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Newsletter

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**Upcoming State
Holiday's**

September 6th
October 11th
November 11th
November 25th & 26th

Please note that the
Board Office will be
closed on the days
posted above.

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View from the Chair

By: Octavio Ramirez, PhD., LICSW

On behalf of the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners I want to take this opportunity to thank our social workers for the excellent service they provide the citizens of the State of Alabama. Each of you provide an invaluable service and the board appreciates your commitment and dedication to the profession. As my tenure on the Board comes to an end, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Board. This has been a tremendous opportunity and I have appreciated every minute of it. As many of you know, the Board has taken steps to strengthen the supervision process by requiring additional training and registry. Additionally, the Board has recognized the significant contributions of non-clinical licensees, and in doing so, has implemented a non-clinical track for LMSWs. Also, in recognizing the importance of social casework, the Board continues to offer PIP certification for all those interested social casework.

Lastly, I want to encourage each of you to consider serving on this Board. This is a wonderful professional development opportunity. I wish you all the best!

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View from the Chair

By Kai Mumpfield, LICSW

Greetings, on behalf of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners! I am honored to serve as your new Chair and as such, do not take this responsibility lightly. Over my almost 20 years of experience, I have served in many practice areas including medical social work, foster care and adoption and in clinical practice as a therapist. I have also spent my career volunteering with local community- and faith-based youth programs, leading youth groups, mentoring programs, providing exposure of inner-city youth to camps and new experiences, and offering training and consulting to community- and faith-based youth programs. Currently, I serve as the Director of Field Education in the Department of Social Work at Alabama State University helping to equip and empower the next generation of practitioners for success as future social workers.

As a Social Worker who has been practicing since first graduating with my Bachelor of Social Work in 2003, and later my Master of Social Work in 2006, I understand how important it is to have a board that is reflective of different practice areas and one who upholds the standards of this profession. Therefore, as your chair, it is my goal to maintain the integrity of this profession, that we love, while advocating for the respect and protection of this discipline. We are in this together and as your board, we are committed to continuing the work of not only being the body to address professional misconduct, but for continuing the work to improve the practice standards in our state, protecting the public and those we serve, and supporting and protecting our profession.

Board Openings

The Board currently has one Member position open for appointment immediately. The position is for **US Congressional District 5** (please see the map below). The position will need to be filled by a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker who is current and in good standing. If you are a licensed social worker at this level of licensure from this District and are interested in serving on the Board, you may start collecting letters of nomination from fellow social workers from your District. The nomination letters and a resume must be mailed to the Board at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, postmarked by September 30, 2021. The Governor makes the final selection from the list of the persons with the most nominations for the District.

If this is not something you're interested in, you may wish to submit a letter on behalf of someone. We'll accept nomination letters through September 30, 2021. We then submit the top three names for the District who receive the most letters to the Governor.

The duties of the Board are:

- To protect the public from incompetent, unethical and unlawful social work practice.
- To enforce qualification standards for all levels of licensure and certification.
- To delineate unlawful conduct through disciplinary procedures against practitioners who violate applicable laws or rules.

Nomination Requirements:

- The person being nominated and the person doing the nominating **must** both live in the same District.
- You can nominate yourself.
- The person making the nomination must be a licensed social worker.
- Nomination letters must be mailed, or hand delivered, you may collect the letters and send them in all together – faxed or emailed letters **are not** acceptable.

The Board appointment will be for **three years** running through September 30, 2024. There is no pay for serving under this capacity, but you are reimbursed for in state and out-of-state travel expenses at the same rate as a state employee.



Website Updates!

You can now purchase a replacement license, seal, or wallet card online. Just visit our site at www.socialwork.alabama.gov and follow the link to applications and forms.

CE Providers can now renew their status online or apply to be a provider. Just visit our website click CE and follow the link to the online application.

Board Reminders

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- **CE requirements – you must have 3 CE’s in the following – Ethics, Clinical and Supervision (if you are under contract to supervise). Please remember that you need 10 traditional classroom-based CE hours as part of your 30 CE total. Live/interactive webinars will count toward your classroom requirement. Recorded webinars are not considered live.**
 - **Please keep in mind you cannot earn CEU’s during your 60-day grace period.**
 - **We are no longer accepting PIP applications UNLESS you wish to be certified in the area of Social Casework.**
 - **The Board will meet again October 12th in our Montgomery office.**
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