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January 1, 2011
January 17, 2011
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View from the Chair



By: Leisa Askew, LBSW

The day I graduated from college – what a day it was! I can remember the sounds, sights, and smells of the coliseum. My heart raced with such excitement for my accomplishment and things I had overcome to get to that special day – *Graduation Day!!!*

With all of the emotions of the day, the pride I felt for soon becoming a “social worker” was overwhelming. My balloon of pride was soon busted when I was at the post graduation celebration and my grandfather made a comment that would echo in my mind for several years to come. Without knowing the harm it would do to my feelings, my grandfather looked at me and stated, “I’m so proud of you for getting a college degree, I hate the fact that it’s a worthless degree”. Did I hear what he just said correctly??? Four years of college, studying, research papers, statistics, and so on....a worthless degree??? I asked him why he thought that a social work degree was worthless. His response was, “well if you think wearing your hair in a bun, holding a clip board, and removing children from the home is a noble profession, then go for it.” In further conversation with my Papa, I learned that his generation thought that was what “social workers” did. At that moment I made it my goal to prove him wrong.

The journey came full circle when my grandfather developed Alzheimer’s and the family turned to me for support, resources and guidance. Little did my Papa know my “social work” career would lead me to the path of working for an agency as an Alzheimer’s “social worker.” Papa was advanced in the disease process to the point he did not know I was there helping guide and direct his last days, but I knew I was there for him and that’s what mattered.

This past week, I did a little research of my own. I asked several people in several situations what they thought was a “noble profession”. Mother, guy who invented spell check, doctor, teacher, garbage collector, police officer, military, fireman, preacher, nurse, and president. These were just a few of the responses I got. They are not only noble professions but honorable ones as well. Not one single person said “social worker.” But people in the “social work” profession achieve far more than just removing children from the home. We are the front line of empowering, self-actualizing, family preserving, stability building, relationship enhancing, life improving, problem solving, providing guidance, counseling, educating, and old-fashioned listening. The list of skills and services of a social worker goes on and on. Many of us in this profession are serving a noble role merely because we are filling in the gaps, in many cases, for people who have been ignored and neglected their entire lives. When you look at the traits of a social worker, passion is a word used to describe the career in many instances. As a profession, people will not put their heart and soul into something unless they have passion. It is a well know fact that you don’t

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Meet Your New Board Members

Esophia Clayborn, LCSW

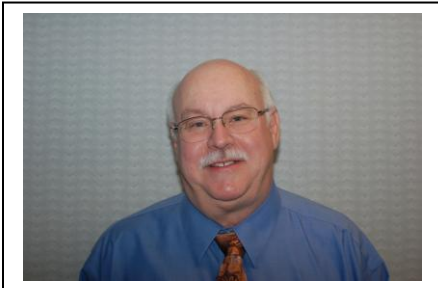


Esophia Clayborn, LCSW

Ms. Clayborn is an Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University psychology and graduate social work alumna. She is employed in the Department of Social Work at Alabama A & M since 2008, serving as social work specialist, director of the Center for Social Work Development and Research, and adjunct professor. She has practiced social work for almost 20 years in Alabama, acquiring expertise in a variety of settings that include mental health, medical social work, geriatric social work, and her private practice as a clinical social worker.

Ms. Clayborn is licensed as a Private Independent Practitioner (PIP) of Clinical Social Work and Social Casework. She also serves as co-chair for the Huntsville/Tennessee Valley unit of the Alabama chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), an elected office. In 2005, she was selected as Social Worker of the Year by the Huntsville/Tennessee Valley Unit of NASW.

William “Tommy” Wright, LCSW



Tommy Wright, LCSW

Mr. Wright has over thirty years experience working in community mental health. He is currently the Clinical Director at South Central Alabama Mental Health Center. He attended Auburn Montgomery and received his Master's of Science in Social Work from the University of Tennessee. Mr. Wright previously served as the Executive Director of West Alabama Mental Health Center and the Montgomery Area Mental Health Authority. His wife, Lisa, is a teacher and he has a daughter, Christina, and a son, Jonathan.

