

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
MARCH 22, 2013
MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION – TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

CALL TO ORDER: On March 22, 2013 at 11:32 a.m., with a quorum of the Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") present and the Board Chair presiding, a telephone conference call was convened to consider whether a practitioner's ability to practice as a licensed clinical social worker constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety pursuant to §54.1-2408.1(A) of the Code of Virginia.

PRESIDING: Susan Horne-Quatannens, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Yvonne Haynes
Bernadette Winters

MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE: Jennifer Blosser
Nettie Simon-Owens
Joseph Walsh
Kristi Wooten

MEMBERS ABSENT: Arthur Mayer
Catherine Moore

POLL OF MEMBERS: The Board members were polled as to whether they could have attended a regular meeting at the offices of the Board in a timely manner for the purposes of hearing evidence in a possible summary suspension case. A majority of Board members stated that they would not have been able to attend.

QUORUM: With seven (7) members participating, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Discipline Case Manager

BOARD COUNSEL: Erin Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

PARTIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH: James Schliessmann, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER CONSIDERED: **Lisa Cowan**
License No.: 0904-004802
Case No.: 147226

The Board received information from Mr. Schliessmann in order to

determine whether Ms. Cowan's ability to practice as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker constituted a substantial danger to public health and safety. Mr. Schliessmann presented a summary of the evidence in this case and responded to questions.

CLOSED MEETING:

Upon a motion by Yvonne Haynes, and duly seconded by Nettie Simon-Owens, the Board went into closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Lisa Cowan, LCSW. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Barrett, Ms. Chappell and Ms. Lang attend the closed meeting because their present in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its discussions.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matter discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in open session.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Ms. Wooten, and duly seconded by Ms. Haynes, the Board determined that the practice of Lisa Cowan, as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety and voted to summarily suspend her license with the institution of proceedings for a formal administrative hearing pursuant to §54.1-2408.1(A) of the Code of Virginia.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 12:03 p.m.


Susan Horne-Quatannens, Chair

7/19/13
Date


Catherine Chappell, Executive Director

7/22/13
Date