this to the Board after ending the relationship. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(D)(3).

Ms. Migra admits the allegations referenced in the aforementioned paragraph.

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Migra's license to practice social work is hereby on probation (inactive suspension) for 2 years beginning August 1, 2006.
2. Ms. Migra must receive face-to-face supervision by an individual pre-approved by the Board, one (1) hour every week for a period of two (2) years. Ms. Migra should not select a supervisor with which she has a prior relationship. If any previous relationship with the supervisor exists, Ms. Migra must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the written request for supervisor approval. The two (2) year supervision period will not begin until Ms. Migra's supervisor is approved. Supervision should focus on, but not limited to Ms. Migra's role in professional relationships and ethical decision-making. Ms. Migra's supervisor is required to submit a written report to the Board, quarterly, detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas for

improvement. At the end of the two (2) year supervised period, Ms. Migra's supervisor will make a final report encompassing the two (2) years of supervision. If Ms. Migra's supervisor is concerned with Ms. Migra's practice at any time, the Board should be notified immediately. Ms. Migra is responsible to ensure that the Board receives the supervisor's reports. All costs associated with the supervision, if any, are at the expense of Ms. Migra.

3. Ms. Migra must take and pass a graduate level social work ethics course. The course must be taken for credit, part of a social work program from an accredited university and be pre-approved by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. This course cannot be an on-line course or home-based course. Once Ms. Migra successfully completes this course, Ms. Migra must ensure that official transcripts are sent directly from the university to the attention of the Investigation department at the Board office. The transcript verifying completion is due in the Board office no later than January 1, 2008. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of Ms. Migra.

Cheryl Russell, LSW – Ms. Russell entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Russell is a social worker licensed to practice social work in the state of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Russell received her independent social work license on September 18, 1993.

While Ms. Russell was employed at Alliance Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, Alliance, Ohio, Ms. Russell inaccurately documented client records. Inaccurate records constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(I)(1).

Ms. Russell admits the allegations referenced in the aforementioned paragraph.

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Russell's license to practice social work is hereby **Reprimanded**.
2. Ms. Russell must complete six (6) hours of continuing social work education in the area of professional ethics. These hours must be pre-approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. After Ms. Russell completes these hours, she must submit a copy of her attendance certificate(s) to verify her attendance for these hours. These hours must be completed and verification submitted no later than April 30, 2007. The credit earned from the course may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of Ms. Hammer.

(E) Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

Greg Cox – On or about February 16, 2006, Mr. Cox was employed at Community Behavioral Health, Inc., Hamilton, Ohio. Mr. Cox did not ensure that client documentation was accurate and reflected the services he provided. Mr. Cox was facilitating a group counseling session that was scheduled until 8:30 p.m. Mr. Cox adjourned the session early, but documented the session ending at 8:30 p.m. The session was billed for the entire time. This action constitutes a violation

of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(I)(1).

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to accept the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Mr. Cox based on these allegations. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

Debra Supelak – On or about February 17, 2006, Ms. Supelak was employed at St. Vincent Family Centers, Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Supelak submitted client billing records which were not accurate. Ms. Supelak submitted a productivity form that stated that on or about January 1, 2006, and on or about January 31, 2006, she visited Christ Lutheran Children’s Center, Bexley, Ohio, Gahanna Christian Academy, Gahanna, Ohio and Southside Learning and Development Center, Columbus, Ohio. These visits did not occur.

This action constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(I)(1).

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to accept the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Mr. Cox based on these allegations. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion carried.

(E) Hearing Officer Reports

Ms. Carol Hale – Based on the Hearing Officer Report, a motion was made by Mr. Abraham to **Suspend** Ms. Hale for twelve (12) months beginning August 1, 2006, modify the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to state that once the suspension is complete, Ms. Hale must submit a request in writing to become reinstated, and to stipulate that Ms. Hale complete a graduate level social work ethics course with a grade of B- or better or its equivalent. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

Ms. Barbara Manges - Based on the Hearing Officer Report, a motion was made by Mr. Abraham to accept the conclusion of the Hearing Officer, modify the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to state that Ms. Manges be **Reprimanded** and that she must complete six (6) hours of continuing social work education in the area of professional ethics. These hours must be pre-approved in writing by the Board’s Deputy Director or his designee and the credit earned from the course may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

7. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Rough encouraged the SWPSC to discuss establishing a “Social Worker Trainee” status. He stated that he has heard from Janel Pequignot, National Accreditation Manager of the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) indicating that ODMH would be willing to work with the Board to add Social Worker Trainees to the matrix so that agencies would be able to bill Medicaid for services provided by interns. The SWPSC assured Mr. Rough that they would be reviewing the language today and discussing whether or not to implement the rule change for social worker trainee status.

Mr. Rough reminded the SWPSC that by statute the rules have to be reviewed every five years, and that hopefully they will make a decision for a draft of the rules at the September Board meeting. This will allow for the rules to be filed in June, 2007 or perhaps earlier if deemed necessary.

Mr. Rough shared a draft of one of the Boards' policies for the establishment of three working committees of the Board and also an Ad Hoc committee as recommended by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. The committees are as follows:

Executive Committee, which shall include the Board chairperson and the chairperson of each Professional Standards Committee and one public member.

