

**SOCIAL WORKER SECTION  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 21, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Eric Alvin, Nicholas Smiar, Barbara Viste-Johnson

**EXCUSED:** Daryl Wood

**STAFF:** Dan Williams, Executive Director; Sharon Henes, Paralegal; Kimberly Wood, Program Assistant Supervisor; and Sandra Nowack, DLSC Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

Eric Alvin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum of three (3) members was present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Barbara Viste-Johnson moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 61**

**MOTION:** Barbara Viste-Johnson moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to authorize the Chair to write a letter to the Governor and the Small Business Regulatory Review Board in response to Executive Order 61, requesting that the Governor accept Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act as a way to help small businesses. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Barbara Viste-Johnson moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(a)(b)(f) and (g), to review applications, deliberate on proposed stipulations, deliberate on administrative warnings; deliberate on hearings or appearances for denial of applications; review monitoring cases; review DSPS cases, and consult with legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Eric Alvin-yes; Nicholas Smiar-yes; and Barbara Viste-Johnson-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Section convened into Closed Session at 9:22 a.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Nicholas Smiar moved, seconded by Barbara Viste-Johnson, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Section reconvened into Open Session at 10:04 a.m.

**VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION IF  
VOTING IS APPROPRIATE**

**MOTION:** Barbara Viste-Johnson moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to affirm all motions made in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS, FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS**

**MOTION:** Barbara Viste-Johnson moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Stipulation and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against:

- 1) Lynn K. Nienas (12 SOC 010)
- 2) Amy S. Mehlberg (11 SOC 012)
- 3) Patti J. Nelson-Gill (12 SOC 004)
- 4) Linda L. Syverson-Kerr (12 SOC 020)
- 5) Mitchell J. Parchem (12 SOC 071)
- 6) Elizabeth Boeck (12 SOC 102)
- 7) Tom Beu Xiong (12 SOC 103)
- 8) Evie K. LaFountain (12 SOC 058)

Motion carried.

*(Eric Alvin abstained from deliberation in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Tom Beu Xiong - 12 SOC 103. The motion carried unanimously for all other cases.)*

**MOTION:** Barbara Viste-Johnson moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to reject the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Stipulation and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against:

- 1) Cynthia L. Weiss (11 SOC 060)

Motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Barbara Viste-Johnson moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously,

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.