

A P P R O V E D
VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
MINUTES
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2004

TIME & PLACE: The Informal Conference Committee convened at 9:20 a.m., on Friday, March 5, 2004 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon C. Ekleberry, LCSW, Chair
Fredrick D. Weston, LCSW

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia Larimer, Senior Adjudication Analyst
Arnice N. Covington, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas J. Stallings, Attorney
Cathie Spears
Neil P. Dubner, M.D.
David Wood, DVM

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED: **JULE S. DUBNER, LCSW**
CASE 86801

Ms. Dubner appeared before the Informal Conference Committee on Friday, March 5, 2004 at 9:20 a.m. to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of social work in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Weston moved that the Committee convene in a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3705(A)(15) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion or consideration of medical or mental records of Ms. Dubner excluded from the Freedom of Information Act by Section 2.2-3705(A)(5) of the Code. Additionally, Mr. Weston moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer and Ms. Covington attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its consideration of the matter.

The Chair recognized Ms. Dubner and Mr. Stallings and invited their comments regarding the allegations.

Mr. Weston moved that the Informal Conference Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried.

Comments were received from the following visitors: Cathie Spears and David Wood, DVM.

Mr. Weston moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dubner regarding the allegations outlined in the Notice of Hearing. Additionally, Mr. Weston moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer and Ms. Covington attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Committee reconvened in open session.

Mr. Weston moved that the Informal Conference Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried.

ACTION:

Ms. Dubner was reprimanded with terms.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Conference adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Sharon C. Ekleberry, LCSW

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Board of Social Work

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after the service of such order unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Dubner within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference shall be vacated.