Personnel Committee, which shall include a member selected by each Professional Standards Committee and one public member.

Continuing Education Committee, which shall include a member selected by each Professional Standards Committee.

Ad Hoc Committee, which shall include members selected depending on the issue needing additional investigation, review and/ or research by a board committee. Members to be appointed by the chairperson with input from each Professional Standards Committee.

8. Correspondence

Christine Cowan –Gascoigne, LSW – As reflected in the May, 2006 meeting, the SWPSC reviewed a letter from Ms. Cowan-Gascoigne requesting that she be allowed to use the hours from her teaching a course to master level social work students at Case Western Reserve University be counted towards her 3000 required hours of supervision toward her LISW. The SWPSC tabled the discussion and requested additional information from Ms. Cowan-Gascoigne.

Upon reviewing the additional information received, and considerable discussion, Dr. Cluse-Tolar made the motion to deny the request based on the section 4757-23-01(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code which states the following:

- (2) "Training supervision" means supervision for the purposes of obtaining a license and/or development of new areas of proficiency while providing services to clients. The training supervisor is responsible for the professional growth of the supervisee. Training supervision may be individual supervision or group supervision.
 - (a) "Individual supervision" means face-to-face contact between a supervisor and an individual supervisee in a private session wherein the supervisor and supervisee deal with problems unique to the practice of that supervisee.
 - (b) "Group supervision" means face-to-face contact between a supervisor and a small group (not to exceed six supervisees) in a private session wherein practice problems are dealt with that are similar in nature and complexity to all supervisees in the group.

Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

9. Election of New Chairperson For SWPSC

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to nominate Ms. Tucker as the new Chairperson for the Social Workers Professional Standards Committee. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar and Ms. Riesbeck Lee commended Mr. Abraham on his service to the SWPSC.

10. Old Business

(A) Jurisprudence Exam

Ms. Tucker stated that the purpose of a Jurisprudence Exam would be a board specified examination for the purposes of licensure. Dr. Cluse-Tolar stated that she believes that this is a wonderful idea based on the investigative cases she reviews and licensees who are not fully aware of the laws and rules. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee believes that this will help to decrease those who are practicing without a license. Dr. Cluse-Tolar made the motion that the SWPSC request the Executive Director to move forward with drafting a board specified exam for every new licensee or registrant for a LSW, a LISW, or a SWA. Seconded by Mr. Abraham. Motion carried.

(B) Social Work Trainee Status

The SWPSC discussed whether or not to consider amending the rules 4757-3-01 to change to establish “social worker trainee” status and 4757-3-02 to change to establish “social worker trainee” abbreviation to “S.W.T.” After considerable discussion on the issue, Dr. Cluse-Tolar made the motion to accept the proposed rule change as written in the draft dated May 11, 2006, section 4757-3-01 (BB) with the exception of the wording “or an independent social worker”. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

(C) Pre-Approval of ASWB Social Work Exam

Based on lengthy discussions of this topic in the past, the SWPSC did not feel that any additional discussion was needed and that it is imperative that a motion and vote needed to be made on this issue. Mr. Abraham stated that his only concern is that it will slow the licensure process down. Mr. Rough assured the committee that it will not slow anything down and that another person will be hired to assist with the pre-approval of the exam and other duties in the social work department. Mr. Abraham made the motion to move forward with the pre-approval of applicants to take the ASWB social work exam. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

11. Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

(A) The ASWB Annual Meeting will be held on November 10th – 12th, 2006 in Baltimore, MD. Dr. Cluse-Tolar and Ms. Riesbeck-Lee both expressed an interest in attending. A decision as to who will attend will be made at the September, 2006 meeting.

(B) ASWB Examination Results – Mr. Rough has compiled a report of the examination results from 1998 through 6/06. He noted that in 2003 and 2005 significantly fewer exams were taken and we do not have a clear explanation as to why.

(C) Sunny Andrews Award - Nominations are being sought for the Sunny Andrews Award. The Sunny Andrews Award, named in honor of the former ASWB President, is for volunteer members of social work regulatory boards based on contribution to their individual boards. Up to two people each year may receive the award. The deadline for consideration is Monday, July 31, 2006.

(D) 2006 ASWB Election

During the Annual Meeting of the ASWB Delegate Assembly in November, a regularly-scheduled election will take place for the following positions.

Board of Directors:

President-Elect
Secretary
Director at Large

2007 Nominating Committee

Three Members

12 Ohio Chapter – National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Due to time constraints, the SWPSC chose to table the discussion of the NASW urging the adoption of the rule change to the Ohio Administrative Code 4757-23-01(2) which states “The supervisee shall not pay a fee or make any other form of remuneration to the supervisor. Individuals who are unable to secure unpaid supervision may request an exception to this rule from the social work standards committee.” Mr. Abraham apologized to Mr. Lustig, but did not feel that the SWPSC would be able to give the issue the consideration it deserved. Mr. Lustig agreed and said that he would appreciate being able to discuss the topic at the September SWPSC meeting.

13. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Abraham. Motion carried.

Ms. Molly Tucker, Chairperson