View from the Chair: Leisa Askew *Cont. from Page 1*

go into the social work profession for the pay or in some cases even a thank you. I had a client tell me once, “you don’t choose social work, social work chooses you”. The field of social work and all its broad aspects is indeed a “noble profession”. Social Workers are people who have courage and honor, answering a calling that few people understand. As a profession, social work can be demanding and occasionally frustrating, but it can also be amazingly satisfying. Being a social worker is also a tremendous responsibility....hence a “noble profession.” I cannot imagine doing anything else and truly feel I would have changed my Papa’s thinking on the profession. Thanks to each and every one of you who do the work of a “social worker” daily - a truly NOBLE profession. Without us, this world would not be the same. ♦



CHANGES TO SOCIAL WORK LICENSING EXAMINATIONS, FREE EXAM PROGRAM BEGAN JANUARY 1, 2011

(Press Release from ASWB)

Beginning January 1, 2011, the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) social work licensure examinations used in the United States and Canada will undergo several changes, ranging from the reorganization of test content to the use of new testing sites. The first half of the year will also feature a program that will qualify some test-takers for a **free Advanced Generalist examination** as part of a data-gathering project.

As previously announced, ASWB has completed its most recent analysis of social work practice in North America, and will be using new Bachelors, Masters, and Clinical social work licensure examinations based on this study in early 2011. A new Advanced Generalist examination will be implemented in early 2012.

In addition to reorganized content for all five licensure examinations used across the United States and in two Canadian provinces, the association has published—for the first time—the knowledge statements that describe specific competencies that will be addressed in the examinations. The availability of the entire set of KSAs (Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities) will assist boards, educational programs and others in “demystifying” the entire examination process. Content outlines and KSA lists are contained in the practice analysis final report, which can be downloaded in its entirety at www.aswb.org. The Advanced Generalist examination will not change over to the new content outlines and KSAs until January 1, 2012.

At the same time the reorganized ASWB tests are released, the association will also begin working with a new testing vendor, Pearson VUE, of Bloomington, Minnesota, for administration and support of the ASWB social work licensing examinations. The change to Pearson VUE will include the use of new test center locations and will allow for several enhancements to the testing experience for candidates. Pearson VUE is regarded as a leader in the testing industry, and provides examination administration and support services for many regulatory board and licensure examination organizations. To learn more about Pearson VUE and the VUE and the clients it serves, visit the Pearson VUE website at www.pearsonvue.com.

January 1, 2011, will also mark the beginning of a special ASWB project aimed at redesigning its Advanced Generalist examination to provide a stronger base for advanced non-clinical social work practice across the United States and Canada. The new version of the ASWB Advanced Generalist licensure examination, set for release in 2012, will be even more directly targeted to advanced generalist practice than it has been in the past.

In order to accomplish this goal, ASWB will involve social workers in developing a bank of test questions that will ensure the ASWB exams remain effective measures of social work competence. Test -takers who participate in this effort will have their **\$260 examination fee waived**, and will be administered an examination with additional non-scored questions, and a longer time limit to complete the examination. The additional questions will be “pretest” items that will help ASWB develop a new 170-question Advanced Generalist exam that will be administered beginning January 1, 2012.

The free expanded Advanced Generalist examination will be the only examination offered by the association for all Advanced Generalist tests administered between January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011 to first-time candidates. More information on the program can be found at the association’s website, www.aswb.org.

The Association of Social Work Boards is the association of state and provincial social work regulatory bodies. Its mission is to assist its members through the development of uniform assessments and other services that strengthen protection of the public. Membership includes 49 states, the US Virgin Islands, the District of Columbia, and ten Canadian provinces.

