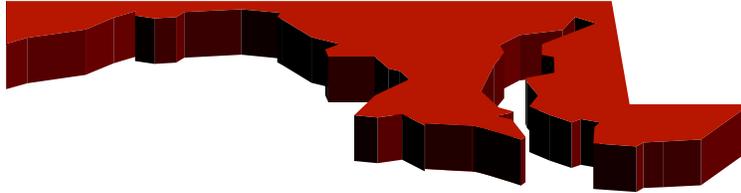


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes –June 10, 2016
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

Board Members:

Mark Lannon	Professional Member, Chair
Denise Capaci	Professional Member, Vice-Chair
Thelma Rich	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Angela Anderson-Smith	Consumer Member (absent)
Deborah Ramelmeier	Professional Member
Denise Peak	Professional Member
Joyce Bell	Professional Member (arrived at 10:26 AM)
Loretta Wall	Professional Member
Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member
Aimee Williams	Professional Member
Karen Richards	Professional Member
Gerard Farrell	Consumer 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 (absent)
Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director, Compliance
Tyrone Willoughby	Social Work Supervisor
Garcia Gilmore	Board Investigator
Deborah Evans	CEU Coordinator

Guest:

Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW – MD Chapter
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 10:19 A.M. by Mr. Mark Lannon, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 13, 2016 minutes were approved unanimously - 10 Yes.

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

BOARD CHAIR

Mark Lannon

- Mark Lannon announced this was his last Board Meeting as Chair. He thanked everyone and spoke on the pleasure of serving in this role and representing the Board. He was recently re-appointed to another term on the Board so will continue in this capacity.
- Slate of New Officers. Mark Lannon announced the results of last meeting's elections of the new Officers: Denise Capaci, Chair, Joyce Bell, Vice-Chair, and Aimee Williams Secretary/Treasurer. They will start their term on July 8, 2016.
- Board Retreat Planning. **Date set: September 16, 2016.**
Mark Lannon had originally planned to discuss last month's handout - Retreat Priorities Ballot. However, the selection of the Retreat topics and agenda will be discussed at the July Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Memorandum of Agreement and Revenue Transfer – MHCC discussed. It was noted that LBSWs do not have to pay the \$36 fee.
- Board Retreat contract signed with Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center located in Marriottsville, Maryland.
- Fiscal Audit Compliance Letter from the Office of Legislative Audits was discussed. Stanley Weinstein signed that the Board was in full compliance.
- ASWB – Maryland's Request for an Exception to the Exam Use Policy. Maryland currently operates under an approved exception which allows Maryland social work students to sit for the exam early (their last semester). Some students are offered employment after their field placements end but a license is needed. This practice benefits the students and agencies.
Board Members voted 10 Yes to continue the current practice and request an exception.
- On-line Application Proposal. Stanley Weinstein discussed the Executive Directors Meeting where a model on-line application was displayed and discussed. The Board of Physical Therapy's application has already been developed and it can be modified for specific items/questions for each board. The cost is \$1,200 per board.
A lot of interest by Board Members - they agreed to move forward with this proposal. Mark Lannon stated that we must continue to be flexible and accommodating. Denise Capaci asked that as part of the development, one should consider the completion of the application via SMART phone since this format is used by certain age groups.
- SAMHSA Meeting summarized by Stanley Weinstein. Two different issues presented and discussed: workforce development and licensure portability, as presented by ASWB.

- Update on Proposed CEU Regulations. After further discussion on this proposal to amend the CEU regulations to include the issuing of informal sanctions with the option of a fine, the Board voted 11 Yes to withdraw the proposed regulations at this time. This decision was made after information was presented that this proposed change+ conflicted with the Board’s statute. Kristen Neville will inform the DHMH, Office of Regulations, of the Board’s decision.
Ari Elbaum asked what was the purpose of this change. He suggested a Letter of Agreement with a penalty but it is not enforceable. The fine has to be included in the PCCO and the licensee has the right to a hearing to discuss this Order. This action is a public reprimand and one is listed on the Board’s website.
Question was raised – can the Board set a late fee?
When licensee signs the new or renewal application, he/she is attesting that the information is true and correct. However, when the licensee is audited and all information is not submitted, it now becomes falsification of the application or documents.
Further discussion and options needed.
- Pre-Proposal Concept Paper submitted for consideration - 2017 DHMH Departmental Legislation. Discussion held on proposed changes to the Social Work Statute. Kristen Neville discussed the Departmental process and that only two Boards and Commissions proposals will be chosen to become a part of the Departmental legislation packet. Board Members voted unanimously 11 Yes, to accept the Concept Paper and submission to DHMH.
If this proposal is not accepted by the Department, the Board may work with a private sponsor. Daphne McClellan, NASW – MD Chapter, stated they would be happy to sponsor this proposal.
Stanley Weinstein thanked Kristen Neville for her assistance with this proposal, statutory changes and proposed CEU regulations.
- Title 19 – Draft Handout. Board voted unanimously, 11, Yes, to accept the proposed draft language as presented in the handout.
- Reinstatement Application – Handout provided new revisions to language for Question #6. Board Members reviewed and voted – 10 Approved and 1 Opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR

Continuing Education Committee
No Report

Denise Capaci

Statute and Regulations Committee

Joyce Bell

- No further report.
- The next open meeting of the Statute and Regulations Committee is scheduled for June 13, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Mark Lannon thanked Thelma Rich for her years of service on the Board of Social Work Examiners as the Education representative and the current Secretary/Treasurer. Thelma Rich expressed her thoughts on what it meant to her to be a part of the Board and how thankful she was to have gained so much through this experience.

The Open Session adjourned at 11:31 A.M.



Thelma Rich, LCSW
Board Secretary/Treasurer

07/08/2016

Date



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

07/08/2016

Date