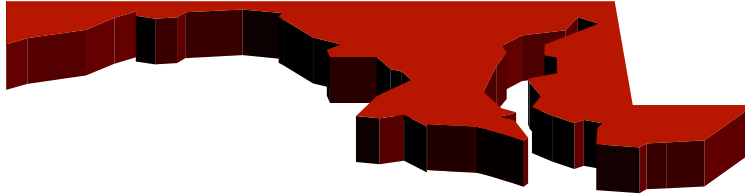


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
May 12, 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 (absent)
Aimee Williams	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Mark Lannon	Professional Member
Angela Anderson-Smith	Consumer Member
Deborah Ramelmeier	Professional Member
Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member
Karen Richards	Professional Member
Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member (absent)
Letha Moszer	Professional Member (absent)
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 10:40 A.M. by Ms. Denise Capaci, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 14, 2017 minutes were approved – 6 Yes, 3 Abstain

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

BOARD CHAIR

Denise Capaci

- Discussion held on the composition of the Board Committees. A new Board Member will begin in July. Denise Capaci asked the Board Members to let her know if there is a Committee they would like to serve on beginning July 2017.
- Board Counsel Discussion on Future Newsletter Content– Ari Elbaum. Discussion continued on the format and posting of certain information around licensee sanctions. Board Members reviewed past postings on the BSWE newsletters. They agreed that a grid format should be used per a previous newsletter to capture the name, sanction, and a link directly to the licensee’s Public Order on the Board’s website. The 2017 Fall Newsletter will bring back this information from Public Orders dated January 1, 2017 to present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Report on the ASWB Spring Conference, “Beyond CE: Managing Competency in a Dynamic Profession”. Attendees: Stanley Weinstein, Karen Richards, and Gail Wowk. Stanley Weinstein reported on the Administrators Forum and the information he shared on Maryland’s activities. Key legislation was discussed and its impact on Maryland along with the new upcoming on-line application process. He shared the work of the Adoptions subcommittee and that Ari Elbaum will be developing the proposed regulations. Mobility continues to be a top priority for ASWB. A draft Mobility Plan has been sent to all members with comments due back by May 31, 2017. Karen Richards summarized key concepts, program presentations, and what other states are doing around continuing education and the movement towards continuing competency through professional development (and learning plans). The three pillars of Social Work Profession were discussed: Education, Practice, and Regulation. The VA spoke about emerging trends in technology and the various methods of learning available. TRAIN.org is a network first developed by the Public Health Foundation for Public Health professionals which has expanded to offer a large array of trainings on many topics. It is free and worth reviewing to see how the trainings listed may help organizations/agencies/individuals to increase their knowledge, skills, and competency. Sanctioning varies with some states and providences using suspension or probation depending on the infractions. Texas presented on the jurisprudence exam they are using now. The individual must pass this exam as a condition of licensure. Other states also use this exam for individuals moving to a new state so that they may become familiar with their laws and regulations. The Board will explore the use of a jurisprudence exam in Maryland. ASWB spoke on the “Missing Link Project, Final Report” (October 10, 2014) which may be found on their website. The focus of the study was to “study the current quality and effectiveness of the continuing professional education system for social work in the United States”.
- Updated Staff Organization Chart was discussed.
- Office of Legislative Audit Report, April 2017. Stanley Weinstein discussed highlights of the recent Legislative Audit Report and the Board’s response. The Board Members reviewed the comments made about the Board’s operations and how we are complying with their recommendations.

- Proposal to Pay the Maryland Health Care Commission fee. Stanley Weinstein discussed his proposal to reduce the license renewal fees for 2017 and 2018. The attachment outlined the reduction of fees charged by the Maryland Health Care Commission per bi-annual license from \$36.00 to \$26.00 beginning on July 1, 2017. The Board Members voted 9 Yes to support Stanley Weinstein’s proposal to pay the \$26.00 fee for each licensee renewing in 2017 and 2018. This information will be sent out as an email blast to all active licensees and will also be reflected on the yellow license renewal card mailed out in July.
- On-line Applications. Gloria Hammel presented a status report. Information Technology staff still working on it with the plan to deliver the product in May and have it begin in June. At first, it will be optional with paper applications still being accepted. In the future, the goal is to have all documents submitted electronically; however, original documents are required now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Statute and Regulations Committee

Joyce Bell, Chair

Sherryl Silberman stated that the Statute and Regulations Committee met this past Monday and reviewed the entire social work bill. The Committee agreed that they will convene longer hours and ‘do what it takes’ to develop the required regulations by the time line outlined in the bill.

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

Karen Richards stated that the Committee is planning to meet after the Board Meeting. No further report.

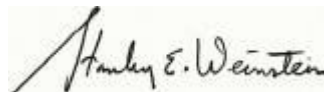
REMINDER OR REQUEST

None

The Open Session adjourned at 11:50 A.M.



Aimee Williams, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer



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

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