State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners

Open Session Minutes
November 03, 2017
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 106
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

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Board Members:

- Denise Capaci
- Joyce Bell
- Aimee Williams
- Angela Anderson-Smith
- Nicholette Smith-Bligen
- Sherryl Silberman
- Karen Richards
- Gerard Farrell
- Letha Moszer
- Mary Sayres
- Wrenn Skidmore

- Professional Member, Chair
- Professional Member, Vice Chair
- Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer (absent)
- Consumer Member
- Professional Member (absent)
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Board Staff:

- Stanley E. Weinstein
- Ari S. Elbaum
- Gail Wowk
- Gloria Jean Hammel
- Kara Tyson
- Tyrone Willoughby
- Njeri Clay
- Donna Ridgell

- Executive Director
- AAG, OAG, Board Counsel
- Director, Planning and Continuing Education
- Director, Certification and Licensing
- Director, Compliance and Investigations
- Social Work Supervisor
- Staff Social Worker
- Administrative Aide

Guests:

- Kimberly Bennardi
- Kimberly C. Lang
- Kristen Neville
- Daphne McClellan
- Jamie Wilson

- Administrator, Secretary of the State
- Office of Appointments & Executive
- Nominations
- Associate Director, Health Workforce,
- MDH
- Maryland Department of Health
- Executive Director, NASW-MD
- Chapter
- The Children’s Guild
CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session was called to order at 10:40 A.M. by Ms. Denise Capacci, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from October 13, 2017 Board meeting was approved – 9 unanimously

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Addition: yes – Deleting Board packets from emails

Stanley E. Weinstein reported we will be utilizing a new system where the emails containing complaints and investigations will automatically be erased after 2 weeks. Denise Capacci, explained that if you download the file it would remain on your computer and be careful with this confidential information.

BOARD CHAIR

Denise Capacci

- Denise Capacci inquired as to how many Board members took the “Open Meeting Training”? Wrenn Skidmore, Ari Elbaum, Gerard Farrell and Stanley E. Weinstein took the training and express the training took approximately 1 hour. Stanley Weinstein will be providing the website to those Board members and staff members who are interested in taking the training. The deadline for the Webinar training is November 29, 2017.
- Ari Elbaum discussed the Board has the option to permanently revoke a social worker’s licenses. However, this sanction is normally reserved for egregious cases. The Board also has the option to permanently accept a letter of surrender if the Board deems necessary.
- In addition, Ari Elbaum explained there is a requirement stated in the Board’s Regulations, that cases of this nature must be sent to the prosecutor’s office for a show cause hearing.
- Ari Elbaum stressed in order for the Board to require a social worker to maintain a license while on suspension it must be part of the Pre Charge Consent Order.
- It was further explained by Ari Elbaum, the Letter of Agreement can be attached to the Pre Charge Consent Order or the Letter of Admonishment. The consequences of not signing the agreement and the required date of signature need to be included in the Pre Charge Consent Order.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Stanley E. Weinstein reported on the team work and efforts of Board staff with processing the renewal applications.
- Gloria Jean Hammel Director of Certification and Licensing shared, the Board received 6500 renewal out of the 7000 schedule to renew. Letters will go out on Monday to the remaining 500 non-renewed social workers.
- Gloria Jean Hammel further expressed how Deborah Evans, CEU Coordinator will continue to be busy with reinstatements.
- Gloria Jean Hammel stated the “Private Practice by an LCSW level Social Worker” was referred back to the Statue and Regulations Committee.
- Dr. Joyce Bell led the discussion on the draft regulations by commenting on Chapter I-Licensure. Sherryl Silberman pointed out how some of the language has changed within the Chapter I.
- Chapter 8 – (Supervision) was discussed as well, suggestions where given by several Board members to add more information on supervisor training programs.
- Dr. Joyce Bell suggested any additional feedback be sent to Gloria Jean Hammel, before the next Statue & Regulations which will be held on November 13, 2017
- Denise Capaci recommended that the Board hold its April 2018 meeting in Salisbury, Maryland on the campus of the Salisbury University. Invitations will be extended to students and to all licensees as well as the public.
- It was recommended a Board of Social Work packet be distributed to attendees which would include updated Bios of Board Members, the Fall Newsletter and other informative information.
- A question was asked by Daphne McClellan, Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter as to when the drafted regulations will be available to licensees and other interested parties? Dr. Joyce Bell stated it will be available by November 30, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Statute and Regulations Committee

Joyce Bell, Chair

Dr. Joyce Bell reported how the committee will to meet November 13, 2017

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

- CEU Committee unanimously agreed to move forward with transitioning the review and approval of new CE sponsors to the ACE program at ASWB. Concept/issues are being developed to present to ASWB and a meeting will be set up. The final proposal will be presented at the CEU Committee for review and approval and then presented to the entire Board for a final vote.
• Discussion held on Vicarious Trauma training lead by Letha Moszer.

REMINDER OR REQUEST:
 None:

The Open Session adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

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

12/11/17  
Date

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

12/11/17  
Date