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## Upcoming State Holiday's

Sept. 5, 2011  
Oct 10, 2011  
Nov 11, 2011  
\*Nov 24, 2011  
Dec 26, 2011  
Jan. 2, 2012

(\*it is not uncommon for the office to be closed the day after Thanksgiving)

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

## View from the Chair

By: Leisa Askew, LBSW



news reported that bad to severe weather was a possibility in Alabama, and we now know it as a reality.

If you Google the word “help” you will find the definition of a verb meaning to contribute to the fulfillment of a need, the furtherance of an effort, or the achievement of a purpose or end. Other definitions are:

- to assist or aid
- to alleviate the burden by giving assistance
- to cause improvement
- to be of service
- to change for the better
- the means of remedy

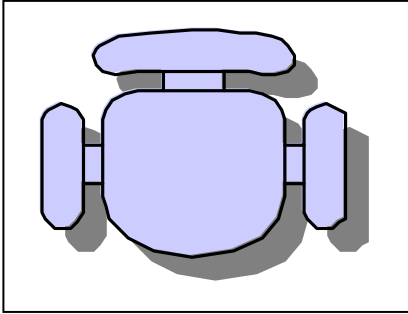
All of the terms have come into play following the tragedy our great state experienced that afternoon. There are countless stories of how those who help for a living were now in a situation of needing help. There was not only loss of lives, homes, offices, neighborhoods, communities, but a potential of loss of the human spirit as well. I have heard the south referred to as, “many states of neighbors”. Well that statement came into play almost immediately after the tornado hit the ground. Governor Bentley’s office, The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners office and many other state service offices phones started to ring with the question of, “what can we do to help our neighboring state?” We all know the amount of help that would be required as the reality of the aftermath of the storms was revealed. Help was on the way in many forms, be it the need for shelter, food, clothing, medicine and or a social worker.

On April 29, 2011, Governor Robert Bentley not only declared a State of Emergency to exist in the State of Alabama as a result of the devastation inflicted on the state by recent thunderstorms, straight-line winds, and tornados, he also signed a State of Alabama PROCLAMATION.

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## View from the Chair - continued from page 1

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The proclamation stated that best practices call for the advice and assistance of social workers to be provided to those adversely impacted as soon as possible after such an event. It stated that a large number of individuals are expected to need, ask for and use social work professional services. Well, what happens when the social worker is the one needing these services? That's where the proclamation and kindness of our neighboring states came into play. The need was recognized and for 30 days the Governor of the State of Alabama, using his emergency powers granted by the governor of the State signed the Proclamation that would provide the citizens needing assistance from a social worker from other states that are licensed and certified professionals to come and assist in this emergency situation. He recognized that the assistance of other states social workers was an immediate need and there was not sufficient time for them to receive proper credentials from the State of Alabama. Not only did the Proclamation allow for help where help would be needed, it also recognized the fact that social workers are needed in many situations and circumstances. Help comes in many different, noble professions including the social work field. Thank you to all who pitched in and helped, be it in your own back yard or across a state line. During the aftermath of the storms and people trying to put their lives back together – you, the social worker, were there to HELP. ▲

### Do we have your e-mail address?

*We will begin collecting e-mail addresses so that we can send out notices about postings or important messages as needed. Please email [Ramona.smith@swb.alabama.gov](mailto:Ramona.smith@swb.alabama.gov) to provide her with your e-mail information.*

*Should you have an address correction please send changes to [Ramona.smith@swb.alabama.gov](mailto:Ramona.smith@swb.alabama.gov) as well. Thank you!*