New License Bachelor Social Workers				
4748B	JENNIFER	E	WILLOUGHBY	CROSSVILLE
4749B	JACQUELINE	D	WATTERS-DUFF	BIRMINGHAM
4750B	RACHAEL	B	ROSS	CULLMAN
4751B	OLIVIA	J	ACOFF	SELMA
4752B	ANTHONY	A	CAPASSO	HACKELBURG
4753B	KENYA	D	NODD	DAPHNE
4754B	KENDRA	E	PINYAN	CULLMAN
4755B	RUTH	M	SMITH	BIRMINGHAM
4756B	CANDIS	A	SYKES	HUEYTOWN
4757B	CHELCEY	L	THOMPSON	SPANISH FORT
4758B	KATRINA	L	BLACKMON	OPELIKA
4759B	KATASICIA	R	DOBYNE	BRENT
4760B	NICOLE	M	PASSANTE	ONEONTA
4761B	MIKAL	J	SABREE	MONTGOMERY
4762B	MICHELLE	R	STAAB	BIRMINGHAM
4763B	JAMIE	W	SENKBEIL	TUSCALOOSA
4764B	JOHN	E	GOETZ	TUSCALOOSA
4765B	BILLIE	D	ROBINSON	CLANTON
4766B	BRANDI	L	BAGWELL	ALBERTVILLE
4767B	JERMAINE		JACKSON	SMYRNA
4768B	CHERYL	B	WAITES	ALABASTER
4769B	CHRISTY	D	WOOD	FORT PAYNE
4770B	WANDA	K	BIGGS	PETERMAN
4771B	KRISTI	R	KAKOLIRIS	BIRMINGHAM
4772B	CINDY	L	SWOFFORD	SPANISH FORT
4773B	TIMOTHY	J	BUTLER	FLORENCE
4774B	JOY	M	KELLO	HUNTSVILLE
4775B	RACHAEL	M	BELUE	BIRMINGHAM
4776B	AMY	B	BONDURANT	ANDALUSIA
4777B	CATHY	W	HOLLADAY	PELL CITY
4778B	ASHLEY	J	HELPS	GREENVILLE
4779B	VICTORIA	I	SHARECK	MADISON
4780B	CORDELIA	C	STANLEY	ANNISTON
4781B	LEE	V	FLYNN	FLORENCE
4782B	MARIA	L	LETT	PRICHARD
4783B	AV'E	M	WALTON	MONTGOMERY
4784B	AMBER	R	FRAMES	OXFORD
4785B	MONICA	M	MORGAN	TRINITY
4786B	MARGARET	L	BLAEDOW	OPELIKA
4787B	ALEXANDRA	N	CAMPBELL	HOOVER
4788B	JENNIFER	D	DOUGLASS	BIRMINGHAM
4789B	LASONYA	T	DUDLEY-THOMAS	UNIONTOWN
4790B	MAEGAN	W	SCHWINDLING	MONTGOMERY
4791B	SHELLY		AULTMAN	HUNTSVILLE
4792B	JULIE	C	THOMPSON	SEMMES
4793B	DUSTY	M	MURPHY	CENTRE
4794B	CARMEDA	R	MCCURTIS	BIRMINGHAM
4795B	BRITTNEY	L	WELCH	BIRMINGHAM
4796B	LORI		HEREFORD	PELHAM
4797B	LISA	M	MCLEMORE	MOULTON
4798B	TRACY	S	MORRISON	CULLMAN
4799B	ELIZABETH	R	PUGH	OZARK
4800B	ABBY	M	BROCK	BIRMINGHAM
4801B	PAMALA	L	MYATT	HUNTSVILLE

