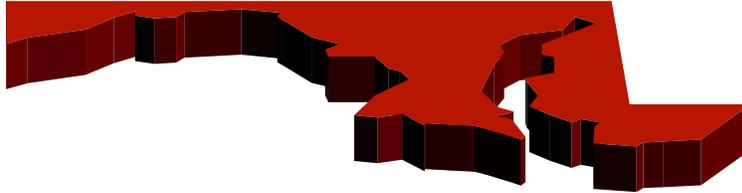


**State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners**



**Open Session Minutes  
April 14, 2017  
Metro Executive Building  
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 106  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

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**Board Members:**

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| <b>Denise Capaci</b>         | <b>Professional Member, Chair (absent)</b>      |
| <b>Joyce Bell</b>            | <b>Professional Member, Vice Chair (absent)</b> |
| <b>Aimee Williams</b>        | <b>Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer</b> |
| <b>Mark Lannon</b>           | <b>Professional Member</b>                      |
| <b>Angela Anderson-Smith</b> | <b>Consumer Member</b>                          |
| <b>Deborah Ramelmeier</b>    | <b>Professional Member (absent)</b>             |
| <b>Sherryl Silberman</b>     | <b>Professional Member</b>                      |
| <b>Karen Richards</b>        | <b>Professional Member</b>                      |
| <b>Gerard Farrell</b>        | <b>Consumer Member</b>                          |
| <b>Letha Moszer</b>          | <b>Professional Member (absent)</b>             |
| <b>Mary Sayres</b>           | <b>Professional Member (absent)</b>             |
| <b>Wrenn Skidmore</b>        | <b>Professional Member</b>                      |

**Board Staff:**

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| <b>Stanley E. Weinstein</b> | <b>Executive Director</b>                          |
| <b>Ari S. Elbaum</b>        | <b>AAG, OAG, Board Counsel</b>                     |
| <b>Gail Wowk</b>            | <b>Director, Planning and Continuing Education</b> |
| <b>Gloria Jean Hammel</b>   | <b>Director, Certification and Licensing</b>       |
| <b>Kara Brooks-Tyson</b>    | <b>Director, Compliance and Investigations</b>     |
| <b>Njeri Clay</b>           | <b>Staff Social Worker</b>                         |
| <b>Donna Ridgell</b>        | <b>Administrative Assistant</b>                    |

**Guests:**

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| <b>Loretta Wall and the Morgan State University Social Work Students</b> |   |
| <b>Kristen Neville</b>   | <b>Legislation and Regulations Specialist</b> |

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Open Session was called to order at 10:35 A.M. by Ms. Aimee Williams, Acting Board Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 10, 2017 minutes were approved with one correction - 7 Yes

**ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**ACTING BOARD CHAIR**

**Aimee Williams**

- Aimee Williams introduced Loretta Wall and the undergraduate social work students from Morgan State University. Further discussion will continue after the Executive Director’s Report.
- Board Counsel discussion continued on posting of certain information in the Board’s newsletter on licensee sanctions. Ari Elbaum stated it was acceptable to list the licensee’s name, the infraction(s), and the discipline ordered. Right now on the Board’s website under Public Orders/Disciplinary Actions by Name one may access this information once the cases are finalized. Since other Boards also post their public orders, it was suggested that Board Members review these sites along with past BSWE newsletters. The vote was tabled until the May BD meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Stanley E. Weinstein**

- ASWB Examination Results for 2016. Stanley Weinstein shared the national and Maryland pass rates:

|        | <u>National</u> | <u>Maryland</u> |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| LBSW   | 76.8%           | 63%             |
| LGSW   | 81%             | 83%             |
| LCSW   | 59%             | 67%             |
| LCSW-C | 78.24%          | 78%             |

- Update on Board Staff changes and training. Gloria Jean Hammel and Bernnadette Staten-Evans have returned from medical leave. The Administrative Aide position has been filled by Donna Ridgell. She has worked for the Board for 9 months in the Continuing Education Office and has transitioned over to her new position. Ms. Ridgell was introduced to the Board Members. Erika Jackson recently completed a training titled, “The Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation”. Garcia Gilmore is registered to attend in July 2017.
- Update was provided on the status of the CEU Proposed Regulations. According to the Department’s Office of Regulations and Policy Coordination, these regulations are proposed to be published in the May 12, 2017 Maryland Register with the comment period ending on June 12, 2017.
- Update on 2017 Legislative Session. Stanley Weinstein and Kristen Neville spoke on several bills of interest to the Board. Highlights shared on HB 1183/SB 986 with key changes mentioned so that the students would learn how it may impact them in the future. Stanley Weinstein thanked Kristen Neville for all her assistance with this bill. Sherryl Silberman suggested that the final bill be sent to all licensees. Once it is signed by Governor Larry Hogan, Stanley Weinstein stated the Board would send out in an email blast.  
HB 180 - Changes the Department/s name to the Department of Health instead of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.  
HB 628 - State oversight of regulatory boards - anti-trust issue.  
HB 880 - Open Meetings Act – Ari Elbaum to take training on changes.  
SB 503 - Racial and ethnic disparities.  
HB 352 - Tele-therapy bill passed. Doctors use telemedicine now through the Medicaid regulations. Bill requires the following boards to develop regulations: Physician, Nursing, Psychology, Social Work and Professional Counselors.
- New Collaboration between the Board, Board Counsel, and the Prosecuting Attorneys from the Attorney General’s Office. Michael Kao, AAG, will review the complaints received by the

Board and have input on possible next steps in the investigations. He will be able to discuss what is needed to move a case forward. This partnership will be beneficial and will also allow Board staff to be more efficient and effective in its investigations.

- Spring 2017 Newsletter. Reminder that the due date for articles is April 17, 2017. Please send to Gail Wowk. An article is being written by Stanley Weinstein on the Professional Will.
- Board Members and Staff spoke with the Morgan State University social work students around the various aspects and duties of the Board, The proposed CEU Regulations where discussed with a dialogue on why the changes are needed.

Gloria Jean Hammel added her welcome to the students and highlighted the following: 1) the disciplinary process; 2) Board membership and that these are positions appointed by the Governor; 3) licensing requirements; 4) Code of Ethics; 5) maintaining competence; 6) supervised practice; and 7) answered their specific questions. She also spoke on Loretta Wall's passion for the social work profession and her support for licensure. Loretta Wall stated that 90% of the Morgan State University Social Work professors hold active social work licensees.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Statute and Regulations Committee

Joyce Bell, Chair

Sherryl Silberman stated there is no report.

### Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

Karen Richards stated that the Committee is planning to hold a teleconference in April. A short update was provided on the:

- Proposed Continuing Education regulations as mentioned earlier,
- Status of the Provisional Sponsors Questionnaire, and
- 2016 Continuing Education Audit. ASWB has finalized the 718 audits and have sent the Board all documentation with the cases broken down by met requirements, did not meet requirements, and no response.

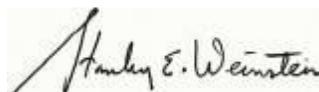
## REMINDER OR REQUEST

None

**The Open Session adjourned at 11:45 A.M.**



Aimee Williams, LCSW-C  
Board Secretary/Treasurer



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

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