### CE Approval Instructions

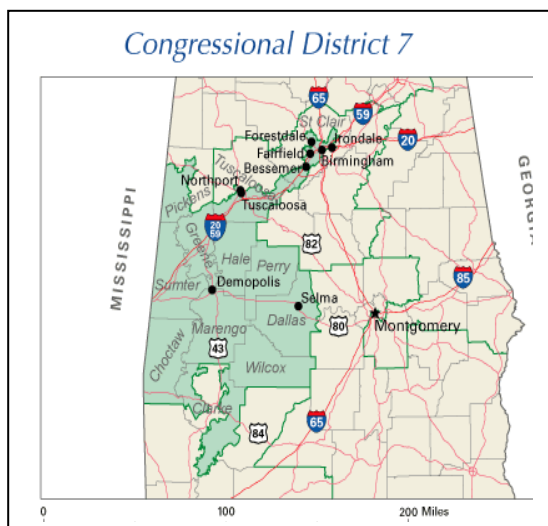
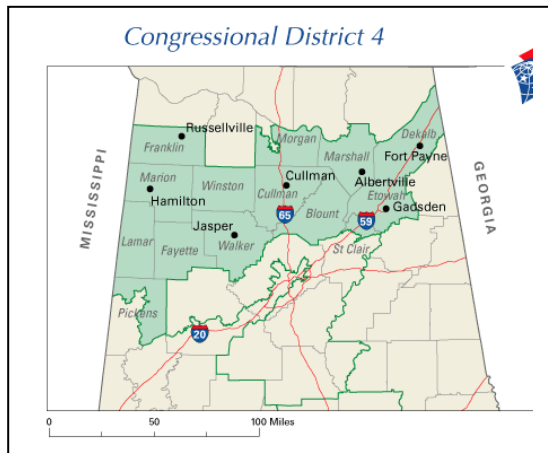
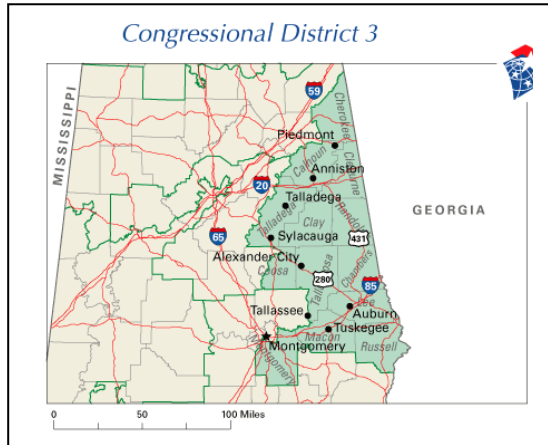
**Requires must be submitted prior to the program taken place. Requests received after the date of program cannot be considered. A request must be made in writing. It may be faxed (if not more than 10 pages) - or mailed. Requests will not be accepted by email.**

**With the request letter, send the following items:**

1. The agenda showing the time with the topics. (including any breaks or lunch)
2. The objective(s) for the program.
3. A brief bio of the presenter(s)
4. The following information on the program: Location, Time, Date and Contact Information (for registration)

**The board appreciates at least 2 weeks advanced notice for CE request. However, we do *try* to work with people if the two weeks advance notice is not provided. It must be however prior to the program and not on the day of the program.**

## Board Member Opening



There are three positions for Board Members coming up for appointments. These positions are for one of each licensing levels; LBSW, LGSW and LCSW in Districts 3, 4 and 7. The people currently in these positions are eligible to return should they receive the letters of nomination. Currently District 3 is filled with Leisa Askew, District 4 is Paula Johnson and District 7 is James Ware.

If this is something you might be interested in doing and you live in District 3, 4 or 7 you should start having letters of recommendation submitted on your behalf nominating you for a Board positions. If this is not “your cup of tea” you may submit a letter on behalf of someone else or for the current members eligible to return. We’ll accept nomination letters now through August 31, 2011. The final decision is made by the Governor from the names submitted. We submit the top three names for each District.

### Nomination Requirements:

- The person being nominated and the person doing the nominating must both live in the same District.
- You are allowed to nominate yourself
- The person making the nomination must be a licensed social worker
- Nomination letters must be mailed or hand delivered – *faxed or emailed letters are not acceptable.*

The Board appointments are for three years starting October 1, 2011 going through September 30, 2014. *No experience necessary* training offered on the job! There is no pay for serving under this capacity but you are reimbursed for travel expenses at the same rate as a state employee which is usually the same as federal government employees.

