State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners

Open Session Minutes
January 12, 2018
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

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Guests:

Sharon Bloom
Daphne McClellan
Claire Clements

Executive Assistant, Health Occupation Boards and Commissions, DHMH
Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter
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CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session was called to order at 10:50 A.M. by Ms. Denise Capaci, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 8, 2017 minutes were approved –10 Yes, 1 Abstain

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Announcement: None.

BOARD CHAIR

Denise Capaci

- Denise Capaci, shared with the Board a Christmas card from former Board member Mark Lannon.
- Denise Capaci, Stanley E. Weinstein and other Health Occupation Board chairs and administrators met with the Lieutenant Governor, Boyd Rutherford and Robert Neall, the new Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health. Lieutenant Governor Rutherford was particularly concerned about the Opioid Epidemic Crisis and its impact on the professional community. He asked for the Health Occupation Boards to work together and collaborate with ideas on how attack this crisis.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- The Yearly Board's Attendance Report was distributed to all Board members for their review by Stanley Weinstein who also, informed Board members their 2017 financial disclosure statements needed to file by April 30, 2018. If there were any questions or concerns Board members could contact him directly.
- The Board has initiated plans for a Student Intern Program. Tyrone Willoughby Jr., Social Work Supervisor has taken the lead in implementing this program. Tyrone has made contact with Coppin State University who is willing to participate in the Internship Program. Discussion was held on the benefits of having an intern.
- Stanley Weinstein discussed whether the Board should initiate a jurisprudence examination to educate social workers on the Statute and Regulations. He shared with the Board how other Health Occupation Boards are using this examination and how some have developed their own exam. Questions were raised as to if the exam would or could be considered a CEU course, and who would be required to take the exam. It was suggested to form a subcommittee to research what components are needed to develop the exam.

- Stanley Weinstein asked Karen Richards, CEU Chair to share with the Board the status on the Committee's consideration with shifting Sponsorship of continuing education programs to ASWB. Karen reported that, the Committee is still
communicating with ASWB on some of the components needed to proceed with transitioning the process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Statute and Regulations Committee**

Joyce Bell, Chair

Joyce Bell reported that due to the poor weather, the Committee was unable to meet. However, they are still working on Chapter 2. A draft copy of the Regulations was shared with the Board members for their review and comments. The Committee will be meeting on January 19, 2017 in an attempt to finalize the Regulations.

**Continuing Education Committee**

Karen Richards, Chair

Karen Richards reported the committee along with Joyce Bell, Chair for the Statute and Regulations Committee are continuing their efforts with researching the components necessary in developing a jurisprudence exam. The committee was asked to give clarification to Giselle Ferretto, at the University of Maryland School of Social Work as to whether a one day course on Ethics and Clinical Supervision would count for both the 3 Ethics needs and 3 credits for the Clinical Supervision requirements. After much discussion the committee agreed there would need to be separate 3 CEU training on each topic.

REMINDER OR REQUEST:

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

Aimee Williams, LCSW-C, Chair
Board Secretary/Treasurer

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

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