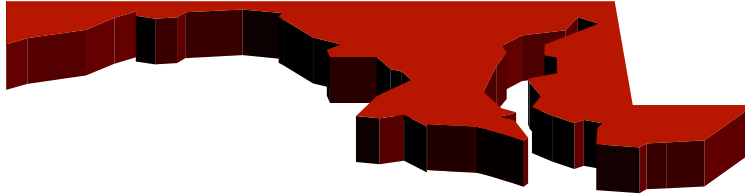


**State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners**



**Open Session Minutes  
January 13, 2017  
Metro Executive Building  
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

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**Board Members:**

<b>Denise Capaci</b>	<b>Professional Member, Chair</b>
<b>Joyce Bell</b>	<b>Professional Member, Vice Chair</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 (left after Statute Committee report and vote)</b>
<b>Deborah Ramelmeier</b>	<b>Professional Member (left after Statute Committee report and vote)</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</b>
<b>Wrenn Skidmore</b>	<b>Professional Member</b>

**Board Staff:**

<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 (absent)</b>
<b>Tyrone Willoughby</b>	<b>Social Work Supervisor</b>
<b>Njeri Clay</b>	<b>Staff Social Worker</b>
<b>Kara Brooks-Tyson</b>	<b>Director, Compliance and Investigations</b>
<b>Deborah Evans</b>	<b>CEU Supervisor</b>

**Guests:**

<b>Sharon Bloom</b>	<b>Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</b>
<b>Daphne McClellan</b>	<b>Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter</b>
<b>Gisele Ferretto</b>	<b>University of Maryland, School of Social Work</b>

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 9, 2016 minutes were approved - 7 Yes, 4 abstain.

## **ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Denise Capaci announced that the format for today's meeting has changed and that the Committee Reports will be presented first followed by the Board Chair Report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Statute and Regulations Committee**

**Joyce Bell, Chair**

Joyce Bell provided a verbal summary of the Statute and Regulations Task Force and Committee meetings and referenced the proposed draft language in the documents received by the Board Members.

- At the June 10, 2016 Board Meeting, the Board Members approved the draft language unanimously. Joyce Bell reviewed the main topic areas.
- At the December 9, 2016 Board Meeting, a revised version was distributed by Daphne McClellan, Committee and Task Force Member, to all Board Members. It included additional changes most notably the definition of Independent Practice and the 3 year time period for required supervision for LBSWs or LGSWs. These changes are currently included in the ASWB Model Practice Act.
- Concerns voiced that these two new changes need further discussion and some Members did not want to rush without looking at all aspects of these proposed changes. There would also not be a test requirement to become an independent practitioner - it is based on 3 years of supervision only. The supervisor would sign off that the licensee is ready for independent practice. Right now LBSWs and LGSWs require ongoing supervision.
- Motion to accept the entire proposed draft document dated December 9, 2016 which includes all changes. Vote: 4 Yes, 5 No, 2 Abstain
- Motion to accept the original proposed draft language dated June 10, 2016. Vote: 8 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstain. Stanley Weinstein to follow up with Daphne McClellan since NASW – MD Chapter offered to introduce the legislative proposal into the 2017 Legislative Session.
- Joyce Bell announced that the next meeting of the Board Statute and Regulations Committee will be held on March 13, 2017.

### **Continuing Education Committee**

**Karen Richards, Chair**

Karen Richards reported on and reviewed the content of the final version of the proposed Continuing Education regulations.

- Stanley Weinstein and Gail Wowk met with Kristen Neville, Legislation and Regulations Specialist, to finalize the language for this proposal. Additional language was added to 10.42.08.05 Supervision, Responsibilities of a Supervisor, to ensure the new 3 CEU requirement was also listed in this section and that the Supervisor shall complete the Supervision Verification Form. Motion made to accept the proposed CEU regulations as written. Vote: 9 Yes, unanimous
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2017.

**BOARD CHAIR**

**Denise Capaci**

- Board meeting times, attendance, and functioning of the Board discussed by Denise Capaci. The DCRC will meet from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM and the Open Session will be scheduled from 10:30 AM until 12:00 PM. The Closed Session will begin at 12:00 PM and run until 3:00 PM.
- Denise Capaci asked the Committee Chairs to decide when they would meet. It was suggested that they meet remotely in the future. Go –To-Meeting was mentioned. Stanley Weinstein will look into this form of communication, cost, set up, etc.
- Board Counsel Information provided by Ari Elbaum, A.A.G., will be deferred today to the Administrative Session.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Stanley E. Weinstein**

- The new Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Dennis R. Schrader, was announced by Stanley Weinstein.
- Maryland Health Care Commission Fees may be reduced this year. Legislation has been introduced in the 2017 Legislative Session that may result in lowered fees in 2017/2018.
- New data on the number of licensed social workers by level was reviewed. In 2016, the total number of licensees was 13,741 and in 2017, it rose to 13,977. Plus 339 licensees chose to become inactive in 2017.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Maryland Department of Transportation, MVA/MTA, and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Boards was discussed. The purpose is for the Boards to provide medical professional licensing information which may be used by MDOT, MVA, and MTA to assist them in carrying out their required functions. It states that currently the data is used “in the review process for individuals applying for disability plates/placards and to allow approved MD vision providers to submit their patient’s vision results electronically to the MVA for driver licensing purposes”. Stanley Weinstein and Ari Elbaum signed this MOU.
- 2017 Proposed Legislation was presented. House Bill 63 – “Health Care Practitioners-Cost Estimate Notice-Required” was discussed.  
Motion made to not support this bill as written. Vote: 9 Yes.

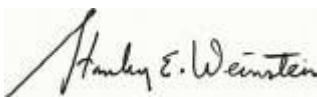
**REMINDER OR REQUEST**

There is **No** Meeting in February. Next Board Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2017.

**The Open Session adjourned at 12:00 P.M.**



Aimee Williams, LCSW-C  
Board Secretary/Treasurer



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

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