4802B	MARTINA MAUNEY	MONTGOMERY
4803B	JENNIFER H MAY	ANDALUSIA
4804B	DANA G PITTMAN	HOOVER
4805B	JAIMIE N CONWAY	GUIN
4806B	TARA P. CUNNINGHAM	ALBERTVILLE
4807B	TANNA MOORER	DOTHAN
4808B	LOREN E HUMPHRIES	VESTAVIA HILLS
4809B	KELSEY M WENGER	BIRMINGHAM
4810B	BRITTANY N GOULD	BIRMINGHAM
4811B	MONIKO LAWSON	BIRMINGHAM
4812B	EMILYR BALENGER	SOUTHSIDE
4813B	CAITLIN J INMAN	BIRMINGHAM
4814B	BRANDIE M JUNIOR	RUSSELLVILLE
4815B	STACY A MAYNARD	MILLBROOK
4816B	ELISE M SHERROD	CHUNCHULA
4817B	LYNN F BECKETT	BIRMINGHAM
4818B	BROOKE M BROADWATER	SARALAND
4819B	STACEY L RAINS	AUBURN
4820B	RACHEL A MEADOWS	AUBURN
4821B	OLIVIA B SANCHEZ	DAPHNE
4822B	JUSTIN L GANDY	AUBURN
4823B	MELANIE B GROSSHEIM	LEXINGTON
4824B	PEGGY C LAKEMAN	HALEYVILLE
4825B	ASHLEY L SMITH	DAPHNE
4826B	SHELLIA L SWANIGAN	TUSCALOOSA
4827B	KATRINA D ELSTON	ALEXANDRIA
4828B	RHONDA K HORROBIN	JACKSONVILLE
4829B	PATRICE J REESE	BESSEMER
4830B	TAMEKIA R THOMPSON	HOOVER
4831B	JENNIFER A FARLEY	BIRMINGHAM
4832B	PATRICIA J. BICKNELL	ONEONTA
4833B	ALICIA J LEE	GADSDEN
4834B	GERMANY L LEONARD	ROCKFORD
4835B	LEILANI S EADY	CHEROKEE
4836B	ELIZABETH Y FITZPATRICK	CECIL
4837B	KENDRA D HOWARD	BIRMINGHAM
4838B	NICOLE J WILLIAMS	BIRMINGHAM
4839B	CAROLYN F HALL	PELHAM
4840B	WYDEESHA N NEWSOME	VINCENT
4841B	NATALIE J BURWICK	SARTELL
4842B	AJA L WALKER	GADSDEN
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4810B	BRITTANY N GOULD	BIRMINGHAM
2839G	LATASHA T. KARUGA	BIRMINGHAM
2840G	BRANDY PRATT	BIRMINGHAM

2841G	LAURA TYLER	AUBURN
2842G	KATHY W BLASINGAME	PRATTVILLE
2843G	AMANDA D. KNAPPENBERGER	CULLMAN
2844G	MISTY J MACON	WETUMPKA
2845G	EMILY R EVANS	BIRMINGHAM
2846G	CHRISTOPHER J HENLEY	CULLMAN
2847G	TAMIAH HOOD	GADSDEN
2848G	AVA P SANDERS	BIRMINGHAM
2849G	APRIL E MILLS	MILLBROOK
2850G	PAMELA E NORWOOD	COLUMBUS
2851G	MONIQUE D BROUILLETTE	MADISON
2852G	VICTORIA B HERRON	WAYNESBORO
2853G	ASHLEY A JORAN	AUBURN
2854G	NATASHA C BATTLE	PINSON
2855G	DENISE B CLEVELAND	DOTHAN
2856G	MECCA W HALL	HARVEST
2857G	JORDAN H REES	MOBILE
2858G	LASONYA R ROSS	MILLBROOK
2859G	CHRISTINA E PHILLIPS	MOBILE
2860G	ASHLEY S TAYLOR	VESTAVIA
2861G	KAMAU R KENYATTA	VALLEY GRANDE
2862G	MALINDA J SMILEY	SELMA
2863G	ASHLEY D. WEITZEL	SEMMES
2864G	TINA L TAYLOR	CALERA
2865G	JENNIFER J GLASS	MOBILE
2866G	JANECIA S HATFIELD	TUSCALOOSA
2867G	MERRIE C HOLCOMBE	CALERA
2868G	ZANETTA L TOLBERT	TUSCALOOSA
2869G	ANNA M ELLIS	AUBURN
2870G	KELLY F FULLER	SELMA
2871G	TAMEEKA C JOHNSON	PINSON
2872G	MOLLIE C BOWERS	MONROEVILLE
2873G	CHARLOTTE D, JENKINS	MIDFIELD
2874G	ADRIENNE L KELLEY	BIRMINGHAM
2875G	ALDISON M MIDDLETON	HATTIESBURG
2876G	WILLIAM R FREEMAN	FAYETTE
2877G	ANGUS HEARD-HUGHES	IRONDALE
2878G	CIELITA L HUNTLEY	HOOVER
2879G	WILLIAM S THOMPSON	TUSCALOOSA
2880G	SHARON D CHESTNUT	BIRMINGHAM
2881G	MILDRED GLOVER	TUSCALOOSA
2882G	JERRY F REYNOLDS II	MOBILE
2883G	DELLA G SANCHEZ	DAPHNE
2884G	ARTIDRA L SIGGERS	ELLISVILLE
2885G	TONYA D DUNN	FLORENCE
2886G	MELISSA EZZO	HUNTSVILLE
2887G	RASHEDA J GULLEY	MIDFIELD
2888G	BRIGIT C HUNTER	BIRMINGHAM
2889G	COREY K WILLIAMS	HARVEST
2890G	ANN M LORINO	BIRMINGHAM
2891G	MARY CATHERINE MOLPUS	ATHENS

