

State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
September 08, 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
Aimee Williams	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer (absent)
Mark Lannon	Professional Member (absent)
Angela Anderson-Smith	Consumer Member
Nicholette Smith-Bligen	Professional Member (absent)
Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member
Karen Richards	Professional Member
Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member
Letha Moszer	Professional Member
Mary Sayres	Professional Member (absent)
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 Tyson	Director, Compliance and Investigations (absent)
Tyrone Willoughby	Social Work Supervisor
Njeri Clay	Staff Social Worker
Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide

Guests:

Brandon Wright	Associate Director, Health Occupation Boards and Commissions, DHMH
Sharon Bloom	Executive Assistant, Health Occupation Boards and Commissions, DHMH
Kristen Neville	DHMH
Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter
Claire Clements	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

July 14, 2017 minutes were approved – 7 Yes, 1 Abstain

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Announcement: None.

BOARD CHAIR

Denise Capaci

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Wrenn Skidmore and Njeri Clay reported on their attendance at the ASWB Training. Wrenn shared how impressed she was at how frequently our Board was hearing the disciplinary cases compare to other Boards from other states. How ASWB was moving towards mobility and the different products they currently offered. Njeri Clay shared the processes and challenges from other Boards. The overall conference stressed the importance of Boards as regulators as opposed to just promoting the profession.
- Stanley Weinstein discussed his meeting with David Lasher, Chief of staff to Secretary Schrader and exploring an Enterprise Licensing System which would put Social Workers information in a Cloud so it would be accessible to other Boards and departments.
- Board Staff Supervisor, Tyrone Willoughby Jr. and CEU Supervisor, Deborah Evans are excited about attending a nine month program sponsored by Departments Training Services. Emphasis was put on creating an atmosphere where your staff is not just respecting your title/office but the person who holds the position ultimately enhancing productivity. We are not just Supervisors, Directors or Coordinators in name only.
- Gloria Jean Hammel, Director of Certification and Licensing shared how less than 10% of our 7,000 Social Workers have renewed their license. However, she is extremely proud of how quickly her staff has been processing the applications. See the chart below:

		LBSW	LGSW	LCSW	LCSW-C
APPLICATIONS	JULY	8	85	5	65
	AUGUST	7	61	5	74
	SEPTEMBER	2	11	1	14
TOTAL		17	157	11	153
GRAND TOTAL					338

		LBSW	LGSW	LCSW	LCSW-C
LICENSED ISSUED	JULY	3	77	4	53
	AUGUST	2	99	4	48
	SEPTEMBER	1	22	0	13
TOTAL		6	198	8	114
GRAND TOTAL					326

- Gloria Hammel, also distributed the revised regulations: COMAR 10.42.06 Continuing Education Requirements and COMAR 10.42.08 Supervision.
- Gail Wowk mentioned she believes they have found a candidate for the Administrative Assistant for the Continuing Education Unit.

The Continuing Education site visits have been very rewarding for Board staff as well as our Sponsors'. Our Sponsors have shown a great interest in being in compliance with the Board's regulations and have made every effort to correct changes noted by Gail and Deborah.

- Stanley Weinstein announced the annual dues for ASWB has decreased from \$2000.00 a year to \$250.00 a year regardless of the size of the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Statute and Regulations Committee

Joyce Bell, Chair

Joyce Bell reported how the Committee will continue to meet on a monthly basis with every intention to meet the November deadline.

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

Karen Richards shared the results from the Continuing Education Audit 2016. 96% our Social Workers passed and 4% failed. The Continuing Education Committee will be meeting with a representative from ASWB directly following the Board meeting to discuss our audit process and procedures.

DCRC Committee

Gerard Farrell discussed how the DCRC Board was functioning and felt it was redundant to have the DCRC vote and then seek the Board's vote on new cases.

Gerard further suggested, the DCRC should have the authority to decide on whether to investigate or dismiss on all new case. A discussion was had and it was informally agreed. However, Ari Elbaum, Board Counsel recommend, the Board *formally* agree with the recommendation made by the DCRC Committee ,by formally voting on allowing the DCRC to make the decision on new cases. However, the Board has the right to overturn any decision made by the DCRC committee.

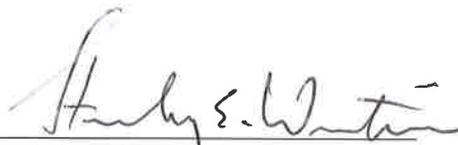
REMINDER OR REQUEST:

The Open Session adjourned at 11:25 A.M.



Joyce Bell, PhD, LCSW-C
Board Vice Chair

11-3-17
Date



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

11/3/17
Date