New License Graduate Social Workers				
2727G	KATHLEEN	C	BRIGHT	BIRMINGHAM
2728G	PATRICIA	A	FORD	MILLBROOK
2729G	MARASHIA	S	MCCORMICK	PRATTVILLE
2730G	CARRIE	M	WELLS	MONTGOMERY
2731G	TAMARA	B	BLACKLEDGE BURR	HUEYTOWN
2732G	MATTHEW	P	GROGAN	JACKSONVILLE
2733G	MEG	M	HUFFMAN	VALLEY GRANDE
2734G	STEPHANIE	O	KENNEY	FALKVILLE
2735G	MARY	L	JONES	HEADLAND
2736G	KRISTI	B	MADDOX	TROY
2737G	CLAIRE	N	HARRIS	HOMEWOOD
2738G	SHELIA	D	DUNCAN	BALTIMORE
2739G	MALLORY	A	BLACKMON	SPANISH FORT
2740G	CHRISTEN	S	CRAIG	BIRMINGHAM
2741G	APRIL	L	DESLATTES	BIRMINGHAM
2742G	AMANDA	R	HATHCOCK	HOOVER
2743G	CIJI	R	MOSLEY	RUSSELLVILLE
2744G	SARAH	M	OSBORN	TUSCUMBIA
2745G	SUSANNA	K	SPANGLER	BIRMINGHAM
2746G	MARLO	E	RICHARDSON	BIRMINGHAM
2747G	TRACIE	D	WALKER	MONTGOMERY
2748G	CHARLENE	E	CALDWELL	NEWMAN
2749G	KATHERINE	E	DILLON	HOMEWOOD
2750G	TRACI	E	DUBON	MOULTON
2751G	JULIE	M	LINDSEY	DOTHAN
2752G	CLAYANDER		WILSON	MOBILE
2753G	CHERYL	N	THOMAS	HOMEWOOD
2754G	SHANNON	L	DESALME	HARVEST
2755G	LARRY	B	EUBANKS	DOTHAN
2756G	LAURA	P	HAUSEN	BIRMINGHAM
2757G	ROBIN	W	KIRBY-GATTO	MONTEVALLO
2758G	JESSICA	L	ROYSTER	MCCALLA
2759G	ERICA	B	FOX	MIDLAND
2760G	ROBYN	R	HUCKABEE	ARDMORE
2761G	AMBER	E	PARRIS	BIRMINGHAM
2762G	ERICA	M	PEZZINO	TUSCALOOSA
2763G	ANN	R	SHIRLEY	FAIRHOPE
2764G	HEATHER	A	SMITH	MADISON
2765G	SARA	L	THOMAS	MONTGOMERY
2766G	SARAH	C	BOWERS	BIRMINGHAM
2767G	DIANE	H	WATSON	DOUBLE SPRINGS
2768G	JULIA	L	HAMLIN	COLLIERVILLE
2769G	LEAH	R	B'SMITH	HUNTSVILLE
2770G	TERRI	M	RUSH	GADSDEN
2771G	COURTNEY	D	CORUM	MONTGOMERY
2772G	MARTINA	A	FAULKNER	DOTHAN
2773G	VICKIE	G	FOWLER	JACKSONVILLE
2774G	KATHERINE	H	JACKS	BIRMINGHAM
2775G	PATRICIA	J	LARKIN	TUSCALOOSA
2776G	NICOLE	C	GEORGE	BIRMINGHAM
2777G	STEPHANIE	R	KOPLITZ	BILOXI
2778G	RACHEL		MICKEL	GULFPORT
2779G	HEATHER	R	MCPHILLIPS	PELHAM
2780G	MILLIE	S	MITCHELL	COLUMBIA