2892G	YOLANDRA A JOHNSON	LISMAN
2893G	PAMELA B SATCHER	JACKSONVILLE
2894G	CHRISTINA C AUTEN	DOTHAN
2895G	AUSTIN E KENDRICK	MONTGOMERY
2896G	KIMBERLY F MACK	BIRMINGHAM
2897G	ANGELA V McELRATH	PLEASANT GROVE
2898G	DAWN L MITHCELL	BIRMINGHAM
2899G	CARA L GRAUSAM	MONTGOMERY
2900G	ERIN T DI FATE	BALTIMORE
2901G	LAURA J FELTEN	ONEONTA
2902G	IRBY D FERGUSON	NEWBERRY
2903G	MISHA D VERNATTER	JACKSONVILLE
2904G	JANE R TARVER	TRUSSVILLE
2905G	KIMBERLY R BURNETT	MOBILE
2906G	MAYA D EVANS	HOOVER
2907G	EMMA R VINES-HARRIS	HUNTSVILLE
2908G	T M LAUDERDALE-DICKERSON	CHICAGO
2909G	WILLIAM M BROWN	BIRMINGHAM
2910G	AMY B COLVIN	BIRMINGHAM
2351C	LISA M WOLANZYK	ATHENS
2352C	BEVERLY S LESYEA	WETUMPKA
2353C	ELLEN R WALLACE	LINDEN
2354C	JULIE F DEAN	TUSCUMBIA
2355C	ASHLEY B SAYER	BIRMINGHAM
2356C	RAYMOND O SIZEMORE	BREWTON
2357C	KIMBERLY N CAMP	PLEASANT GROVE
2358C	BILLIE M BRAZEAL	CHUNCHULA
2359C	KRYSTAL L HASSELVANDER	TUSCALOOSA
2360C	ANDREA BOWEN	WEST PALM BEACH
2361C	LARISSA P DICKINSON	MOBILE
2362C	JANE M NICHOLS	MONTGOMERY
2363C	SANDRA L FORTNER	GADSDEN
2364C	JESSICA D WOOD	BIRMINGHAM
2365C	CARMEN N WOODS	BESSEMER
2366C	MARY C REGISTER	WOODSTOCK
2367C	AMBER M STEPHENSON	ONEONTA
2368C	TAMMYE M BRAMMER	HARTSELLE
2369C	TRACY P WALLACE	HUNTSVILLE
2370C	MARY J NEY-MATHEWS	OCEAN SPRINGS
2371C	JENNIFER J HEAD	KILLEN
2372C	AHMAD R BREWER	BIRMINGHAM
2373C	TYRINDA S CAVER	MONTGOMERY
2374C	LILLIE P McLEMORE	BIRMINGHAM
2375C	DELAUNE D CARLSON	TUSCALLOSA
2376C	TIMOTHY J STEWART	GUNTERSVILLE
2377C	SARAH C BOWERS	BIRMINGHAM
2378C	MIRIAM BLEICH	BIRMINGHAM
2379C	TINA J STEVENSON	NORTHPORT
2380C	AMBER D STEWARD	HACKLEBURG
2381C	SHERI HENDON	SUMITON

