

State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



Open Session Minutes
December 8, 2017
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 106
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Board Members:

Denise Capaci	Professional Member, Chair
Joyce Bell	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Aimee Williams	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Angela Anderson-Smith	Consumer Member (absent)
Nicholette Smith-Bligen	Professional Member
Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member (absent)
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, Board Counsel
Rhonda Edwards	AAG, New Board Counsel
Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director, Compliance and Investigations
Gail Wowk	Director, Planning and Continuing Education
Gloria Jean Hammel	Director, Certification and Licensing
Tyrone Willoughby	Social Work Supervisor
Njeri Clay	Staff Social Worker
Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide

Guests:

Kimberly C. Lang, Ph.D.	Associate Director, Health Workforce, MDH
Sharon Bloom	Executive Assistant, Health Occupation Boards and Commissions, DHMH
Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter
Jamie Wilson	The Children's Guild
Robert Anderson	Maryland Department of Juvenile Services
Arthur Flax	Social Worker
Seante Hatcher	University of Maryland School of Social Work
Gisele Ferretto	University of Maryland School of Social Work
Samara Stone	The Stone Foundation

Sharon Iannane

Heather Schultz

Rebecca Bradley

Christina Bullman

**Harford County Office of Family Court
Services**

**J. David Collins & Associates, LLC
Social Worker**

Inactive Social Worker

CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session was called to order at 10:35 A.M. by Ms. Denise Capaci, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from November 3, 2017 Board meeting was approved – 7 unanimously

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

BOARD CHAIR

Denise Capaci

- Denise Capaci noted that all licensed social workers were sent draft copies of new regulations being considered. They were invited to come to the Board meeting to express their thoughts, concerns and recommendations. Nine attendees came forward to speak to the Board. The written responses were placed on the Boards website under “Board Meeting” 12/08/2017 for public review.
- Denise Capaci informed the Board of a change in Board Counsel. Ari Elbaum will be leaving to take a position in The Behavioral Health Administration and our new Board counsel is Rhonda Edwards.
She wished Mr. Elbaum well and thank him for his years of service to the Board. She welcomed Ms. Edwards to the Board.
- Denise Capaci informed the Board that Joyce Bell was elected to the ASWB Board of Directors. She congratulated her and wished her well.
- Denise Capaci turned the meeting over to Stanley E. Weinstein for his Executive Director’s Report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Stanley E. Weinstein discussed how moving along with technology, the Board will be providing online license application services. Tentatively sometime after January 2018, students who are applying for their LBSW and LMSW will be able to apply on line and also pay the fee associated with the licensure on line. All universities and colleges will be made aware of this new innovative process. Future plans will be made to accommodate all levels.
- Stanley E. Weinstein discussed how the Board has been without a permanent investigator due to health reasons. Due to the volume of new complaints and the time line in receiving and resolving the complaints Stanley Weinstein has requested an

additional permanent Health Investigator position. If we are unable to get a permanent position, the Board will apply for a contractual position.

- Stanley Weinstein discussed how licensees for the 2017 Random Audit for continuing education have already been selected. 10% of submitted renewals will be audited. Out of the 700 licensees, 55 will be receiving their 2nd audit and 4 will be receiving their 3rd audit.
- Kristen Neville, Legislation and Regulations Specialist have given her resignation and will be missed by the Board. She has moved on and is currently working for the National Office of Occupational Therapy Association Inc., located in Bethesda, Maryland. This position is now vacant.
- Stanley Weinstein stated that DSW Programs are being developed nationwide with the focus more towards practices. BSWE statute does not allow this level of licensure. There are currently 17 schools with DSW Programs, but all require an MSW to be admitted so no change is necessary.
- Stanley Weinstein discussed the Opioid Epidemic and the availability of Naloxone to the public. He spoke to the VA about individuals carrying and distributing Naloxone. Board statute does not allow this activity. However, Maryland has established the Office of Overdose Programs. An organization may apply to become an accredited program which would allow employees to carry and distribute. The VA was informed about this program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Statute and Regulations Committee

Joyce Bell, Chair

Dr. Joyce Bell reported how the committee appreciated all concerns and will be holding their next meeting on January 8, 2017

Continuing Education Committee

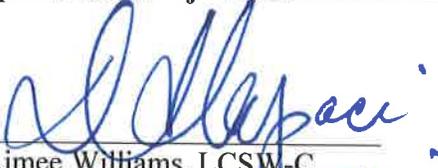
Karen Richards, Chair

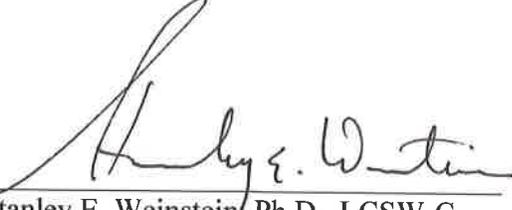
Karen Richards had no report

REMINDER OR REQUEST

None

The Open Session adjourned at 11:55 A.M.


Aimee Williams, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer *Chair*


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

Date

4/16/18

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