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Holiday's**

January 16, 2012  
February 20, 2012  
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## View from the Chair

By: Paula T. Johnson, LGSW

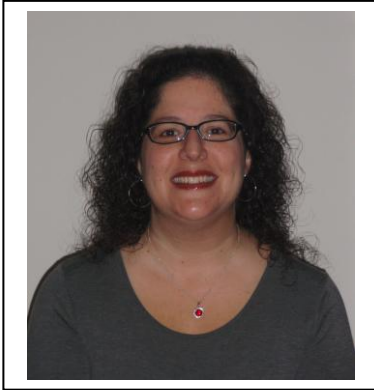


I hope you each had a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Years. We began 2012 with a number of changes here at ABSWE. As your new Board Chair, this is my first article for the newsletter.

I want to thank Leisa Askew, our former Board Chair, for her leadership in 2011. Leisa will be a tough act to follow! I also want to thank Brenda Holden for her years of service as our Executive Director. Brenda retired on November 30th after 12 years of dedicated service with ABSWE.

After hours of interviews and discussions, the Board has hired a new Executive Director who will bring us into 2012. Rebecca Goodson started her role as Executive Director on January 4th. She has a Bachelors in Psychology/Business Administration and a Masters in Human Resources Management both from Troy University. For the last four 1/2 years, Becky has worked as the Personnel Assistant with the Alabama Board of Nursing. Prior to that, Becky held several different positions with the Alabama Department of Senior Services. Becky is married has 2 young children and lives in the Montgomery area. I for one, look forward to working with her for the remainder of my term! Please welcome Becky to the ABSWE!!

## Meet Your New Board Member – Jenny Story



Ms. Jenny Story graduated with a Master's of Social Work from the University of Alabama in 1998. She works with the Elmore County Department of Human Resources as a Program Supervisor and has worked with DHR for ten years. She joined the Board in December 2011 replacing Tommy Wright in Congressional District 2. Ms. Story was first licensed as an LGSW with the Board in 1998 and then obtained her LCSW certification in 2002. Please welcome Jenny Story!

### **Need Continuing Education?**

Are you searching for continuing education opportunities? Have you looked at your Board's web site? We list all approved programs submitted with contact numbers for those interested. Some are even FREE. Do yourself a favor and check it out!

### **LICENSURE FEE INCREASE**

There was a public hearing in Montgomery, October 28, 2011 to discuss changes to the Administrative Code. One of the proposed changes was the increase in the renewal of the licensure fee. **The fee increase passed at this meeting and went into effect January 1, 2012. All licensure fees received on or after January 1, 2012 are \$85.00 and are due with the application at the time of renewal. Effective January 1, 2014 the renewal fees will be \$100.00 and are also due with the application for renewal of the license or certification.**

Please note that if you renew your license online there is an additional charge of a \$3.50 convenience fee, which the company that handles the credit/debit card charges receives.

### **When Does Your License Expire?**

Calls are often received from licensees asking if they use the grace period for renewing their license does that mean their license is current during the 60-day grace period. The response to this question usually scares people. No, once your license renewal month passes your license has officially expired. If someone calls to verify licensure during the grace period, they are informed of the renewal date and the 60-day deadline before the license is cancelled. Remember, if not renewed, the license expires on the last day of the renewal month and is cancelled at the end of the 60-day grace period.

## Board Member Recognized - James Ware



The Social Work Society at The University of Alabama School of Social Work inducted James Ware into its Hall of Fame in September, 2011. Mr. Ware retired from the Alabama Department of Human Resources on April 1, 2011 with 39 years of service. During his years with DHR he gained the respect of colleagues who presented him with numerous awards including the “Shining Star Award” from DHR Commissioner Tony Petelos and the “Special Award” from the Alabama Conference of Social Work.

After completing his bachelor’s and MSW degrees Mr. Ware further distinguished himself during his career by completing the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the Personnel Administration Program at Alabama A&M University, and the Certified Public Manager Program at Auburn University Montgomery.

In addition to participating actively in numerous professional and civic organizations Mr. Ware serves as an Elder and male choir president in his church in Selma.

We are fortunate to have the benefit of James Ware’s experience and wisdom on the Board of Social Work Examiners and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition.

By: Sharon Argiro

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### Frequently Asked Questions...

Q.) I am a newly licensed social worker, and was wondering if I should turn in verification of my continuing education as I receive it?

A.) No, you do not turn in your continuing education until it is time to renew your license. You will receive a renewal postcard in the mail a month in advance. Please be sure to notify us in writing of any address change.

Q.) Once I become licensed can I begin my supervision hours right away?

A.) Before beginning, you and the person who is providing your supervision must complete a contract of supervision and submit it to the Board for approval. A copy of the approved/non-approved contract will be sent to the supervisor and the original kept in your file. If your supervisor does not get a copy of the contract back from our office, then it would be in your best interest to check with us and see if we have it on file before continuing with your supervision.

Q.) How many hours do I need of Supervision?

A.) If you're a LBSW you'll need 24 months at (4) hours per month face to face supervision by a LGSW or LCSW working within the same agency or a PIP certified in the same practice method if coming from outside your agency. If you are a LGSW working towards the qualifications for the LCSW you will need four (4) hours face to face per month for 24 months, the supervision for the LCSW must come from a LCSW within the agency or a PIP certified in the same practice method if coming outside your agency.

Q.) I'm a LBSW and will be changing jobs will I be required to repeat the 24 months of supervision?

A.) All LBSW's are required to complete 24 months of supervision. After completing the 24 months of supervision the LBSW can continue to work without supervision. Should you change positions but remain in the same type of practice as you have already been supervised under then you would not need to repeat the supervision, however if you are going into a different type of practice or you will be serving a different type of client population you will need to repeat 6 months of supervision. The contract for supervision is on this website under "Supervision". You will need to printout the form and submit it to the Board's office for approval.

Q.) I am an LCSW with a PIP certification specializing in the method of clinical social work. Can I conduct home studies with this method?

A.) No, in order to conduct home studies, you would need to be certified in social casework.