2382C	KRISTEN H McGEHEE	PENSACOLA
2383C	SHEILA R SMITH	PULASKI
2384C	ANNA M GATLIN	JONESBORO
2385C	LINDA BEASLEY	GUNTERSVILLE
2386C	GIBIAN GOOLSBY WAITS	BIRMINGHAM
2387C	TINA K JONES-DAVIS	DECATUR
2388C	JON M KENDRICK	COLUMBUS
2389C	SARA B STRENGTH	NEW BROCKTON
2390C	STEPHANIE S WEATHERS	JACKSONVILLE
2391C	NINA S CADNEY	UPPER MARLBORO
2392C	TARANIO A BYRD	HUNTSVILLE
2393C	TIKI S HUBBARD	DECATUR
2394C	TAMMY MILES-DAVISON	VALLEY

### **Inactive Status – Is a convenience being offered to people not practicing social work in Alabama**

For some reason the inactive status has confused people, causing them to think they're required to register as inactive if not practicing social work. Just because you might not be practicing social work at the time you renew it does not mean you are **required** to register as "inactive". The inactive status is there as a convenience for those not planning on practicing for a few years or those who have moved out of state and not practicing at all in Alabama. The inactive status does not require the person to report continuing education. Continuing education is not due until the person wishes to reactivate the license. At that time it must meet the following criteria: 15 hours for each year the license was inactive with the maximum number of hours to make up being 45. Should the license be reactivated in the middle of a renewal period payment of the difference between active and inactive will be required. Therefore, a person who had been inactive for more than 2 ½ years will need to show proof of completing 45 hours of CE. The specification on how the hours are to be made up are as follows; 35% must come from classroom hours and the remaining 65% can be classroom or self-study, or a combination of both. All the hours must be from approved programs. Someone reactivating the maximum number of hours would look something like this:

15.75 hours in classroom  
29.25 hours in either classroom or self-study  
 45 CE hours

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### PRIVATE INDEPENDENT PRACTICE CERTIFICATION

#### AKA - PIP

By: Karen Hester, Executive Secretary

The Board frequently receives phone calls regarding the process on how one goes about achieving PIP certification. The first item to mention would be that the PIP is not a license, but rather an extra certification that our Licensed Certified Social Workers (LCSWs) may apply for if they meet Code requirements as stated in the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners Administrative Code. Yes, you guessed correctly if you surmised that this is where I will start quoting the Administrative Code. I keep my Code book right at my fingertips as it is an invaluable source of information for all of us here at the Board. The section regarding PIP certification that I am referring to for this article is on page 12 and 13 of the book.

PIP practice of social work means that portion of social work practice in which a Licensed Certified Social Workers is independently engaged in the provision of social work services in one (1) or more areas of practice methods: social casework, clinical social work, community organization, social work research, and social work administration. The LCSW must maintain a current LCSW license

The Code also states that the applicant for certification must present verifiable information regarding **experience** and **appropriate supervision**. So, what does that mean?

Let's look at the experience first. The LCSW applying for PIP certification must have either one of these:

- Three (3) years full-time or five (5) years part-time experience after receiving the **MSW** and legally practicing in the specified social work method OR
- One (1) year full-time or two (2) years part-time postgraduate experience in the specified social work method after receiving the **LCSW license**.

So, let's say you meet the experience as required in the Code. The other part of the equation is that you have obtained the appropriate supervision. This means that you have had the supervision in the social work practice method in which you are requesting on the PIP application. For instance, if you have had the supervision in social casework that would allow you to mark you are applying for PIP certification in the social casework practice. Keep in mind that the supervision you obtained to become eligible for the LCSW may be used to certify you for the PIP. For example, if you received your supervision in social work research you could use that supervision as being appropriate PIP supervision. Also the supervision must be for 24 months with a minimum of 4 hours face-to-face supervision in that particular practice method.

Now you are ready to complete the application, which is available on our website under the PIP application link. The supervision form is included in the PIP application. You might ask why that is so, especially if the Board already has the supervision in your LCSW file. There is an extra question that the Board members like to see answered, so please have your past supervisor(s) to complete that form for you. Whenever that is not possible you will be asked to write a statement saying that you have exhausted all efforts to locate that supervisor to complete that form for you and to please use what is in your file. All eligible LCSWs are welcome to apply! Please contact us with any further questions you might have.