2781G	VIRGINIA	A	HOLLOWAY	WEST BLOCTON
2782G	LILLY	J	NELSON	HARVEST
2783G	JEREMY	S	RAKES	BIRMINGHAM
2784G	JESSICA	H	GASTON	PRATTVILLE
2785G	JENNA	L	SMITH	PELL CITY
2786G	KIPP	W	HEATHERLY	CULLMAN
2787G	JESSICA	L	JENKINS	HOOVER
2788G	LACEY	L	PARRISH	MONTGOMERY
2789G	ALLISON	E	BREWER	FLORENCE
2790G	DAVEY	J	CHASTANG	MOBILE
2791G	TAMMIE	L	HOWELL	TAFT
2792G	FELECIA	M	UNDERWOOD-PRICE	BIRMINGHAM
2793G	LAWANDA	D	VANHORN	MOUNDEVILLE
2794G	CANDACE	B	VENZ	MCCALLA
2795G	JOSEPH		GROSSI	PENSACOLA
2796G	STACEY	Y	LUCK	ENTERPRISE
2797G	MARY	E	NORWOOD	ALABASTER
2798G	CRYSTAL	G	BONE	HUNTSVILLE
2799G	HEATHER	M	ROGERS	HUNTSVILLE
2800G	MARI-LAURE		HYDE	OCEAN SPRINGS
2801G	NATASHA	P	PICKENS	TUSCALOOSA
2802G	SARA	L	DARLING	DAPHNE
2803G	MARY	O	DOOLEY	ROBERTSDALE
2804G	SARA	E	GALEY	HUNTSVILLE
2805G	DONNA		JACKSON-ARREDONDO	ALEXANDER CITY
2806G	MELINDA	K	LANIER	ECLECTIC
2807G	MELISSA	F	MCCOLLUM	NORTHPORT
2808G	JENNIFER		NELSON SHELTON	HARTSELLE
2809G	SARA	E	ROMANO	MONTGOMERY
2810G	PAUL	M	VINES	BIRMINGHAM
2811G	LASONIA		WILLIAMS	OXFORD
2812G	RITA	M	ALLEN	PHENIX CITY
2813G	LACI	N	MCCAFFERTY	REFORM
2814G	MEGAN	E	MCLAIN	BIRMINGHAM
2815G	MELISSA	A	SUMNERS	ALABASTER
2816G	FEDELITA		SOTTO	MADISON
2817G	DAPHNE	D	ARNOLD	BIRMINGHAM
2818G	ABBEY	B	FUSZARD	BIRMINGHAM
2819G	LAURA	V	HALL	ELKMONT
2820G	CAROL LISA		KELLEY	AUBURN
2821G	LATONYA	P	WASHINGTON	MOUNDEVILLE
2822G	LUANNE		BILES	HUNTSVILLE
2823G	EMILY	L	CASON	SHORTER
2824G	MAYA	J	DUFFY	BIRMINGHAM
2825G	SPARKLE	L	ESCOTT	ADAMSVILLE
2826G	STACEY	L	GARTRELL	HOOVER
2827G	KARIS	M	LEWIS	TONEY
2828G	TIFFANY	K	PORTIS	BIRMINGHAM
2829G	NANCY	M	WILLENBROCK	HAYDEN
2830G	KIMBERLY	D	JOHNSON	BIRMINGHAM
2831G	CHASITY	T	MADISON	TUSCALOOSA
2832G	LAURA	W	REEVES	TUSCALOOSA
2833G	TRACY	C	WHARTON	PELHAM
2834G	TONYA	R	BRIGGINS	HUNTSVILLE
2835G	ERIC	L	GRAVES	PHENIX CITY
2836G	MARILYN	L	KNIGHT	HOOVER
2837G	TRACY	R	LARKINS	MIDWAY
2838G	CHRISTY	R	HAIGLER	MAPLESVILLE

