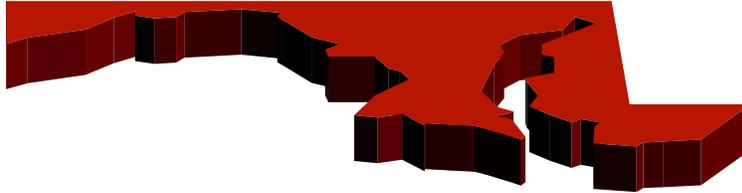


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes –August 12, 2016
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

Board Members:

Denise Capaci	Professional Member, Chair
Joyce Bell	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Aimee Williams	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Mark Lannon	Professional Member
Angela Anderson-Smith	Consumer Member
Deborah Ramelmeier	Professional Member
Denise Peak	Professional Member (absent)
Loretta Wall	Professional Member (absent)
Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member
Karen Richards	Professional Member
Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member
Letha Moszer	Professional Member

Board Staff:

Stanley E. Weinstein	Executive Director
Ari S. Elbaum	AAG, OAG, Board Counsel
Gail Wowk	Director, Planning & Continuing Education
Gloria Jean Hammel	Director, Certification and Licensing
Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director, Compliance
Tyrone Willoughby	Social Work Supervisor
Garcia Gilmore	Board Investigator
Deborah Evans	CEU Supervisor

Guest:

Sharon Bloom	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Kristen Neville	Legislation and Regulations Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session was called to order at 10:27 A.M. by Ms. Denice Capaci, Board Chair. She congratulated Jason Woodford on his acceptance into the MSW program at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. The Board Members all wished him well and Good Luck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 8, 2016 minutes were approved unanimously - 10 Yes.

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Stanley Weinstein added two items for discussion under the Executive Director's Report.

BOARD CHAIR

Denise Capaci

- Committee Assignments, Chairs, and Membership. Denise Capaci discussed the handout outlining the Board Committee assignments, new Chairs, membership, and staff liaison. Leadership will be rotated along with Board Members assigned to the DCRC. Some Board Members may be assigned to two committees.
- Overview of Board Retreat on **September 16, 2016**. The draft agenda and Board Member assignments as leaders for specific sections of the agenda were discussed. Stanley Weinstein will moderate with Denise Capaci. Since it is a packed agenda, Members and staff are asked to be there at 8:30 am for breakfast with a 9:00 am meeting start time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Status of the Rap Back Program Sponsored by the FBI. Made contact with the FBI and they have not started this service yet. There will be no charge to licensees.
- Revised Board Member Contact List Distributed in Board packet.
- Status of License Renewals as of July 15, 2016
 - 234 renewals
 - 54 applied for inactive status
- Key Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures for Health Occupation Boards. Charts discussed. Board meets all goals outlined except for Goal 3 which states the boards shall complete complaint investigations within 180 days. At this time, the Board's rate is 50% due to the large backlog of complaints and the need for an additional investigator. The Board is very concerned about the backlog of complaint investigations and would like to identify how this issue can be addressed. Joyce Bell suggested that Board social workers assist staff in the investigation process. Sherryl Silberman suggested that they can assist Garcia Gilmore, Board Investigator. Stanley Weinstein to explore and identify how the Board and staff collaborate on this important issue.
- DHMH –Number of Licensees Denied for Criminal History. Attachment discussed. One licensee in five years was issued Intent to Deny Order.
- Letter from Ms. Tillie Garfunkel, LGSW, was distributed. She requested the Board review her situation. She received a score of 94 on the Masters Exam. One needs a passing grade of 95. She is requesting the Board waive the regulations. Board discussion and decision: Stanley Weinstein will respond back stating the Board is unable to consider her request citing the current statute and regulations.

- Gloria Jean Hammel reported on her conversations with Gracie Moore-Greene, LCSW-C, Clinical Team Leader-Transplant Unit, University of Maryland Medical Center. The issue involves social workers licensed by the Maryland Board providing Pre & Post Transplant services to patients in Pennsylvania. There are Federal Guidelines which provide oversight. However, Ms. Moore-Greene and the other social workers are not considered Federal employees. Ms. Moore-Greene will be contacting the Pennsylvania Board of Social Work. I offered to bring this matter to the Board's attention. Board members suggested: 1) looking to see if there is an arrangement similar to DHR's Interstate Compact Agreement; 2) obtaining an opinion from the State's Attorney; 3) the possibility of using transplant resources already located in Pennsylvania; and 4) seeing if there is a way to authorize social workers to cross state lines on a temporary basis. The Board's attorney was not in the room during this discussion to provide guidance.
Gloria Jean Hammel will follow-up on this issued with Ms. Moore-Greene.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

Karen Richards reported on the July 8, 2016 meeting.

- Update provided on the status of the Board Approved Sponsor Questionnaire. Staff continues their focus on sponsors in the "no-response" category. Due to their focused efforts, this list continues to decline. Questionnaire will remain up on the CE Webpage.
- 2015 Random CEU Audit discussed. Licensees continue to submit on-line CEUs for Ethics training instead of face-to-face trainings resulting in the failure of this audit. Informal sanctioning options discussed for Letters of Education and Letters of Admonishment.
- The Committee will continue the same procedure as last year with Denise Capaci reviewing Audit cases with staff findings, her recommendations to the DCRC, and then the DCRC Committee presenting its recommendations to the Board.
- The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2016.

Statute and Regulations Committee

Joyce Bell, Chair

- Joyce Bell reported that there is a lot of good work going on at the Committee meeting and sub-committee meeting levels. The focus will continue to be on independent practice and the levels of practice. Independent practice and private practice are very different and at times, misunderstood by the licensees and public. Since it requires a culture change, educating both groups is needed. A clinical subcommittee will be meeting on Monday August 29th at 10:00 am at the NASW-MD office to discuss definitions for clinical social work, independent practice, and private practice. Further discussion planned for the retreat with feedback needed from Members.
- The next open meeting of the Statute and Regulations Committee is scheduled for September 12, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

REMINDER

None

The Open Session adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Aimee Williams, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Stanley E. Weinstein, Ph.D., LCSW-C
Executive Director

Date

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