

State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



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

Board Members:

Sheryl Silberman	Professional Member, Chair
Wrenn Skidmore	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Karen Richards	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer (absent)
Angela Anderson-Smith	Consumer Member
Denise Capaci	Professional Member
Donald J. List	Professional Member
Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member
Letha Moszer	Professional Member (absent)
Mary L. Sayres	Professional Member
Jamie Wilson	Professional Member

Board Staff:	Stanley E. Weinstein	Executive Director
	Rhonda Edwards	OAG, Board Counsel
	Gail Wowk	Director, Planning and Continuing Education
	Tyrone Willoughby	Social Work Supervisor
	Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
	Deborah Evans	Continuing Education Supervisor
	Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Aide
	Camille Ochoa	Board Intern

Guest:

Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter
Kim Lang	Associate Director, Health Workforce , MDH

CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:33 A.M. by Sherryl Silberman, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from October 12, 2018 Board meeting was tabled

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Announcement: None

BOARD CHAIR

Sherryl Silberman

- Sherryl Silberman reminded the Board to "Save the Date" Saturday, January 19, 2019 for the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting. Date and location to be announced.
- Sherryl Silberman informed the Board, the new DHS Board member seat has been filled. The governor appointed Susan P. Coppage, LCSW-C of Centerville, Maryland. Currently unsure of starting date.

Executive Director Report

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Stanley Weinstein informed the Board, due to the injury Gloria Jean Hammel sustained yesterday she was unable to attend the Board meeting on today. However, the licensing stats are as follows:
Renewed – 6157
Inactive – 252 (not unusual, normally in the hundreds)
Not-renewing – 53
Didn't renew – 489
Reinstatements – 27
Dr. Weinstein thanked the Licensing staff and all Board staff for their hard work and dedication during the license renewal season. He expressed how the last three days approximately 1400 social workers renewed their license.
- Dr. Weinstein updated the Board on proposed regulations related to House Bill 1183. We are currently in the public comment period of the process. Wrenn Skidmore and Gloria Jean Hammel will put together a committee to review the other set of proposed regulations covering 2 chapters of our regulations have been signed by the Secretary and will be sent to AELR.
- Stanley Weinstein explained why *teletherapy* was removed from the draft regulations. He discussed how 21 States are providing teletherapy to all license levels. Additional discussion was held on what licensure should be allowed to practice *teletherapy in Maryland*? Dr. Weinstein elaborated on the fact that other Maryland Boards were developing the regulation for teletherapy. Sherryl Silberman suggested the Board review the language used in the regulation that were passed as well as those that were proposed. Dr. Weinstein will forward the regulations from those Boards via email to the Board members.

- Gail Wowk along with Dr. Weinstein met with representatives from ASWB on October 25, 2018. The meeting/site visit was held at the Board's location. Gail Wowk shared ASWB have been conducting the Boards random audits for the last three years. The process has been very successful and Board staff look forward to the continual work with ASWB.
- Feedback from the Departmental Orientation was shared by new Board members, Jamie Wilson and Donald List who both agreed the orientation was very informative. Both wished that due to the amount of information it could better be served by attending two days instead of one.
- Gail Wowk thanked Board staff for articles received for the upcoming Fall Newsletter. The goal is to have the newsletter ready for distribution before the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Stanley Weinstein explained the Department of Budget & Management Inquiry in the Boards complaint process is still an issue due to the loss of a pin (permanent position) three years ago, and the salary. However, Kara Tyson will be scheduling interviews for a contractual investigator over the next few weeks.
- Sherryl Silberman acknowledge and thanked Tyrone Willoughby and his staff for a job well done with processing renewal applications

Statute and Regulations Committee

Wrenn Skidmore, Chair

Wrenn Skidmore informed the Board that the Statute and Regulations committee is currently waiting for public comments. The committee will be meeting on November 16, 2018 to review and respond to comments received. Next on the agenda will be teletherapy.

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

Mary Sayers informed the committee that it has been helpful to have an academic social worker on the committee. The Continuing Education Committee will continue to meet on the 3rd Friday of every month. November 30th the committee will be reviewing the process for social workers who have failed the CEU audit. The committee has also suggested it would be good if a VA social worker sat on the Board due to the national exposure and wide range of service.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION

The Open Session adjourned at 11:31 A.M.



**Karen Richards, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer**

12/14/18

Date



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

12/14/18

Date