

**Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
September 14, 2024**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2024. The meeting was conducted at the Board office and streamed via video conference, and all interested parties were provided with the information to join the meeting.

Bora Sunseri conducted a roll call. Board members present during the roll call included Bora Sunseri, LCSW, Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS, Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS and Evan Bergeron, Esq. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were also present for the meeting.

Melissa Haley, LMSW, was absent. There is one vacant position on the board.

Agenda

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as presented.

FY 25 Vision

Hyacinth McKee informed board members and the public of fiscal year 2024 highlights and data. She also discussed the implementation of a user-friendly platform, promulgation of rules, operational policies and procedures, and board member training as well as professional development.

Occupational Standards

Sheri Morris provided a summary of the process to promulgate rules as well as an update on the status of approval by the Occupational Licensing Review Commission (OLRC).

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to extend the due date for a legal sufficiency review of 503(H) to the October board meeting.

Committee Reports

Continuing education – Trinity George reported that the committee has not met this quarter but may meet in the upcoming quarter to develop rubric for auditing continuing education pre-approval organizations.

Exam – Jamie Barney reported that two committee members were previously removed from the committee and one member resigned. Dr. Barney requested that Michael Rosalez be removed from the committee due to work obligations. Dr. McKee affirmed that Mr. Rosalez is removed from the committee. Dr. Barney reported that she did not receive feedback as requested from stakeholders. The committee members have considered three reports of studies that have been conducted relative to examinations and competency. The goal is to have recommendations to the board by the end of the calendar year.

Interstate Compact/Telehealth Committee – Hyacinth McKee reported that the committee met September 9 and developed a survey they are requesting be sent to all licensees on October 1.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to expend funds to send a survey not to exceed \$350.00. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled on October 30.

Policy & Procedure Committee – Emily DeAngelo reported that the committee provided input regarding verbiage for policies and procedures in response to requirements of the Legislative Auditor.

Rules – Evan Bergeron reported that the committee may meet within the next few weeks.

Supervision – Hyacinth McKee presented a BACS Supervision Flowchart and a flowchart for using Certemy to report supervision. Board members recommended changes including but not limited to creating a decision tree and adding Rule citations next to the applicable step. Dr. McKee advised that the committee recommends all applicants for Board Approved Clinical Supervisor (BACS) as well as current BACS complete two hours of training in the area of telehealth and the use of technology (in social work supervision). The BACS shall provide documentation of completed training. This is a one-time requirement. Board members asked that the committee consider reducing the training from 2 hours to 1.5 hours and to allow BACS to file an attestation that they will never provide telesupervision in order to waive this requirement.

Jamie Barney recommended exploring ways to enhance public relations or communication with the public be a focus of a future strategic planning meeting.

Evan Bergeron exited the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Motion was made by Trinity George to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.


Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer