State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners

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

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Board Members:
Denise Capaci Professional Member, Chair
Joyce Bell Professional Member, Vice Chair (absent)
Aimee Williams Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer (absent)
Mark Lannon Professional Member (absent)
Angela Anderson-Smith Consumer Member
Nicholette Smith-Bligen 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
Kara Brooks-Tyson Director, Compliance and Investigations
Tyrone Willoughby Social Work Supervisor
Njeri Clay Staff Social Worker
Deborah Evans Continuing Education Supervisor
Donna Ridgell Administrative Assistant

Guests:
Kristen Neville Legislation and Regulations Specialist
Sharon Bloom Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Daphne McClellan Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter

CALL TO ORDER
The Open Session was called to order at 10:50 A.M. by Ms. Denise Capaci, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
June 9, 2017 minutes were approved – 6 Yes, 2 Abstain (Letha, Nicholette)
ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
None

BOARD CHAIR

Denise Capaci

A. The chair welcomed our new Board Member Nicholette Smith-Bligen, and she introduced herself to the Board. She is the DRH Representative to the Board.
B. Two potential templates were discussed to determine what would be used to show sanctioned social workers in the newsletter.
   i. 1st template will list sanctions since January 2017
   ii. 2nd chart will list current sanctions

It was suggested sanctions be listed in alphabetical order or combine template with current sanctions listed first.
C. Board chair reminded members to update their contact information and recommended providing an email address that is not accessible by your employer for privacy issues
D. Board Counsel will share his report during closed session.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

A. Sharon Bloom explained that State Stat, a data report, was used by previous Administrations. It is no longer required, however, it could have very useful information for budget purposes, or in the event such data is requested by the current Administration. It was recommended we keep the State Stat.

B. Gloria Jean Hammel explained the purpose and function of the Credentialing Committee. Positive criminal background checks which are done electronically are presented to the Credentialing Committee to determine if the applicant should be licensed. It was clarified that the credentialing committee is actually a sub-committee to the DCRC committee.

C. The Board has not received examples of jurisprudence exams from the five states who are currently using this type of exam. We have asked ASWB for assistance. It was recommended that this be tabled until a future meeting.

D. Board members discussed whether social workers completing the requirements of a sanction could be an approved sponsor or present CEU programs. It was decided this would be determined on each case and included in the sanction.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Statute and Regulations Committee  Joyce Bell, Chair

Gloria Hammel reported their meeting will be extended from 2 hours to 4 hours to develop the required regulations by the time line outlined in the bill. The committee will have a draft document by November 2017.

Continuing Education Committee  Karen Richards, Chair

Karen Richards stated that the Provisional list of Sponsors is on the Board’s website. The Board discussed whether yoga or similar self-help courses will be accepted for CEU credit. The Board voted not to accept such courses.

REMINDER OR REQUEST

None

The Open Session adjourned at 11:33 A.M.

Joyce Bell, PhD, LCSW-C  
Board Vice Chair

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

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