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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

MARCH 23, 2021 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work Disciplinary Subcommittee met on March 23, 2021. The meeting was held via Zoom, pursuant to MCL 15.263 and MCL 15.263a.

CALL TO ORDER

Christine Nelson, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: **Christine Nelson, Public Member, Chairperson**
Attended remotely from the city of Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan.

Julian Diaz, LMSW
Attended remotely from the city of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan.

Danielle Hoover, LMSW, QIDP
Attended from the city of Milan, Monroe County, Michigan.

Janet Joiner, PhD, LMSW
Attended remotely from Southfield, Oakland County, Michigan.

Members Absent: Jasmine Calhoun

Staff Present: Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Dena Marks, Senior Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section
Kerry Przybylo, Manager, Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Diaz, seconded by Joiner, to approve the agenda as presented.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Diaz, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Joiner, to approve the January 23, 2021 minutes, as presented.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Diaz, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Consent Orders and Stipulations

Melinda Abbygail Booy, LBSW

MOTION by Diaz, seconded by Hoover, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Diaz, Hoover, Nelson
 Nays: None
 Recuse: Joiner

MOTION PREVAILED

Amallie Marion DeFonseka, LMSW

MOTION by Diaz, seconded by Hoover, to discuss.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Diaz, Hoover, Nelson
 Nays: None
 Recuse: Joiner

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Diaz, seconded by Hoover, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Diaz, Hoover, Nelson
 Nays: None
 Recuse: Joiner

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Hoover, to take a ten-minute recess at 10:44 p.m.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Diaz, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Hoover, to reconvene the meeting at 10:54 p.m.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Diaz, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

James Anthony Henry, LLMSW

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Hoover, to discuss.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Hoover, Joiner, Nelson
 Nays: None
 Recuse: Diaz

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Hoover, to reject the Consent Order and Stipulation with a counteroffer to place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day, not to exceed 90 days to complete six hours of pre-approved continuing education in ethics. Respondent's license will be suspended a minimum of one day, if non-compliant with probationary terms. All other terms to remain the same.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Hoover, Joiner, Nelson
 Nays: None
 Recuse: Diaz

MOTION PREVAILED

Russell Allen Stratton, LMSW

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Joiner, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Hoover, Joiner, Nelson
 Nays: None
 Recuse: Diaz

MOTION PREVAILED

Amy Elizabeth Young, LMSW

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Hoover, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Diaz, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Proposal for Decision

Robert S. Levin, LMSW

MOTION by Diaz, seconded by Hoover, to discuss.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Diaz, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Diaz, to accept the Proposal for Decision and place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day, not to exceed a year to complete deficient continuing education. Respondent is fined \$837.50, to be paid within 180 days. Respondent's license will be suspended if non-compliant.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Diaz, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Administrative Complaint

Josephine Audre Benson (Clark), LLMSW

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Diaz, to discuss.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Diaz, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Diaz, to dissolve the Order of Summary Suspension and revoke Respondent's license. Respondent must pay a \$1500.00 prior to applying for reinstatement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Connie Franzel stated she felt that there was a need for stronger suspensions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 25, 2021 immediately following the Michigan Board of Social Work meeting scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. via zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Diaz, to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Diaz, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on May 25, 2021

Prepared by:
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March 26, 2021