New License Certified Social Workers				
2295C	KALEENA	L	SORRELLS	TUSCALOOSA
2296C	CHRISTINA	M	VENEZIA	HUNTSVILLE
2297C	MANDI	R	FOWLER	TUSCALOOSA
2298C	MEAGAN	J	STEWART	PELHAM
2299C	DWIGHT	A	WALLS	HOHENWALD
2300C	ANGELA	S	MURPHREE	FORT SMITH
2301C	SHALUNDA	D	ALLEN-SHERROD	MADISON
2302C	ABIGAIL	H	BLAIR	BIRMINGHAM
2303C	BELINDA	B	HARTSELL	TUSCALOOSA
2304C	HEATHER	M	JOHNSON	DOTHAN
2305C	CHOYA	R	WISE	HUNTSVILLE
2306C	SARAH	W	COKER	MONTGOMERY
2307C	MARK	C	BIGLEY	RINGGOLD
2308C	ELIZABETH	J	MILOWE	MADISON
2309C	MARISA	D	NEEDHAM	HUEYTOWN
2310C	ROBIN	A	HUEBNER	TUSCALOOSA
2311C	LEAH	E	RANDALL	HUNTSVILLE
2312C	RACHEL	E	ROBINSON	HUNTSVILLE
2313C	DAWN	S	SCHIRO	SLIDELL
2314C	LAVONDA		JOHNSON	MOODY
2315C	KATHLEEN	R	LEAB	OSPREY
2316C	MARK	H	CHUSTZ	EUTAW
2317C	BEVERLY	K	HYDE	BIRMINGHAM
2318C	ALISON	D	WILSON	GARDENDALE
2319C	JANICE		MCDERMOTT	EUTAW
2320C	MARGARET	P	DAVENPORT	DEATSVILLE
2321C	JAIME	R	GARRETT	BIRMINGHAM
2322C	LAUREN	W	STRICKLAND	FAIRHOPE
2323C	NATHAN	A	CROWELL	BIRMINGHAM
2324C	GINA	M	KOGER	HUNTSVILLE
2325C	KAREN	L	RYER	MOBILE
2326C	NICOLE		STENKE	MONTGOMERY
2327C	NANCY	E	BOYETT	MEMPHIS
2328C	MARY	E	BURKS	SULLIGENT
2329C	KARA	S	LANFAIR	FLORENCE
2330C	ALISSA	C	LAPIDUS	HUNTSVILLE
2331C	JANICE	E	COOKE	PELHAM
2332C	TIFFANY	B	MIZE	CAMP HILL
2333C	LAUREN	E	TAYLOR	TUSCALOOSA
2334C	COLETTE	S	PETERS	TUSCALOOSA
2335C	REBECCA	N	FERREN	JACKSONVILLE
2336C	JOANNE	M	SANTOS	ENTERPRISE
2337C	THOMAS	E	CASOLARO	FAIRHOPE
2338C	MEREDITH	A	LEWIS	MADISON
2339C	LATICIA	R	BABINEAUX	DAPHNE
2340C	THOMAS	J	FECCO	KNOXVILLE
2341C	KRISTEN	E	HOFFMAN	MOBILE
2342C	NANCY		JOHNSON	ATHENS
2343C	TINA	F	SUMMERS	NORTHPORT
2344C	TERINA	C	WOOD	TUSCALOOSA
2345C	FELECIA	L	EARLE	HUNTSVILLE
2346C	KRISTEN	R	FOSTER	STERRETT
2347C	KRISTY	A	LAWSON	TUSCALOOSA
2348C	MICHELE	M	LEE	LAS VEGAS
2349C	BRIAN		MALONEY	TUSCALOOSA
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Interesting Quotes:

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Mahatma Gandhi

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

"If you want happiness for a lifetime - help the next generation."

Chinese Proverbs

"We hope that 2011 brings everyone great health and complete happiness!"

Board Staff

Alabama Conference of Social Work



February 23, 2011 – February 25, 2011

"Community and Human Empowerment: The Way Forward"

Perdido Beach Resort

27200 Perdido Beach Boulevard

Orange Beach AL 36561

Hotel Reservation: 800-634-8001

Conference Registration:

<http://www.acsw.org/>

Buyer Be Ware! Before you attend a CE conference or purchase a self-study program please check to be sure the conference or program is approved. Too many Alabama Social Workers are taking CE programs only to find when it's time to renew their license that one or more of the programs they purchased were not preapproved. We list all approved providers and individual classes that we are aware of on our website. Look at "Approved CE" or "Approved CE Providers" under www.socialwork.alabama.gov if you're not sure please call our office.

CE ALERT!



Only 20 hours of the 30 hours required for license renewal can be self-study. At least 10 of the hours must be earned in a classroom setting.

(see Administrative Code 850-X-8-.01(5)(g))

-ALSO-

None of the required 30 hours may be earned during the 60 day "grace period" following the renewal month deadline. All 30 hours must be earned prior to the renewal month deadline.

(see Alabama Law 34-30-25)

☺ Social Worker thoughts for the day: ☺

1. Love may be blind, but marriage is a real eye-opener.
2. The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
3. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
4. Always try to be modest. And be proud of it.