



NORTH CAROLINA SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE BOARD

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ANNUAL REPORT

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The NCSWCLB Administrative office is located at 1207 S. Cox Street, Suite F in Asheboro, NC. The Board met 8 times in regular business session over the course of the year to complete the duties and functions as assigned by Chapter 90B, Social Worker Certification and Licensure Act, North Carolina General Statutes.

1. **Board Members:**

Garlande Powell, MSW, LCSW, LCAS, CCS, Chair, Professional Member – Private Sector

S. Kelley Ryan, Jr., MSW, LCSW, Vice-Chair, Professional Member - Private Sector

Angela Atkins, MSW: Secretary-Treasurer, Public Member

Veronica Hardy, PhD, MSW, LCSW, Professional Member – Educator [Appointed 9/21/17]

Anne Johnson, BA, CSW: Professional Member – Public Sector

Laurie C. Ray, MSW, CMSW: Professional Member – Private Sector [Appointed 9/21/17]

G. Mathias Bishop, BS, Public Member

1a	Number of licensees supervised by the board:	10,770
2.	Applicants for examination:	1340
3.	Applicants denied examination (ineligible):	10
4.	Applicants sitting for examination (any level):	1132
5.	Applicants issued initial certification/licensure:	1625
5a.	Number who failed the exam:	
	• Applicants failed Bachelors level exam:.....	00
	• Applicants failed Masters level exam:.....	04
	• Applicants failed Advanced Generalist level exam:.....	00
	• Applicants failed Clinical level exam:.....	522
6.	Number of applicants applying for comity (substantial equivalency).....	238
7.	Applicants issued certification/licensure by substantial equivalency.....	186

- 7a. Number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities:..... 53
- 7b. Number of disciplinary/adverse actions taken against certificants/licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees, including injunctive relief: 06
8. Certificates/licenses suspended or revoked through disciplinary action: 01
9. Number of certificates/licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to renew (Voluntary Surrender): 00
10. The Board anticipates introducing the following legislation:
- a) In order to be licensed as a clinical social worker in North Carolina, an applicant must pass a nationally administered examination. The national examination recognized and utilized by all states and is administered by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). ASWB has recently adopted policy which requires member boards comply with the ASWB exam use policies which require candidates sitting for the clinical exam must have a MSW degree from the appropriate accrediting body and two years of post MSW clinical experience. NC General Statute § 90B-7(f) currently does not require examination for the associate license but requires associate licensees to pass the qualifying clinical exam to be eligible for renewal beyond two years. NC must change the exam mandate for the associate licensee in order to continue participating in the recognized national exam.
 - b) In order to be issued the Certified Social Work Manager credential an applicant currently may hold a BSW, MSW or DSW degree. ASWB's policy for use of the Advanced Generalist exam requires the MSW degree. NC must change the degree requirement for the CSWM credential in order to continue utilizing the Advanced Generalist exam.
 - c) Current statutory requirements for board composition include at least two members be "certified," three members be licensed, and two members represent the public at large. As the "certified" credentials are voluntary, the board has witnessed a decrease in the number of individuals seeking or maintaining the certified credential, and therefore not available for appointment. To insure adequate representation and avoid lack of quorum for conducting the business of the state, a revision is needed that will allow for the same number of appointees but eliminate potential obsolete categories.
11. The Board completed the process of amending and readopting the Rules classified as "necessary with substantive public impact" the previous year. A typographical error was noted in Rule 21 NCAC 63 .0211 related to Work Experience for Licensure, and .0401 related to Continuing Education Requirements. The Board anticipates submitting corrections to these two Rules in the coming year.