

WV BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
“ANNUAL REPORT-FISCAL YEAR 2009”
July 1, 2008 THROUGH June 30, 2009

I. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF BOARD ACTIVITY

- Board members conducted five meetings during this fiscal year.
- Board members and social work professionals are working towards revision of the alternative temporary process that was last revised in 1998. A draft of proposed items is being considered by all parties. The Board continues to be committed to this goal.
- The Board carried out their responsibilities for the protection of the public pursuant to the WV Code §30-30. A finding of probable cause resulted in disciplinary action. All actions were reported to the Association of Social Work Boards Disciplinary Action Reporting System (ASWB-DARS) for filing with the Health Integrity Practitioners Data Bank. ASWB is the reporting agent for the Board. Assistant Attorney General Katherine Campbell continued to serve as legal counsel for the Board.
- Staff members continue to oversee the daily operation of the office and provide services to the social work and general public. Judith Williams and Amy Polen attended the September 2008 session of the Board & Commission training and completed the annual P-Card testing.
- As revenue continued to drop and expenses rose, the Board was forced to file an Emergency Rule with the Secretary of State August 2008. This legislation was passed and approved by the Governor.
- Dr. Patricia O’Reilly attended the Association of Social Work Boards Annual Meeting on November 6-8, 2008 in Providence Rhode Island as the West Virginia jurisdiction Delegate.

II. BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS

Board Members	<u>Term Dates</u>
Rita M. Brown, MSW, LSW, Chair	1998-2010
Dr. Patricia O’Reilly, Consumer Representative, Vice Chair	2003-2010
Lucy Eates, LSW, Secretary	1998-2010
JoDee Gottlieb, MSW, LCSW	1999-2010
Barbara Heasley, MSW, LICSW	2003-2010
Christine Maniskas, MSW, LCSW	2007-2010
Board Staff	
FTE-Judith K. Williams, Executive Director	Hired Dec. 1990
FTE-Amy S. Polen, Administrative Assistant	Hired April 2006
PT-Linda C. Dempsey, Clerk/Clerical Support	Hired Nov. 1996

III. ADHERENCE TO LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

All provisions were met as set forth in the WV Code as determined by the Legislative Auditor PERD and other state auditing authorities.

IV. AFFILIATIONS

WVBSWE is a member of the Association of Social Work Boards and the WV Association of Licensing Boards.

V. LICENSE STATISTICS:

A. New Licenses Issued from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Social Work Permits (BSW & MSW)	213
Temporary SW Certificates Issued-Other Degree	104
LSW Social Worker BSW Only	106
LSW Via Alternative Temporary License Process	76
LGSW Graduate SW (MSW)	57
LCSW Certified SW (MSW+)	9
LICSW Independent Clinical SW (MSW++)	16

Total New Issues July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009: 581

B. Total Active Licenses by Category (includes new issues):

Social Work Permits-BSW & MSW Graduates:	105
Temporary SW Certificates-Other Degree:	308
LSW	2390
Graduate Social Workers (LGSW)	385
Certified Social Workers (LCSW)	322
Independent Clinical Social Workers (LICSW)	276
Emeritus (Retired or Semi-Retired) Active	97

Total ACTIVE Licenses July 1, 2009 3883

A temporary or LSW earned via the temporary process is not transferable or accepted in any other jurisdiction. West Virginia is one of five jurisdictions in the US and Canada that has any type of **alternative license procedure** for those with an acceptable related bachelor's degree. Ohio required that a related degree be earned prior to 1992 in order to be considered a potential candidate.

Inactive License Category: The number of persons leaving the state or profession of social work continues to increase. Many of the original Grandfathered license candidates have now retired.

Examination Location Sites: As of early summer there is no longer a testing site South, East, or West of Parkersburg WV at which a candidate may test. ASWB is attempting to locate another site in or near Kanawha County. WV testing sites are now in Parkersburg, Wheeling, and Fairmont. No Saturday testing is allowed for these sites.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 2009

The WVBSWE is totally self-supporting by the collection of social work license fees. This is a non-appropriated agency that receives no State or Federal funding.

July 1, 2008 Carry-Over <u>CASH OPERATING BALANCE</u>	+\$40,814.41
<u>Total Fees Collected YTD</u>	+\$224,006.40

EXPENDITURES July 2008 through June 2009

Taxable Staff & Board Salaries (3 Staff-6 Bd Members)	\$ 95,920.07
Taxes-Federal Matching	\$ 7,153.65
PEIA Insurance, Contribution and Other Admin Fees	\$ 17,256.95
BRICKSTREET Workers Comp (Installment)	\$ 192.83
Retirement Board Contributions	\$ 8,892.59
WV DOP Fees	\$ 540.00
Office Supplies/Printing	\$ 2,296.21
Office & Other Rental Fees	\$ 6,601.53
Utilities & Communication Costs	\$ 2,669.96
Legal & Investigation Fees	\$ 5,866.20
Mileage Reimbursement (Board Meetings-Members)	\$ 1,911.80
Accounting & Computer Service Fees	\$ 4,557.63
Equipment Lease & Maintenance	\$ 2,647.49
Annual Association Dues (ASWB)	\$ 1,000.00
Liability Insurance Premium	\$ 2,696.00
Board Meeting Expenses (5 sessions)	\$ 434.75
Annual Training Registration Fee	\$ 99.00
Postage/ Mail Fees	\$ 7,593.31
Computer Supplies/Repairs to Equipment	\$ 1,004.23
<u>Total YTD Expenditures</u>	-\$169,334.20

July 1, 2008 Through June 30, 2009 Fiscal Activity Summary

7-1-08	Cash Balance from FY 08	+\$40,814.41
YTD	Revenue Total	+\$224,006.40
YTD	Expenditures Total	-\$169,334.20
<u>As of 6-30-09</u>	Year End Operating Cash Balance	<u>+\$95,486.61</u>

VII. COMPLAINT AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT

Legislative Rules §25-1-10. **Disciplinary Proceedings:** The Board shall act upon a complaint against a social worker when it is evident that a reasonable basis exists to warrant investigation and discipline as appropriate.

Unlicensed Practice: Pursuant to the WV Code, the Board is required to report unlicensed social work practice to the County Prosecutor in which the respondent works and/or resides (WV Code § 30-30-4). Unlicensed practice is a punishable misdemeanor subject to incarceration or fine or both as determined by the Prosecutor.

Statistics July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

- Unlicensed Practice Reports to County Prosecutor: **3** **
***Persons who create a false license and/or collect payment for services without being duly licensed demonstrate a blatant disregard for the Law as well as the professional Code of Ethics.*
- Revocation: **1**
- Suspension/Probation and/or Other by Consent Order: **4**

- Total public disciplinary action reports to ASWB-DARS: **8**

- “Other”: Red-Flagged: Nothing to Report This Period
**Red-Flagged: Persons with outstanding, unresolved complaint that are not currently licensed by WVBSWE. Red-Flag data is kept on file in the event one returns in the future to seek licensure*

End of Annual Report FY 2009 July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

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