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:

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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

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

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