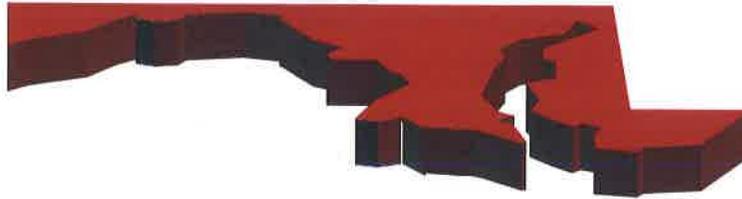


**State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners**



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

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**Board Members:**

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| <b>Denise Capaci</b>           | <b>Professional Member, Chair</b>                        |
| <b>Joyce Bell</b>              | <b>Professional Member, Vice Chair (absent)</b>          |
| <b>Aimee Williams</b>          | <b>Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer (absent)</b> |
| <b>Mark Lannon</b>             | <b>Professional Member (absent)</b>                      |
| <b>Angela Anderson-Smith</b>   | <b>Consumer Member</b>                                   |
| <b>Nicholette Smith-Bligen</b> | <b>Professional Member</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</b>                               |
| <b>Mary Sayres</b>             | <b>Professional Member</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>Tyrone Willoughby</b>    | <b>Social Work Supervisor</b>                      |
| <b>Njeri Clay</b>           | <b>Staff Social Worker</b>                         |
| <b>Deborah Evans</b>        | <b>Continuing Education Supervisor</b>             |
| <b>Donna Ridgell</b>        | <b>Administrative Assistant</b>                    |

**Guests:**

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| <b>Kristen Neville</b>  | <b>Legislation and Regulations Specialist</b>  |
| <b>Sharon Bloom</b>     | <b>Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</b> |
| <b>Daphne McClellan</b> | <b>Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter</b>     |

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> template will list sanctions since January 2017
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

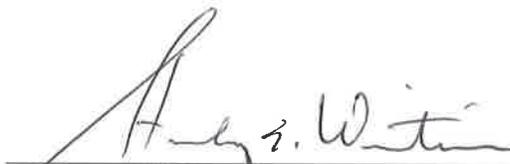
None

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



Joyce Bell, Ph.D., LCSW-C  
Board Vice Chair

11-3-17  
Date



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

11/3/17  
Date