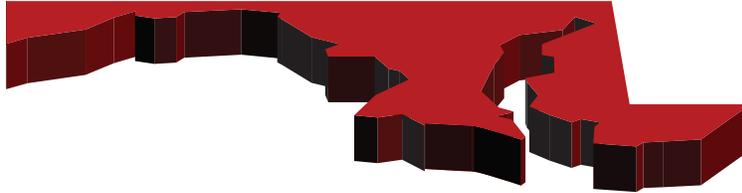


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
October 14, 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
Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member
Karen Richards	Professional Member
Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member
Letha Moszer	Professional Member
Mary Sayres	Professional Member
Wrenn Skidmore	Professional Member

Board Staff:

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

Guests:

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 10:23 A.M. by Ms. Denice Capaci, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 9, 2016 minutes were approved - 12 Yes.

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

BOARD CHAIR

Denise Capaci

- Denise Capaci welcomed Mary Sayres, LCSW-C, and Wrenn Skidmore, LGSW, to the Board.
- September Board Retreat was reviewed. Each Board Committee Chair summarized their component of the Retreat with a review of issues, questions, and future direction explored. Denise Capaci also thanked the Board staff for their hard work in the retreat's preparation and success of the day.
Stanley Weinstein discussed outreach to the colleges and universities and the goal of reaching more social work students across the State.
- Board agreed to not hold a Board Meeting in the month of February.
- Committee assignments handout discussed and all agreed with appointments.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- The Board was recently issued a separate email address from the Department so that the public may send an email to the Board directly. It is dhmh.socialwork@maryland.gov
Board Members requested information on the closing of State government due to inclement weather (or other reasons). Department of Budget Management website and toll free number will be provided. If Liberal Leave is announced, the Board Meeting is canceled.
- License Renewal Update. Only 2,500 social workers have renewed their licenses as of today. The final crunch is coming the next 2 ½ weeks.
- Stanley Weinstein spoke on an item discussed at the DCRC today. Due to the backlog of complaints received, it was suggested that a letter be sent to the licensee asking him/her to respond to the complaint received. This information will be collected as part of the investigation and help to resolve certain cases that have gone through the DCRC. The backlog consists of approximately 150 cases.
Sherryl Silberman spoke on malpractice insurance. When coverage is renewed, questions are asked and having an open complaint may impact their coverage.
The search to fill the Investigator contract position continues. As mentioned in the past, this position was a full time merit position but was eliminated by the Department of Budget Management. Therefore, we applied for a contract Health Investigator position.
- Staff customer service training is scheduled for December 6, 2016 which is provided by the Department's Training Office.
- International Social Work Discussion tabled until November BD Meeting.
- FY2018 Budget Estimate Request reviewed.
- Conference call held with ASWB to finalize ASWB contract to continue to conduct Post Renewal CEU Audits. The 3 year contract will begin on November 1, 2016. Both parties are pleased with the overall audit process and its results.
- Fall Newsletter. Reminder to Board Members that articles was due to Gail Wowk by **October 11, 2016**. The goal is to send out this Newsletter by mid-November.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

Karen Richards report focused on topics discussed at the September 16, 2016 Board Retreat.

- 3 Continuing Education Credits in Ethics:
The Board held a final discussion on changing the current ethics requirement. Karen Richards motioned that the CEU regulations be amended from requiring licensees to earn 3 Category I CEUs in Ethics to earning 3 CEUs in Ethics in either Category I or Category 2 every license renewal cycle. Vote 12 Yes
- Earn 3 CEUs in Supervision:
The Board held a final discussion on adding a requirement for Board Approved Supervisors to earn 3 CEUs in supervision. Karen Richards motioned that the CEU and Supervision regulations be amended to require Board Approved Supervisors to earn 3 Category I or Category II CEUs on a supervision related topic every license renewal cycle. Vote 12 Yes
- Due to several factors including the regulatory approval process, it is anticipated that these new requirements will become effective with the 2018 license renewal cycle.
- The next meeting is scheduled today, after the Board Meeting.

Statute and Regulations Committee

Joyce Bell, Chair

Joyce Bell reported on the Committee and Board Retreat discussions.

- The Committee presented and the Board approved changes to the statute earlier this year. After further discussions, the Committee realized that the change in the use of the LGSW to LMSW will affect the larger social work community.
Therefore, Joyce Bell made a motion to rescind and change back the proposed language from LMSW to LGSW.
Vote: 12 Yes
- Discussions have been held with NASW Maryland chapter to sponsor the statutory changes approved by the Board. NASW will be presenting the revised statute to their Board for approval and then they will work with a sponsor to introduce in the 2017 Legislative Session.
- The next open meeting of the Statute and Regulations Committee is scheduled for October 17, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

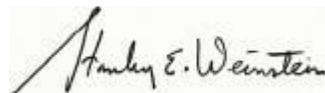
REMINDER OR REQUEST

Discussion on next Board Meeting date due to the State Holiday on November 11, 2016. It was determined that November 4, 2016 will be the new Board Meeting date since there will be a quorum of Board Members available to attend on this date.

The Open Session adjourned at 11:10 A.M.



Aimee Williams, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer



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

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